University of Minnesota
Medical School
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Celebrating Excellence:
2014 Honors and Awards
Program

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Mayo Memorial Auditorium

University of Minnesota
Introductions
Kathleen V. Watson, M.D.
Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education
Honors and Awards Committee Co-Chair

Welcome
Brooks Jackson, M.D.
Dean, Medical School
Vice President for Health Sciences
Professor of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology

Greetings from the University of Minnesota Foundation
Holly McDonough Gulden
Associate Vice President of Development
University of Minnesota Foundation

Announcement of Honors and Awards
Kathleen V. Watson, M.D.

Presentation of Honors and Awards
Catherine Niewoehner, M.D.
Honors and Awards Committee Co-Chair
Award Recipients

All-University Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education
Faculty who receive the All-University Graduate-Professional Award become members of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. The title “Distinguished University Teaching Professor” is conferred upon all recipients. Each winner also receives a $3,000 augmentation to their annual salary throughout their career at the University of Minnesota. In addition, each recipient’s department is given $1,500 annually for each of five years to be used by the recipient for professional development of research.

Kevin D. Wickman, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Pharmacology

Alpha Epsilon Iota Award
This award recognizes senior female medical students who best exemplify excellence in clinical performance, community service, scholarship and leadership. Since 1901, AEI has supported female medical students and alumni. Minnesota Women Physicians, Alpha Epsilon Iota’s sister organization, arranges professional, educational, and social opportunities for female physicians in our state. Minnesota Women Physicians’ work with AEI supports student scholarships and awards, and demonstrates the organization’s commitment to its future members.

Caroline W. Davis
Brittney J. Lemke

Wallace D. Armstrong Award
This award is given in memory of Dr. Wallace D. Armstrong, a Regents Professor at the University of Minnesota, and recognizes superior achievement in biochemistry by first year medical and dental students.

Elizabeth Jarrett
Dr. Marvin and Hadassah Bacaner Research Award
This award was established by Dr. Marvin Bacaner, professor of physiology, in memory of his parents, Jacob and Minnie Bacaner. Since 1978, this award has recognized excellence in creative basic science research.

*Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics:*
  *Neil M. Otto, Ph.D.*

*Cardiology: Sunny Sun-Kin Chan, Ph.D.*

*Genetics, Cell Biology and Development: June-Yong Lee*

*Microbiology, Immunology and Cancer Biology Program:*
  *Kristin Anderson, Ph.D.*

*Pharmacology: Nicole M. Wydeven*

Distinguished Teaching Awards
This award was established in 1962 to recognize superior teaching by Minneapolis campus Medical School faculty.

*Peter J. Southern, Ph.D., Year 1*
*Robyn C. Reed, M.D., Ph.D., Year 2*
*Richard D. Andersen, M.D., Year 3 (Distinguished Clinical Teacher)*
*Katherine T. Janssen, M.D., Year 3 (Distinguished Medical Resident Teacher)*
*Theodore R. Thompson, M.D., Year 4 (Distinguished Clinical Teacher)*
*Abigail L. Taylor, M.D., Year 4 (Distinguished Medical Resident Teacher)*
*Jennifer E. Witt, M.D., Year 4 (Distinguished Medical Resident Teacher)
Exceptional Community Faculty Teaching Award
This award was created to honor and encourage the kind of preceptorial teaching that medical students hold in esteem.

*Marvin Brooks, M.D.*
*Jason Como, M.D.*

Award for Excellence in Geriatric Medicine
This award recognizes individual achievement for basic research concerning the health care of older adults.

*Jeremiah Eisenschenk, M.D.*

Global Health Scholar Award for 2014
An award in recognition of scholarly contributions to knowledge that will improve the health of people living with compromised healthcare.

*Oludare A. Odumade, Ph.D.*

Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award – Resident Instructors
This award goes to six residents who have exhibited particularly strong teaching skills and are role models for their compassionate, relationship-centered care.

*Elena Bitrian, M.D.*
*Andrew W. Bowen, M.D.*
*Andrew S. Bunney, M.D.*
*Akshay A. Gupte, M.D.*
*Chad R. Norris, M.D.*
*Tyler Winkelman, M.D.*
Graduating Medical Student Research Award
The Graduating Medical Student Research Award recognizes meritorious research by a graduating medical student who is pursuing any other advanced degree.

Jared H. Rowe

Herz Faculty Teaching Development Award
The Herz Faculty Teaching Development Award supports faculty activities designed to improve the quality of medical education by enhancing faculty teaching skills.

Patricia Adam, M.D.
Briar L. Duffy, M.D., M.S.
Amy J. Prunuske, Ph.D.
Emily Ruedinger, M.D.
Katherine Venable, M.D.

