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NCOPE Presents 2017 Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award

Alexandria, VA – The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) is pleased to announce that Ms. Rachael E. Rosen has been chosen as the recipient of the 2017 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.

Rosen, a current orthotist practitioner resident at The University of Mississippi Medical Center has worked diligently to establish herself as an O&P clinician. She has created family and patient materials as well as an evaluation protocol for all patients who are being treated for scoliosis with the use of a TLSO (Providence, Boston and Charleston styles) and made a grand rounds presentation titled, *Scoliosis: The Orthotists' Perspective*. As the lead-investigator of the retrospective study: *The effect of body mass index on in-brace correction obtained by a Boston-style scoliosis TLSO in patients diagnosed with Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis*, she worked persistently to obtain IRB approval, collect & analyze data, and author the manuscript within a 6-month time frame. Rachael has embraced mentoring young women and plans to remain in the mentoring role, especially within the O & P field. She currently is a panel member and mentor for a "Women in S.T.E.M." program at a local charter middle school. After residency, Rachael plans to continue to refine her clinical skills when treating patients with scoliosis and to continue orthotic scoliosis research.

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 2018 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 Dominique Mungo at dmungo@ncope.org.

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