



# 2018 Robert H. Moser Essay Award

2016 Moser Award winner: "Pan Am Professor", by Nicoline Schiess, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Neurology at Johns Hopkins University

**Purpose:** To honor the late Robert H. Moser, MD (ΑΩΑ, Georgetown University, 1969). Awarded to one outstanding essay celebrating the life of a physician like Dr. Moser who has enriched the world through his/her career in medicine.

**Background:** Dr. Moser organized and worked in one of the first MASH units during the Korean War. He was a pioneering flight controller for NASA during the Project Mercury and Project Apollo space programs. He served as Chief of Medicine at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii, and treated patients at the Kalaupapa Leper Colony in Molokai. He was Chief of Medicine at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, editor of *JAMA*, Executive Vice President of the American College of Physicians and a member of *The Pharos* Editorial Board.

**The Award:** One award of \$4,500 for an essay highlighting the life of a physician who has enriched the world of medicine. The winning essay will be published in *The Pharos*. The winning author must submit a W-9 form prior to issuance of the award check

**Eligibility:** All physicians. ΑΩΑ membership is not required, however, ΑΩΑ members who submit an essay must have active status. Physicians on the ΑΩΑ Board of Directors or *The Pharos* Editorial Board are not eligible.

**Dates:** Entries must be received by **October 1, 2018** via online at [http://alphaomegaalpha.org/submit\\_moser\\_essay.php](http://alphaomegaalpha.org/submit_moser_essay.php)

The recipient of the Moser Award will be announced on **December 3, 2018**.

## Requirements for the Essay:

1. Essay must be an original work.
2. The essay must be biographical, and either sketch out the life, or a particular highlight of a physician's career. The physician written about may be from any nation and from any time, including one still living. Essays may not be autobiographical.
3. The essay must not exceed 15 double-spaced pages of 12-point type with minimum 1-inch margins, exclusive of reference listing. All pages must be numbered.
4. Unique references, numbered consecutively, are limited to 20. Reference citations of websites are not acceptable unless a site is the sole source of the information or has official academic credentials. Examples of acceptable sites are official government web pages such as that of the National Institutes of Health.
5. The essay must not have been offered to, or published by, any other journal or entered in any other contest.
6. A committee of *The Pharos* Editorial Board will review the essays and select the winner on the basis of originality, scholarship, style and composition, and relevance.

**Requirements for winning essay:** When notified of winning the award, the author must provide photo copy documentation of references as follows: title pages of all books cited; the first and last pages of book chapters cited; the table of contents of the particular issue of the journal in which a cited article appeared; all quotations, from the primary sources, including page numbers.

**Essays not receiving the award:** All other submitted essays may be revised and considered for publication in *The Pharos*.

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