

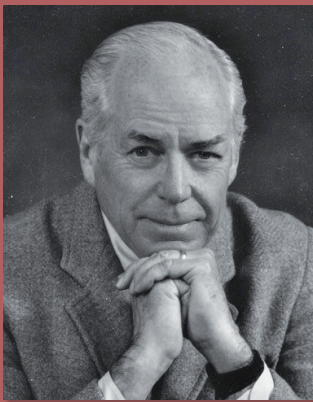


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ANN E. VAN HEEST, MD, FAOA

Distinguished Clinicians Educator Award

Dr. Van Heest is a Professor, Vice Chair of Education, and Residency Program Director in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Minnesota. A pediatric hand and upper extremity surgeon, she has supervised and mentored over 150 surgical residents and fellows. She has been the residency program director at University of Minnesota for the past 15 years, and previously served as a member of the AOA Critical Issues Committee, CORD Board of Directors, and AOA Academic Leadership Committee. She is the current Chair of the GME Committee, as a Director for the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

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