Richard C. Horns Memorial Award
This award was established by the family of the late Dr. Richard C. Horns, a clinical professor of ophthalmology, to recognize excellence in clinical skills.

Tori L. Bahr

J. Jacob Kaplan Award
This award, made possible by the late Dr. J. Jacob Kaplan and his family, is presented in recognition of outstanding research.

Daniel J. Beisang, Immunology
Hope B. O’Donnell, Gastroenterology
Nathan E. Welty, Gastroenterology
Lifson-Johnson Memorial Award
This award honors excellence in teaching by undergraduate or graduate students.

Snider Desir
Kelsea R. Keep
Joel D. Peterson

J. Thomas Livermore Award
The J. Thomas Livermore Award recognizes outstanding undergraduate research in hematology.

Shawn A. Mahmud

Jan Lunden Award
This award honors outstanding research by a graduate or medical student in the field of molecular hepatology.

Caitlin Conboy

Medical School Student Achievement Award
These awards are conferred on students enrolled at the University of Minnesota Medical School in recognition of their distinctive performance in the areas of leadership, community service, and academic achievement.

Selwan B. Abdullah Anna M. Larson
Tori L. Bahr Brittney J. Lemke
Aaron J. Crosby Erik A. Magnusson
Caroline W. Davis Oludare A. Odumade
Jennifer A. Day Brian J. Park
Stewart L. Decker Breanna K. Zarmbinski
Metropolitan-Mount Sinai Outstanding Medical Student Award
This award, established by the medical staff of the former Metropolitan-Mount Sinai Hospital, recognizes well-rounded students who show great promise in becoming superior physicians or clinicians.

*Rheanne K. Zimmerman (Second year)*
*Peter J. Meyers (Fourth Year)*

Beatrice Z. Milne and Theodore Brandenburg Awards
This research award for graduate students in the basic sciences at the University of Minnesota Medical School reflects the thoughtfulness and generosity of Ms. Beatrice Z. Milne, and serves as a lasting expression of her commitment to creating a healthier world.

*Jason M. Schenkel*
*Andrew Wikenheiser*
*Nicole M. Wydeven*

Dr. James E. Rubin Memorial Fund Award
This award honors the memory of Dr. James Rubin and was established by his family and friends in 1995 at the Jewish Community Foundation of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation. It recognizes a senior medical student who possesses outstanding diagnostic skills, demonstrates academic excellence, compassion and a high degree of ethical standards. The fund serves as a living legacy to Jim’s memory and the values he lived by each day.

*Brian J. Park*
Gloria Segal Award in Psychiatry
This award recognizes medical students for outstanding academic and professional performance during the third year clinical psychiatry rotation.

*Anna C. Donoghue*
*Katie R. Thorsness*

Roza Steer Breast Cancer Research Award
This award is presented for outstanding research by a graduate student or medical student in the field of breast cancer.

*Tarah R. Anderson*

Steer-Johnson Award
This award honors the memory of John A. Johnson, M.D., Ph.D., professor of physiology at the University of Minnesota Medical School. It was established by two of his former students, Randolph C. Steer, M.D., Ph.D., and his brother, Clifford J. Steer, M.D. Dr. Johnson established the undergraduate major in physiology and was a great advocate of undergraduate science education. The award recognizes undergraduate and Ph.D. students for academic achievement in physiology.

*Eric J. Finnesgard*
*Madisen A. Johnson*
*Evan Loukusa*
Steer-Pruitt Award
The Steer-Pruitt Award is presented for outstanding cardiovascular research by a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

*Forum D. Kamdar, M.D.*

The Leonard Tow Faculty/Student Humanism in Medicine Award presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation
This award is presented annually to a student, faculty member, and supportive staff who exhibit exemplary skills in integrating humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families. The award is intended to spur dialogue, debate, and activities related to graduating scientifically excellent and compassionate physicians.

*Student: Tori L. Bahr  
Faculty: Ruth E. Westra, D.O., M.P.H.*

Veneziale-Steer Award
This award is presented to a graduate student for outstanding basic scientific research in the field of cellular growth regulation. Randolph C. Steer, M.D., Ph.D., established the award to honor the memory of his professor, Carlo M. Veneziale, M.D., Ph.D., who was chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at the Mayo Medical School.

*Shawn A. Mahmud*
The following are faculty awards that go through a different selection process and are presented elsewhere or at a future date:

**Carole J. Bland Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award**
This award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who exemplifies Carole Bland’s gift and passion for mentoring other faculty.

**Senior Investigator Award**
This award is given to a faculty member in a Basic Science or a Clinical Department who has made significant and long-lasting contributions to the advancement of an area of biomedical, behavioral, clinical or medical research.

