Achievement Award
Association of Program Directors in Radiology
Jannette Collins, MD, MEd, FCCP

Introduction by Coralie Shaw, MD

Aeons ago, the appellation doctor (teacher) was chosen. This perfectly fits Doctor Jannette Collins. In everything she does, she does it as a teacher.

Janni began her professional career as a first-grade teacher in Bozeman, Montana, after receiving her BS degree in education and graduating with honors from Montana State University. She taught for 6 years while earning an MEd degree in special education from the University of Cincinnati, and then she decided to become a physician. She graduated first in her class and Junior Alpha Omega Alpha from the Medical College of Ohio in 1989 and then entered the radiology residency program at the University of Wisconsin. Soon after joining their faculty, Janni won the Outstanding Faculty Award from the residents and for them developed a course in chest radiology and wrote a related textbook. She has served as program director (for 5 years), vice chair of education, and assistant dean of education and is currently chair of the GME Committee. In 1996, she was inducted into the University of Wisconsin Teaching Academy and in 2002 was promoted to professor of radiology.

Janni has chaired the Education Committees of the AUR, AMSER, the Society for Thoracic Radiology (STR), and APDR. While chairing the latter, she co-edited the Radiology Residency Program Directors’ Manual published by Academic Radiology. She was a major contributor to the Cardiopulmonary Curriculum for Radiology Residents adopted by the APDR and STR, the Cardiothoracic Curriculum for Medical Students adopted by AMSER and STR, and APDR consensus documents regarding the ACGME competencies. Janni is Editor-in-Chief of Seminars in Roentgenology, Associate Editor for Radiology and the Journal of the American College of Radiology, and Deputy Editor for Academic Radiology. She reviews for nine journals and has received numerous awards for reviewing with distinction. She has contributed to 75 peer-reviewed publications (plus 54 others), written nine book chapters, contributed to seven electronic publications, 27 abstracts, and 46 exhibits, and coauthored a textbook with E. J. Stern, Chest Radiology: The Essentials.

Janni has received many awards from numerous organizations, including Radiology, the RSNA, the ARRS, and the AUR, from which she received three Whitley Awards, an unduplicated record. She has received six grants, including the first educational grant offered by the APDR.

Janni is currently the ACR representative to the radiology Residency Review Committee (RRC), an ABR oral board examiner, President-elect of the AUR, and Secretary-Treasurer of the APDR. Thus she will be president of both AUR and APDR and will surely enhance both societies as individual and cooperative organizations dedicated to radiologic education.

Janni and her husband, Ken Thomson, are avid bicyclists and are always exploring new ways to enjoy life together. She credits him for her successes because of the happiness he brings to their relationship.

It is with enormous gratitude that we honor Dr Collins with the APDR Achievement Award. She is widely recognized for her many achievements in research, writing, and editing but above all for being a distinguished teacher who has surely advanced the science of education for our specialty.