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Spotlight

Dr. Billy Dodd wore many hats—physician, Society founder, leader, teacher, mentor, innovator, speaker, and—of course—jazz pianist. “While I never knew Billy Dodd well, I do remember his great performances on the piano during several annual meetings,” says Paul Katz, MD, CMD, recipient of the 2018 William Dodd Founder’s Award.

If you’ve been to a Society conference or read JAMDA or Caring, you know Dr. Katz. He is a popular presenter, a prolific author, and much in demand for interviews on a variety of topics. Dr. Katz served on the Society Board as president and, more recently, led the Foundation board as chair. In both of these roles, he provided exemplary leadership, played a strong role in strategic planning, and was a source of inspiration and innovation. At the same time, his work co-chairing the competencies curriculum has supported the organization mission and vision to include all practitioners who work in the post-acute space. [Click here](#) to watch a video of Dr. Katz talking about the competencies.

“Receiving the Dodd Award is a great honor for me and one for which I am truly humbled. Any service that I have given to the Society has been a labor of love, and I have received much more from AMDA than I have ever given,” says Dr. Katz. “I am also reminded that this award recognizes the countless AMDA friends and colleagues whom I have had the privilege of working with on any number of projects, committees, and boards.” The Dodd Award, he adds, “has reaffirmed my commitment to our specialty in which I have been practicing for 35 years. It has instilled in me an immense amount of pride and energy to further the mission of our Society.”

Dr. Katz is chair of the Department of Geriatrics at Florida State University’s College of Medicine. Prior to that, he was vice president of medical services and chief of staff at the Baycrest Geriatric Health Care System and professor in the



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Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto. During his work in Toronto, he helped lead the way on increasing the Society's international presence. Wherever he goes and whatever he does, he is a true ambassador for our Society and our profession.

Like so many of his colleague, he considers the Society his professional home, but outside of work, Dr. Katz is a family man whose wife, Laurie Pfeil, MD, is a constant source of inspiration. He says, "My service to the Society would never have been possible without the neverending support, insight, devotion, and love from my best friend and wife."

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