

Founder's Award
COA Annual Meeting
2015

Purpose of the Founder's Award

- * Presented to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the success of the California Orthopedic Association and the annual meetings.

Biography

- * Took an interest in sports at a young age
- * Excelled in many sports including football
- * Considered an early career in NFL



Biography

- * Decided to concentrate on swimming and won the YMCA trophy for swimming the most laps by adult or child in one month at age 9!
- * Went on to Yale and became captain of both the swim team and the water polo team.



Biography

- * Medical School at Case Western Reserve
- * Internship and Surgery Research Fellowship at the University of Chicago
- * Drafted into the Air Force and served 2 years as a general Medical officer
- * Orthopedic residency at UCI Medical Center

Biography

- * Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at UCI and previous chief of the program
- * Current Chief of Orthopedics at Long Beach VA
- * Dubbed the “Master of Disaster” by the residents for his ability to get them out of tough situations



Biography

- * He believes that a physician should always put his best foot forward and attends grand rounds always looking his best!
- * Is a member of the St. Andrews Society.



Contributions to COA

- * Member of COA since its inception.
- * BOD from 1990-97 and 2008-14
- * Executive committee member from 1993-97
- * President of COA 1996-97
- * Annual Meeting Program Chair 1991, 1992, 2015

In Additon:

- * Married to wife Lynn with 2 children
- * Enjoys hunting and fly fishing in exotic locations.



2015 COA Founders Award William C. McMaster M.D.

