

Carmine M. Valente, PhD, CAE Distinguished Service Award

In October 2016, the AIUM's Board of Governors established the Carmine M. Valente, PhD, CAE, Distinguished Service Award to memorialize and recognize significant contributions to the AIUM and the ultrasound community as a whole by furthering the multidisciplinary nature and collaborative efforts of the organization.



Creagh Boulger, MD

Dr Boulger is both the assistant professor and fellowship director at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in chemistry and childhood studies from Case Western Reserve University. Dr Boulger went on to earn her medical degree from Wright State University and completed her residency program at The Ohio State University.

The AIUM is so grateful to Dr Boulger for sharing her talents. As a member, she has given presentations at the AIUM Annual Convention, written a blog post for *The Scan*, and has submitted articles to the *Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine*.

Dr Boulger embodies what it means to be a collaborator. She has participated on the AIUM's Annual Convention Committee, the members of which work together to create educational programming for the annual meeting. She was also instrumental in helping establish and manage SonoSlam, a competition and educational event that allows medical students to showcase their sonography skills.

It is true that Dr Boulger cares about the advancement of science; however, her greatest passion is the advancement of medical students. As a portfolio coach, she mentors students to help them prepare for medical careers. She also works as the assistant medical director for the Paramedic Training Program at Columbus State Community College. Her dedication to shaping minds has led her to receive the Professor of the Year Award. This award was designed to allow students in the graduating class at The Ohio State University College of Medicine to honor a faculty member who has exuded excellence and commitment to teaching. The students are so grateful to her for her dedication to their education.

The Emergency Physician Medical Education Award was presented to Dr Boulger by the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in recognition of her contributions to education in the field of emergency medicine. The honor is bestowed on emergency physicians who have exhibited exemplary teaching skills, implemented an exceptional educational program, or developed an innovative teaching model. It is evident that Dr Boulger is highly respected by her colleagues and loved by her students.

Dr Boulger is so relentless in her desire to see medical students succeed that she helped to establish the Ultrasound Challenge. This event has grown to become an interinstitutional competition that serves as a platform for medical students to learn ultrasound techniques and demonstrate their knowledge in front

of their peers. As a member of the SonoGames Organizing Committee, she collaborates with the committee members to provide an event at which students can compete against each other and have aspects of their ultrasound competency assessed, including but not limited to image acquisition, image interpretation, and incorporation into clinical practice. She also lends her expertise as a faculty member for the Ohio ACEP Board Review Courses. Dr Boulger is a cofounder of the National Ultrasound Student Interest Group. This group was formed to promote bedside ultrasound in undergraduate medical education, raise medical student awareness about the application of bedside ultrasound in medicine, assist medical students in pursuing bedside ultrasound learning, and facilitate ultrasound integration into medical school curricula.

Not only has she gone above and beyond to be of service to the AIUM, but she has also given of her time to the medical community as a whole. She serves as a contributor to *Emergency Physicians Monthly*. Dr Boulger also participates on the Executive Committee as the president-elect and is the cochair of the Educational Content Committee of the Academy of Emergency Ultrasound. She has also given presentations at events such as the World Congress on Ultrasound in Medical Education. Dr Boulger helped establish the podcast Ultrasound G.E.L., which focuses on gathering information from literature to support the field of point-of-care ultrasound. She is tireless in her service. The AIUM is honored to bestow the Carmine M. Valente, PhD, CAE, Distinguished Service Award to Dr Boulger.

