



The American College of Sports Medicine® (ACSM) is pleased to recognize Walter R. Thompson, Ph.D., FACSM, with a 2022 ACSM Citation Award for his significant contributions to the fields of sports medicine and exercise science.

Dr. Thompson earned a B.S. and M.A. from Wake Forest University in 1978 and 1979, respectively, and a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1983. He became an ACSM fellow in 1988, has earned numerous ACSM certifications, served on the ACSM Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2008 and was elected ACSM vice president (2014-16) and president (2017-18).

Dr. Thompson is the lead author of the ACSM Worldwide Survey of Fitness Trends, published annually for the past 16 years in *ACSM's Health and Fitness Journal*, and has published three editions of *ACSM's Resources for the Personal Trainer*, two editions of *ACSM's Clinical Exercise Physiology*, and the eighth edition of *ACSM's Guidelines for Exercise Testing and Prescription*. He has also served on the editorial board of *ACSM's Health & Fitness Journal*® and as its associate editor from 1998 to 2001. In June 2020 he retired from his positions as associate dean of graduate studies and research and Regents' Professor of Kinesiology and Health at Georgia State University and from the International Paralympic Committee where he served as research coordinator for 22 years.

Dr. Thompson's work focuses on clinical exercise physiology. He is a member of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs where he is serving as the volunteer Executive Director for the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences. Because of his personal interest in at-risk kids living in the inner city, he served as the Founder and Executive Director of After-School All-Stars Atlanta since 1994, a comprehensive after school program now serving nearly 4,000 middle school aged children every school day and for eight weeks in the summer. During that time, he raised more than \$50 million from federal grants, state grants, and philanthropic donations. Former doctoral student Dr. Kent D. Johnson, FACSM, writes: "I believe Walt is an outstanding candidate for the ACSM Citation Award. He has made significant and important contributions to the American College of Sports Medicine and to the exercise sciences and it is a privilege to nominate him for this award."

ACSM is honored to present Dr. Thompson with a 2022 Citation Award.