**Young Investigator Award**
This award is given to a young faculty member in Basic Science or a Clinical Department who has already established him/herself as an outstanding researcher, with great potential for a successful career as an independent investigator in an area of biomedical, behavioral, clinical or medical research.
The following are student awards that go through a different selection process and are presented elsewhere or at a future date:

**Curtis L. Carlson Award (Karolinska Institute)**
This exchange program was established in 1990 through a generous endowment provided by Curtis L. Carlson, a successful Swedish immigrant to Minnesota who wanted to promote scholarly exchanges between the University of Minnesota Medical School and the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. The exchange program provides clinical or research experiences for medical students at each institution.

- David L. Benson
- Claire Knodell
- Colin D. Boettcher
- Phillip H. Lee
- Briana E. Johnson-Rabbett
- Kathryn A. Weaver

**Fisch Art of Medicine Student Awards**
This award enables current medical students to explore the arts and humanities in ways that are not possible in the conventional medical school curriculum. These awards will nurture creativity, allow students to express themselves in new ways, and enhance lifelong connections between the art and science of medicine.

- Mohamed Ahmed Abdi
- Viviane Tchonang
- Hannah Carlson-Donohue
- Ho-Shia Thao
- Lydia Hartsell
- Chad Thompson
- Lan Luu
- Elliot Twiggs
- Lauren McPherson
- Jarrod Yamanaka
- Amanda Murphy
N.L. and Sarah J. Gault International Study Award
This award was established by former Medical School Dean, the late N.L. Gault, and his late wife, Sarah, to encourage medical school students to seek educational experiences in international health, enabling them to study in other countries.

Laura A. Hanson – Tanzania
Lan P. Luu – Peru
Andrew R. Merryman – Costa Rica
Pamela Mills – Uganda
Gunnar H. Wagoner – Uganda

James H. and Carol E. Moller Scholarship for International Medicine
This UMF FastStart 4 Impact award was provided by Dr. James and Mrs. Carol Moller, who have been connected to the University of Minnesota for 50 years, and are committed to supporting the education of full-time professional medical students.

Laura A. Barnes – Uganda
Megan A. Brandeland – Thailand
Blair L. Brown – Mexico
Catherine Hanson – Peru
Alexa M. King – Uganda
Melissa L. McCoy – Cameroon
Julie M. Neborak – Uganda
Emily A. Olson – Mexico
Margaret C. Perko – Uganda
Elizabeth A. Tacl – Peru
Jacob J. Wagner – Mexico
Michael P. Wagner – Mexico
Paul G. and Elizabeth H. Quie International Child Health Fund
This award was created through an endowment established by Dr. Paul G. Quie and his wife, Elizabeth, to encourage medical students seeking international educational experience in pediatrics.

Hai Xu – China

Scheffler International Medical Mission Trip Award
This award was created through the generosity of Russell and Kathryn Scheffler in appreciation for medical treatment received at the University of Minnesota Medical Center and Masonic Cancer Center from Dr. Todd Tuttle. It is intended for one or two qualified medical students, preferably interested in surgical oncology, during the summer before starting their second-year for support of their experience in Honduras with Dr. Tuttle.

Amy C. Johnson, MS3
Ben Brasseur, MS4

Wesley W. Spink International Research Award
Established by the family and friends of Dr. Wesley W. Spink, this award is intended to foster infectious disease research by a University of Minnesota medical student in a country other than the United States. Dr. Spink, a University of Minnesota Medical School leader, was an international authority in the field of infectious diseases.

Dawn N. Sibanda – Zimbabwe
Thank you!

We gratefully acknowledge the donors who made these honors, awards, and scholarships possible, the committee members who reviewed applications and nominations, and the staff who worked to make this event possible.

Over the years, a number of Medical School faculty members have been chosen several times by their students to receive the Distinguished Teaching Award. In recognition of this significant teaching achievement, the foundation’s Honors and Awards Committee has created the Lifetime Distinguished Teacher Award. Eligibility for University of Minnesota Foundation Distinguished Teaching Awards will henceforth be limited to a maximum of five recognitions, at which time an individual will become a Lifetime Distinguished Teacher. Although no faculty member has reached this distinguished level this year, please join us in recognizing past recipients.

**Lifetime Distinguished Teaching Awards**

*John W. Day, M.D.*  
*Laurel Drevlow, M.D.*  
*Walter C. Hildebrandt, M.D.*  
*Stephen A. Katz, Ph.D.*  
*Virginia Lupo, M.D.*  
*Patrick M. Schlievert, M.D.*  
*M. Thomas Stillman, M.D.*  
*Valerie K. Ulstad, M.D.*
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