

University of Minnesota
Medical School
and
University of Minnesota Foundation

Celebrating Excellence:

2015 Honors and Awards
Program

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Introductions

Kathleen V. Watson, M.D.

Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate

Medical Education

Honors and Awards Committee Co-Chair

Welcome

Brooks Jackson, M.D., M.B.A.

Dean of the 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 one-time \$15,000 award. This award reflects the University’s strong and enduring commitment to quality undergraduate and graduate education at the University of Minnesota.

Ezgi Tiryaki, M.D.

Associate Professor, Department of Neurology

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.

Elizabeth S. Aby

Madelyn F. Lenhard

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.

Alex C. Loeks Johnson

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:

Cory J. Knoot, Ph.D.

Cardiology: Naoko Koyano-Nakagawa, Ph.D.

Genetics, Cell Biology and Development:

Courtney E. Coombes

Microbiology, Immunology and Cancer Biology Program:

Alexa Weingarden

Pharmacology: Yang Yang

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

Robert R. Kempainen, M.D., Year 2

James V. Harmon, M.D., Year 3 (Distinguished Clinical Teacher)

Kenneth W. Dodd, M.D., Year 3 (Distinguished Medical Resident Teacher)

Robert R. Kempainen, M.D., Year 4 (Distinguished Clinical Teacher)

Maureen Ayers-Looby, 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.

Daniel Larkin, M.D.

Paul McGinnis, M.D.

Award for Excellence in Geriatric Medicine

This award recognizes individual achievement for basic research concerning the health care of older adults.

Holly S. Ryan

Global Health Scholar Award for 2015

An award in recognition of scholarly contributions to knowledge that will improve the health of people living with compromised healthcare.

Elissa K. Butler

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.

Maureen Ayers-Looby, M.D.

Calla R. Brown, M.D.

Brent Ekstrom, D.O.

Jessica L. Hubbs, M.D.

James A. Owusu, M.D.

Adam Rizvi, M.D.

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.

Alisa M. Duran, M.D.

Kate 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.

Jennifer Leiting

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.

Elizabeth S. Aby, Gastroenterology

Ryan W. Nelson, Gastroenterology & Immunology

Jason M. Schenkel, Immunology

Lifson-Johnson Memorial Award

This award honors excellence in teaching by undergraduate or graduate students.

Ninitha Asirvatham-Jeyaraj

Britta Logdahl

J. Thomas Livermore Award

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

Nathan E. Welty

Jan Lunden Award

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

Elizabeth S. Aby

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.

Elizabeth S. Aby

Blair L. Brown

Addison M. Demer

Pouya Hemmati

Patrick T. McCarthy

Andrew J. Pisansky

Nicole E. Skinner

Leah A. Swanson

Michael Torchia

Zlata K. Vlodayer

Michael P. Wagner

Nathan R. Wanderman

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.

John D. Chan

Yinan Kan

Elizabeth M. Steinert

Yang Yang

Outstanding Medical School Teacher Award

The \$2,000 Outstanding Medical School Teacher Award recognizes faculty who have made outstanding contributions to the education of physicians and medical students. Awards are given in two categories: basic science and clinical science. Nominations are accepted from the Medical School community, including faculty, staff, students, and medical residents.

Clinical Science: Meghan Walsh, M.D., M.P.H.



Roth-Steer Award for Research in Alzheimer’s Disease (G/S)

This award, established in honor of Melvin Roth by Randolph C. Steer, M.D., Ph.D., Clifford J. Steer, M.D., and Reginald D. Steer, recognizes research excellence in basic or clinical science related to Alzheimer’s disease.

Fatou Amar

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 and 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.

John P. Conely

Schmit-Steer Award

Through this award, established in 2001, Randolph C. Steer, M.D., Ph.D., and Clifford J. Steer, M.D., professor of medicine and cell biology at the University of Minnesota, wish to recognize Mrs. Elaine B. Schmit, an outstanding educator and humanitarian whose contributions to education in chemistry, biological sciences, and the humanities have motivated and stimulated thousands of students over the years.

John D. Chan



Gloria Segal Award in Psychiatry

This award recognizes a medical student for outstanding academic and professional performance during the third year clinical psychiatry rotation.

Dane B. Jensen

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.

Pavlina Chuntova

Steer Family Award in Diabetes Research

Through this award, Randolph C. Steer, M.D., Ph.D., and his brothers, Clifford J. Steer, M.D., and Reginald D. Steer, wish to honor their mother, Rozica, and her mother, Sifra. This award recognizes outstanding basic scientific research by a graduate student or a medical student in the field of diabetes mellitus.

Ryan W. Nelson

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.

Louis L. Hansen

Kyle S. Rourke

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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: Elizabeth S. Aby

Faculty: Albertine S. Beard, M.D.

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.

Jason M. Schenkel

Cecil J. Watson Award

The Cecil J. Watson Award recognizes outstanding research by a physician in graduate clinical training in any Clinical Department of the Medical School.

Brent G. Nelson, M.D.



Therese Zink Student Narrative Award

This award is presented to one graduating medical student whose narrative, written as part of the Significant Event Reflection in the Family Medicine Clerkship, is deemed the most well-written and ready for publication. Recipients will be chosen by the Clerkship. In selecting an awardee, preference will be given to those narratives which have been accepted for publication by a journal.

Besma Jaber

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.

Anne E. Belzowski

Nick Huynh

Andrew J. Pisansky

Leah A. Swanson

Xin Xhang

Tom C. Zhou

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.

Leah C. Anderson

Matthew P. Donoghue

Kristi K. Huisinga

Amy N. Kosel

Sandy C. Lee

Anthony P. Liebhard

Jaime L. Loso

Ying (Eva) Lu

Gina M. Piscitello

Caroline Roberts

Nicholas Sausen

Joel J. Stanek

Elizabeth A. Taci

Emily R. Wolff

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.

Allison R. Bradee – Honduras

Catherine E. Glatz – Kenya

Kaitlyn E. Ohden – Kenya

Emily B. Wang – Guatemala

Korean International Medical Education Fund

Third and fourth year medical students participate in a clinical elective at Seoul National University in South Korea.

Kathryn A. Weaver – Korea

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 over 50 years and are committed to supporting the education of full-time professional medical students.

Kathryn A. Adams – India

Rebecca F. Anderson – India

Hewan A. Belete – Ethiopia

Rachel F. Claseman – Uganda

Lydia R. Hartsel – Tanzania

Sandy S. Jhong – India

Amy N. Kosel – Uganda

Alicia L. Phillips – Tanzania

Nicole E. Skinner – Uganda

Tau Lee Xiong – Thailand

Casey Yang – India

Xin Zhang – Uganda

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.

Dominic P. Decker – Cameroon

Kristi K. Huisinga – India

Laura A. McCarthy – Guatemala

Patrick T. McCarthy – Guatemala

Jessica L. Quirk – Tanzania

Kathryn M. Salvatore – Uganda

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.

Grant Aakre, MS4





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. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Kempainen as a new member to this prestigious group.

Lifetime Distinguished Teaching Awards

John W. Day, M.D.

Laurel Drevlow, M.D.

Walter C. Hildebrandt, M.D.

Stephen A. Katz, Ph.D.

Robert R. Kempainen, M.D.

Virginia Lupo, M.D.

Patrick M. Schlievert, M.D.

M. Thomas Stillman, M.D.

Valerie K. Ulstad, M.D.



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