

## 2016 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

### Dr. Aaron Lee Boster

Graduated...1993

Resides...Columbus, Ohio

A 1993 graduate of Gahanna Lincoln High School, Aaron Boster spent his time in Gahanna as a four-year student council member and a Rotary International Exchange Student, sponsored by the Gahanna Rotary club. Upon graduation, he matriculated to Oberlin College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in neuroscience and psychology, graduating with highest honors. He continued on to medical school at the University of Cincinnati, where he received his medical degree.

Dr. Boster completed his internship in internal medicine and residency in neurology, both at the University of Michigan, and was board-certified in neurology in 2007. After his residency, Dr. Boster completed a two-year fellowship at Wayne State University in clinical neuroimmunology and multiple sclerosis. In 2008, he began his work at the Ohio State University, where he was honored as Neurology Teacher of the Year in 2013 and Resident Mentor in 2014. While at Ohio State, he served as the division head of neuroimmunology and as director of the MS Center.

“In my lifetime (74 years,) I have been in the presence of greatness five times. Dr. Boster is the fifth person,” said William Shepherd, friend and spouse of patient. “His ability to present complicated information in a manner easily comprehended by non-medical people is amazing.”

Currently Dr. Boster is the system medical chief of neuroimmunology and clinical research at the new OhioHealth Neuroscience Center. Both as a clinician and researcher, he has dedicated his career to combating multiple sclerosis. He has participated in over 40 clinical trials focused developing new therapies to treat multiple sclerosis, and is a nationally recognized expert in managing severe spasticity in MS patients.

“When you leave a visit with him you feel there is hope even though the circumstances may be disturbing,” Shepherd said. Dr. Boster is known for his compassion and kindness when treating his patients and teaching his trainees. Since 2008 he has served as fellowship director for three neurology/MS fellows, trains MS-focused certified nurse practitioners, and mentors many neurology residents and medical students.

“Because of the MS treatment I have chosen, I am monthly in Ohio Health’s Neuroscience Center,” said Laura Kolaczowski, patient. “I have observed his demeanor as he guides the professional staff, mentors new clinicians and checks in on his patients with reassuring words, and I continue to be impressed with his genuine interest in all of us. “

“For Dr. Boster, there is no such things as being too busy. He’s always there to help, to volunteer, to support, and to serve,” said Angela Wheeler, friend and spouse of patient. “He’s driven to help as many people as he can, wherever and whenever he is needed.”

He has published over 25 research articles in scientific medical journals and frequently presents at nationally and internationally recognized congresses.

Boster resides in Columbus with his wife Krissy and their children Max and Betty Mae.