NCOPE Presents 2014 Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award

Alexandria, VA – The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) is pleased to announce that Ryan P. Sheridan has been chosen as the recipient of the 2014 Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award.

The fund was established in 2007 in honor and memory of Larry Lange, CPO, FAAOP. The fund's purpose is to provide individuals beginning their O&P careers with an opportunity to further enrich their education and professional development in a particular aspect of orthotic and/or prosthetic care. The $2,000 award is to be used for travel and meeting registration fees for professional O&P conferences/activities.

Sheridan is completing his second residency at Hanger P & O, Inc. in Kalamazoo, MI. Before starting his residency, Sheridan’s goal was to get as much out of the residency experience as possible. He feels this goal is being met through his well-rounded experience at Hanger as well as a humanitarian mission to La Paz, Bolivia.

Sheridan has conducted professional in-service programs in his community and in vascular and rehabilitation clinics. Last fall, Sheridan organized a prosthetic and orthotic education seminar at the University of Michigan. In addition, as a result of his volunteer research activities at Western Michigan University School of Medicine, Sheridan was selected for a poster presentation at the 2014 AAOP Annual Meeting & Scientific Symposium in Chicago. Shortly thereafter he lectured at the Eastern Michigan University Orthotics and Prosthetics Program on transtibial osteomyoplastic amputations, post-operative wound care, acute rehabilitation and prosthetic considerations.

Overall, Sheridan is incredibly passionate about the O & P profession and is planning on specializing in upper limb prosthetic care, as well as lecturing at an O & P accredited school and hopes to one day become an O & P program director.

Larry Lange dedicated over 27 years to the O&P profession and to the patients he served. He gave richly of his talents by volunteering his time and energy to national O&P organizations.
For example, for 22 years Larry served as an examiner for the ABC clinical patient management exams. Larry believed in furthering one’s education as evidenced by his pursuit and attainment of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists Fellow designation.

The application deadline for this annual award is June 1st. Applications for the 2015 award can be found on NCOPE’s website at http://www.ncope.org/residents/larrylange/

For more information on the Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award, contact Robin Seabrook at rseabrook@ncope.org.

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