

## 2018 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

## STEPHANIE LADSON - WOFFORD

GRADUATED: 1978

RESIDES: NEW ALBANY, OHIO

A 1978 graduate of Gahanna Lincoln High School, Stephanie Ladson-Wofford spent her time in Gahanna on the drill team, singing in the acapella choir and as a member of the National Honor Society. Upon graduation, she studied for 2 years at George Washington University before transferring to Wittenberg for her final 2 years of undergraduate work. She went to The Ohio State University College of Medicine, graduating in 1987.

Dr. Ladson-Wofford completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at the Department of Internal Medicine at The Ohio State University. After her residency, she completed a three-year fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital, Division of Nephrology. After her training at Henry Ford Hospital Dr. Ladson-Wofford was on staff at OSU until she decided to go into private practice. She has been employed by Kidney Specialists, Inc. since 2004.

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Dr. Ladson-Wofford has dedicated her career to treating patients with kidney disease.

“Nephrology is a very difficult field and it constantly challenges me”, said Ladson-Wofford. “I tend to take care of patients for a long time and this field has allowed me to develop relationships with them.”

“For a physician in this specialty, the knowledge and demands are extreme. The physician must not only have an enormous amount of knowledge of kidney function and malfunction, but also have a mastery of the intricacies of

the entire human anatomy and physiology, as kidney function touches all parts of the body. I have worked with Dr. Ladson-Wofford. Without any reservation, she is the best physician with whom I have ever worked.” Said Deborah Hibler, Nephrology nurse for 48 years.

Dr. Ladson-Wofford says being in the Nephrology profession takes much of her time but she enjoys the mental challenges of the field. She is



proud of the relationships she develops with her patients and that she was able to accomplish her dream of becoming a physician. She knew at a very young age that her chosen career was in medicine.

According to Lewis Mollica, Licensed Medical Social Worker, “It is easy for a nephrologist to be popular with their patients as long as they simply agree with everything the patient wants and says. However, a dedicated nephrologist knows that they need to help the patient do what is best for their overall health and quality of life. This involves not only developing an effective plan of care but also building a therapeutic relationship in which the patient truly believes the doctor has their best interest at heart. Overwhelmingly, Dr. Ladson-Wofford’s patients express the highest level of devotion and respect for her.”

Dr. Ladson-Wofford has published over 14 research articles in scientific medical journals and has received many grants.

She resides in New Albany with her husband of 31 years Richard and their children Jayden, Jerrin and Jeila.