The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) held its Annual Meeting Dinner and Awards Presentation Friday, April 27, at the Ritz-Carlton Cleveland, honoring area professionals and awarding $35,000 in foundation scholarships to local medical students during the evening’s festivities.

Jeffrey S. Smith, Esq., was honored with the Presidential Citation Award for his efforts to promote collaborative initiatives between the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio and the Ohio State Medical Association. The Special Recognition Award was conferred upon The Honorable Tom Patton in appreciation of his long and dedicated service to the citizens of Ohio through his work with the legislature.

The Special Honors Award was given to William W. Steiner, II, M.D. in recognition of his commendable service to the medical profession and the community through his work on the Internal Medicine Mentorship Program and also in recognition of his long-standing dedication to the practice of medicine. The 2012 Clinician of the Year designation was conferred upon Leonard H. Bernstein, M.D., recognizing his long-time devotion and service to his patients.

The Academy of Medicine Education Foundation (AMEF) presented seven local medical students with scholarships worth $5,000 each at the meeting. The scholarships were awarded to Zane Ahmed, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, Harrison Cash, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Allison Early, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Ali Faramarzalian, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Selena Magalotti, Northeast Ohio Medical University, Sarah Nickolich, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and Julie Pokersnik, Northeast Ohio Medical University.

And as always, physician members celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their medical school graduation were honored during the program as well.

The final act of the evening was to install George V. Topalsky, M.D., as president of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) for the 2013-2014 year. To learn more about the new AMCNO president, Dr. Topalsky, see page 11).