Thomas A. Brady Award

The Thomas A. Brady Award is intended to recognize the service and dedication to sports medicine of those individuals who have made a mark on their local community. Since 1999, the award has been given to an orthopaedic surgeon who has been dedicated to excellence in sports medicine on a local level, with local athletes.

The final selection of the recipient of this award will be made by the Council of Delegates' Executive Committee based upon nominations received from members of the Council. Delegates may nominate only one individual per year. Delegates may solicit their state constituents for nominations.

The criteria for nomination are:

- The nominee should be an AOSSM member or emeritus member in good standing.
- The nominee has made a significant and demonstrable commitment to the specialty of orthopaedic sports medicine in his or her community through education, research and/or service.
- This commitment must involve demonstrable personal contact and dedicated time by the nominee.

There will be a presentation during the AOSSM Board Dinner at the Annual Meeting where the winner is presented with the Thomas A. Brady Award plaque. The Council of Delegates member that nominated the winner is asked to present the award and will be invited to attend the dinner.

Please list the name of the individual that you believe would be an excellent candidate for the Thomas A. Brady Award on the attached form. Also, explain briefly your candidate’s qualifications.

A short biography of Thomas A. Brady, MD, as well as a list of former Thomas A. Brady Award recipients follows.
Dr. Brady is the father of sports medicine in central Indianapolis. He began his work in sports medicine in 1944, working as team physician for the Third Air Force Football Team. In 1968, he presented a plan to the Indiana State Medical Association to organize a sports medicine committee. The plan was approved, and Dr. Brady served as the first chairman. In the 1980’s, he set up a walk-in clinic in the basement of Methodist Hospital to treat high school athletes. On Friday nights, he would attend two or three football games, traveling around the city to make sure these athletes had good medical care.

Upon his retirement, in the late 1980’s, Dr. Brady was orthopaedic consultant to 16 public, five Catholic and one private high school in Indianapolis, as well as the athletic teams at DePauw University and Indiana Central College.

Dr. Brady retired from sports medicine and lived a quiet life on a farm in Indiana with his son and family until his death in April 2011.