As one of its core purposes, the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Foundation (OPPF) encourages and sponsors programs to increase awareness and knowledge of mental disorders and effective treatments available today. This may include efforts aimed at employers, the media, persons with a mental disorder and their families, to encourage a better understanding of the disorders and their treatment. The Foundation may also support efforts to remove barriers to access to psychiatric care.

Related to this purpose, annually, the OPPF Enlightenment Award recognizes an outstanding activity, presentation or publication during 2024 which enhances the public’s access to treatment, enhances the public’s understanding of mental disorders and/or decreases the stigma often associated with mental illness.

Nominees
Nominees can include an individual, organization, government entity, media (newspaper, radio or TV station or internet-based communication) or a form of art. Awardees will receive a plaque at the Psychiatric Physicians Association (OPPA) Annual Psychiatric Update, and will be featured in the OPPA quarterly newsletter, *Insight Matters*. Prior nominees can be nominated again as long as the activity, presentation or publication took place in 2024.

Nominations
Nominations for the Enlightenment Award must be received no later than January 31, 2025. We respectfully request nominations from individuals or organizations including, but not limited to, OPPA members, local chapters of OPPA, mental health associations, Departments of Psychiatry, and media outlets in Ohio.

Nominations may be made by completing the Enlightenment Award Nomination Form.

Please submit nominations to:
Alyse Stoting, MD
Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Foundation
PO Box 400
Dublin, OH 43017
Email: oppf@oppa.org

Award Selection
Entries will be reviewed by the OPPF Enlightenment Awards Committee and OPPF Board of Trustees. The Enlightenment Awards will be presented in conjunction with the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association Annual Psychiatric Update which will be held at the Hilton Polaris in Columbus, March 1-2, 2025.
Applications must include the following items:
  a.) A letter of nomination describing nominee’s contribution which positively impacts mental health;
  b.) A copy of the presentation/supporting material. Examples include newspaper article, television documentary, news program, You Tube presentation, art form (book, story, play, musical or art piece); and,
  c.) Telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses of both nominee and nominating party.

Enlightenment Award Nominee: __________________________________________________
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Contact Person(s): ______________________________________________________________
Telephone: ____________________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________
Email Address: _________________________________________________________________

Please state below why this nominee should be honored with this award based on OPPF’s criteria of recognizing an outstanding activity, presentations or publication during 2024 which enhances the public’s access to treatment and/or enhances the public’s understanding of mental disorders or decreases the stigma often associated with mental illness. Additional pages may be attached to this form.
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Nominated by: __________________________________ Date: ___________________

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