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**NCOPE Presents 2018 Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award**

Alexandria, VA – The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) is pleased to announce that Zachary Block is the recipient of the 2018 Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award.

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

Zachary is currently a dual O/P Resident at Hanger Clinic in Kansas City, KS and also serves as chief resident of the Hanger NRP's Midwest region. As chief resident, Zachary is responsible for managing five other residents, including coordinating resident rotations among 12 clinicians in the Kansas City Metro area. He has also developed a comprehensive on-boarding manual for residents in the Kansas City area to help ease the transition into the company as well as provide information pertinent to residents. Portions of Zachary's manual have been adopted by Hanger NRP to assist residents nationwide.

While a graduate student, Zachary completed a literature review on consensus techniques and use by researchers in medical and allied health professions, including O&P. Zachary is currently preparing his manuscript for publication in the *Journal of Prosthetics and Orthotics* as a precursor to a larger study. The larger study he continues to support during his residency is titled "Assessment Criteria for Patellar Tendon Bearing Impressions – An International Delphi Study." The study aims to establish assessment criteria for the patellar tendon bearing socket impression process to provide standardized assessment methods and criteria to facilitate comparisons of student performance, and to evaluate different instructional strategies. In addition to the Delphi project, he is conducting a research project exploring a combination of prosthetic components for transtibial amputees suffering from excessive perspiration, or hyperhidrosis. Zachary presented preliminary results at the Iowa Prosthetic Orthotic Pedorthic Association meeting in April 2018. Zachary along with his residency director will continue to gather research subjects and outcome data for this project to submit for presentation at the AAOP meeting in 2019.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications for the 2018 award can be found on NCOPE's website at <http://www.ncope.org/residents/larrylange/>

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