S. Terry Canale, MD, receives American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons’ highest leadership honor

ORLANDO, Fla.—The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) today presented the 2016 William W. Tipton, Jr., MD, Leadership Award to S. Terry Canale, MD, of Memphis, Tenn., at the Academy’s 2016 Annual Meeting.

The Tipton Leadership Award recognizes Academy members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities that have benefitted the orthopaedic community, patients, and/or the American public. The award honors and celebrates the life, accomplishments and qualities of the late William W. Tipton, Jr., MD, an orthopaedic surgeon, educator and former AAOS chief executive officer.

Dr. Canale’s greatest accomplishments have come from his thoughtful leadership for programs that he personally championed and implemented. Among these are the establishment of the Leadership Fellows Program in 2001; the AAOS “Sign your Site” Patient Safety Program; editor of AAOS Now; and as a leader and negotiator of the AAOS and OREF partnership.

Dr. Canale is a career-long faculty member, leader, and mentor. He has held numerous teaching, research, and mentoring roles as a committee member and chair within AAOS and the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA), including Council on Musculoskeletal Specialty Societies (COMSS) chair and AAOS board member and president. He has also served as president of POSNA.

“It is an honor to receive an award named after Dr. Tipton, who made countless contributions to the advancement of orthopaedic care,” said Dr. Canale. “I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in so many AAOS leadership roles which have allowed me to help carry on his legacy of orthopaedic education and innovation.”

As a specialty society leader, Dr. Canale instituted the development of a center for surgical skills education. He was visionary in recognizing that the establishment of an Orthopaedic Learning Center would allow surgeons to safely learn and adopt new surgical skills.

“Terry has been a leader in every stage of his career and in every organization that has been fortunate enough to have him as an involved member,” stated James H. Beaty, MD, of the Campbell Clinic.

As a past president of AAOS, he designed and implemented an innovative Communications Skills Mentoring Program, an education program designed to help orthopaedic surgeons better communicate and interact with patients. He committed to this effort as a priority for his AAOS presidency, and through his leadership, dedicated organizational resources to initiate communications skills workshops for residents and AAOS members.
Currently the editor emeritus of *AAOS Now*, Dr. Canale was the publication’s editor from its inception in 2007. Dr. Canale created a vital newspaper, offering updates on the latest in orthopaedic science, including medico-legal, advocacy, and practice management pieces. *AAOS Now* jumped from being the 7th most-read orthopaedic news source in 2009 to being the most-read nonclinical orthopaedic publication in 2015.

“His leadership at every level of his career in every organization and in such variety of activities at the national, international, regional, and local levels makes him a role model in leadership,” said John J. Callaghan, MD, of the University of Iowa. “Bill Tipton also recognized the importance of connecting private practice and academics and no one could embody that more than Dr. Canale.”

Dr. Canale and his wife, Sissie, have two children and five grandchildren. He also is an artist and has had his works displayed on both the local and national levels.

**Read more about Dr. Canale**

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