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## AOHP Recognizes 2023 Award Winners

WARRENDALE, PA – The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) is pleased to announce the winners of its annual recognition program for leaders and innovators in the field of occupational health in healthcare. The awards were presented on September 8, 2023 in front of more than 280 participants at the Annual Membership Meeting during AOHP’s National Conference in Savannah, GA.

“AOHP is pleased to recognize AOHP members that actively promote the advanced practice specialty of occupational health, as well as the health, safety, and well-being of healthcare personnel,” says AOHP Executive President Stacy Smirl, MSM, BSN, RN, COEE, COHN-S. “It is an honor to celebrate the individual and collective work of these award winners in cultivating healthy workers that lead to healthy patients and healthier communities across our nation.”

### *National Award for Extraordinary Member*

Award recipient Amber Hogan Mitchell, DrPH, MPH, CPH, is recognized for demonstrating extraordinary leadership in the field of occupational health in healthcare. An active member of the AOHP Southwest Chapter leadership team, her career has been focused on public health and occupational health and safety to prevent infectious diseases. Dr. Mitchell is the President and Executive Director of the International Safety Center. She consistently provides information, education, and bloodborne pathogen exposure data analysis to AOHP members through virtual webinars, podcasts, and as a national conference presenter. She serves as a board member for several occupational health and infection prevention organizations and is an adjunct faculty member and published author.

### *Ann Stinson President’s Award for Association Excellence*

AOHP has 13 chapters located in five regions across the United States. Named for the third president of AOHP, the President’s Award recognizes a chapter that has demonstrated outstanding performance and enhanced the image of occupational health professionals. The 2023 winner is Region 2’s Southwest Chapter, which includes AOHP members in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Texas.

### *Sandra Bobbitt Scholarships*

These awards provide financial support for continuing education efforts of members, specifically to attend the AOHP annual national conference. This year’s award recipients are:

- Clara Whitney, RN, BSN, CIC, Caribou Medical Center, ID
- Stacy Stewart, RN, BSN, Bryan Health, NE
- Sabrina Gregory Hancock, DNP, FNP-BC, RN, CNML, Bon Secours Mercy Health, OH
- Debra Kiker, RN, MSN, COHN-S, Central Maine Medical Center, ME

- Melissa Longo, BSN, RN, Onslow Memorial Hospital, NC

AOHP is a national association representing thousands of healthcare workers whose vision is to be internationally recognized as the leading resource provider for occupational health professionals in healthcare. AOHP promotes health, safety, and well-being for healthcare personnel through: advocating for employee health and safety; occupational health education and networking opportunities; health and safety advancement through best practice and research; and partnering with employers, regulatory agencies, and related associations.

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