



APDR Achievement Award

Valerie P. Jackson, MD

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Valerie P. Jackson, MD, is a Hoosier all the way. She did her undergraduate work, medical school and residency, and internship all at Indiana University (IU). It is no surprise that she decided to stay on as faculty at IU and rose to the rank of full professor in less than 8 years. She has held two named professorships and became the chair of the IU Department of Radiology in 2003. She held that position for over 11 years.

Val has been an outstanding advocate for resident and medical school student education throughout her career. What makes her unique is that she has been able to take that passion with her as she became more and more involved in organized radiology. Val has been very closely involved with all of the major societies and organizations and has risen to leadership in all of them. Val has held every office available in the Indiana Radiological Society, including a year as president.

Since 2001, Val has spent time outside of the radiology department at IU, working with the American Board of Radiology (ABR). She spent 10 years as an ABR Trustee, representing breast imaging. Most recently, she has decided to step down as department chair, only to step up to the position of ABR Executive Director. She has held this position since July of 2014. She will tell you that it's the best job in the world and that she loves living in Tucson.

Early in her career, Val recognized the importance of the American College of Radiology (ACR); she was on several committees and had roles of leadership as a member of the ACR Board of Chancellors and the ACR Executive Committee. I would suggest that her most important role was in the ACR Commission on Education, having served as its chair for 5 years. In recognition of her outstanding efforts, she became ACR President in 2002.

More recently, Val has been invited to be on the Board of Directors of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). She also is a member of the RSNA Research and Education Foundation Board of Trustees. Val has been a very active member of the Association of University Radiologists (AUR), also having been on the AUR Board of Directors as a member at large. She was president of the Radiology Research Alliance, a very important organization promoting research at the highest levels.

Val has also been a key member of the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD). Once again, she was recognized as a leader and served over time by holding every office, including being SCARD President in 2012–2014. It was many of her efforts that led to the furthering of dialogue between SCARD and the Association of Program Directors in

Radiology (APDR) and the ABR and the American Alliance of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology.

Val's true passion also lies in her clinical work—breast imaging. She has been recognized as an international expert in this area. She led the Society of Breast Imaging as its President from 1990 to 1993.

In recognition of her interest in radiology education, Val was asked to be a member of the Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Val has authored over 100 peer-reviewed publications, mostly about breast imaging or radiology education. She also has authored 40 book chapters, mostly about breast imaging. She coauthored and was editor of *Diagnosis of Diseases of the Breast*, already in its second edition.

Not only has Val contributed immensely to the written literature, but also she is a speaker very much in demand. She has delivered over 450 presentations, again mostly on breast imaging, but also extensively on medical education and leadership.

Finally, the list of Val's accomplishments would not be complete without mentioning some of the awards she has received for her outstanding work. She has received the Gold Medal from the ACR, the Indiana Radiological Society, and the Society of Breast Imaging. At IU, she has received a Golden Apple Award for teaching from the radiology residents. She has been selected to appear in

America's Top Doctors for Cancer for numerous years. IU also bestowed on her the "Outstanding Female Faculty Leader" award.

It is not surprising that Val has been surrounded by outstanding leaders her whole life. Val was most fortunate to have had the influence of her parents. Her dad was a pathologist and loved teaching in his practice's residency program. Her mom was an x-ray tech and instilled a love of learning and taking care of others. Her brother, Robert M. Pascuzzi, MD, happens to also be the chair of the IU Department of Neurology and a leading world expert in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Val has other interests that complement her work in radiology. She is an avid photographer, having taken many classes. It is not unusual to see her dabbling in Photoshop in between lectures or meetings. She also has a passion for traveling, which allows her to capture all those beautiful photographs.

Val is most proud of her son, Chip, who resides in Melbourne, Australia. Chip is her only child and is a medical physicist.

The APDR is proud to bestow the APDR Achievement Award on Valerie P. Jackson, MD, who has contributed so much to education in radiology.



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