Congratulations to the OMA's Distinguished 2014 Award Winners

TORONTO, April 26, 2014 /CNW/ - Several dozen of Ontario's most brilliant and committed physicians, medical students, and other leaders who are helping to make healthcare better were honoured tonight by the Ontario Medical Association.

The awards were presented by OMA Past President Dr. Doug Weir during a dinner at the Carlu in Toronto.

"Whether due to the leadership and passion demonstrated at such an early stage by medical students, or the dedication and talent displayed by seasoned physicians and other professionals, this year's award winners are tremendously impressive," said OMA President Dr. Ved Tandan. "On behalf of all Ontario physicians, I congratulate them."

The winners:

**Canadian Medical Association Honorary Membership Awards for Ontario Members**

CMA Honorary Membership is awarded to those members who have made outstanding contributions to the CMA on its Board of Directors, Committees, General Council or to Canadian medicine.

**2014 Recipients:**

Dr. David Bach, London

Dr. Donald Harterre, Peterborough

Dr. Larry Patrick, London

Dr. Gerald Rowland, Tillsonburg
Ontario Medical Association Life Membership Awards

OMA Life Membership is awarded to those members who have made an outstanding contribution to the works of the Association, the medical profession and medical science, or common good at the provincial level, and have reached the age of 65.

2014 Recipients:

Dr. Emmanuel Abara, Richmond Hill
Dr. Ken Arnold, Thunder Bay
Dr. David Bach, London
Dr. Frank Baillie, Hamilton
Dr. Eric Barker, Wiarton
Dr. Rocco Gerace, Toronto
Dr. Kent Gerred, Trenton
Dr. Graham Jacques, Morrisburg
Dr. Barbara Kee, Toronto
Dr. Art Kidd, Windsor
Dr. Lawrence Kobetz, Ancaster
Dr. John Ludwig, Omemee
Dr. David Paterson, Windsor
Dr. Larry Patrick, London
Dr. Dennis Pitt, Ottawa
Dr. Beverley Richardson, Toronto
Dr. Gerald Rowland, Tillsonberg
Dr. Richard Thomas, Midland

Dr. William Vezina, London

Dr. Tom Weinberger, Scarborough

**Ontario Medical Association Centennial Award**

Established to commemorate the OMA centennial in 1980, the Centennial Award is awarded to a non-physician in recognition of outstanding achievements in serving the health and welfare of the people of Ontario through lengthy service and/or distinguished acts.

This year's recipient is:

Mr. Luke Richardson, Nepean

**Ontario Medical Association Distinguished Service Award**

The Distinguished Service Award is awarded to a member of the Association for exceptional long-standing service to the OMA and patients of Ontario.

This year's recipient is:

Dr. Deborah Hellyer, Windsor

**Advocate for Students and Residents Award**

The Advocate for Students and Residents Award is awarded to a physician or non-physician in recognition of outstanding contributions that have significantly benefited the medical students or residents of the province of Ontario.

This year's recipient is:

Dr. J. Mark Walton, Hamilton

**Medical Student Achievement Award**

The Medical Student Achievement Award is awarded for significant contributions at the political and/or community level that help advance the life and/or education of all medical students. The award may be presented annually to one student from each of the six provincial medical schools.
This year's recipients are:

Ms. Kayla Berst, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Ambika Gupta, University of Ottawa
Ms. Soniya Sharma, Queen's University

**Resident Achievement Award**
The Resident Achievement Award is awarded for outstanding contribution to the advancement of postgraduate training. As of 2007, the award may be presented annually to one resident from each of the six provincial medical schools.

This year's recipients are:

Dr. Adil Bhatti, University of Ottawa
Dr. Ashley Brissette, Queen's University
Dr. Jason MacDonald, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. Kaif Pardhan, University of Toronto
Dr. Lacey Pitre, McMaster University

**T.C. Routley Challenge Shield Award**
Donated in 1947 by Dr. T. Clarence Routley, the first full-time Secretary of the OMA from 1918 to 1938, this award is given to the Branch Society which, through its programs and activities, most adequately fulfills the objectives of service to its members, its community, and the medical profession.

This year's recipient is:

North York Branson Medical Society (NYBMS)

**Glenn Sawyer Service Award Recipients**
This award was established in 1972 in honour of Dr. Glenn Sawyer, the longest-serving General Secretary of the OMA. The Glenn Sawyer Service Award is awarded in recognition of significant service to the OMA, medical profession, or public at the community level.
This year's recipients are:

Dr. Craig Appleyard, Renfrew
Dr. Garrett Foley, Cornwall
Dr. Elaine Jolly, Ottawa
Dr. Rosemary Moodie, Toronto
Dr. Douglas A. Neal, Woodstock
Dr. Edward Hon-Wai Ng, Windsor
Dr. Wes Oczkowski, Hamilton
Dr. Hindupuram Sriharsha, Orillia

Section Service Award

The Section Service Award is awarded in recognition of significant service to the OMA, medical profession, or public within a Section.

This year's recipient is:

Dr. James Forrest, Leamington

Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is presented annually to non-physicians for significant contribution to the health and welfare of the people of a local community, as defined by involvement in community health and public welfare, including length of involvement, roles fulfilled in local organizations and personal achievements.

This year's recipients are:

Mayor Bob Bratina, Hamilton
Deputy Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, Thunder Bay
Mr. David Musyj, Windsor
The Rev. Len Shaw, Orillia