

Student Awards and Criteria

Carolyn J. Pass, MD '66 and Richard M. Susel, MD '66 Academy Student Teaching Fellows Award

Pass & Susel Academy Student Teaching Fellows Award

This award serves to recognize one student awardee each year. The annual awardee is selected by a vote by the living members of the Pass and Susel Academy from among the medical students who have participated in the Second Summer Educational Program and the Peer Tutoring Program. *(Established 2013)*

Anesthesiology

Martin Helrich Prize for Excellence in Anesthesiology

Dr. Helrich was the Professor and Chairman of Anesthesiology at the University of Maryland from 1956 to 1987. For 31 years he displayed those professional and personal qualities that he imbued in all those he touched--integrity, patience, and wisdom. He emphasized the importance of delivering clinical care while teaching residents and students and engaging in state-of-the-art experimental investigation. This award was established by Dr. M. J. Matjasko, Chair of Anesthesiology from 1987 to 2005, to recognize the graduating medical student with highest academic distinction during the senior clerkship in anesthesiology.

(Established in 1987)

Dr. Jeremy Hallisey Prize for Compassion and Humanistic Qualities in Anesthesiology Dr. Helrich was the Professor and Chairman of Anesthesiology at the University of Maryland from 1956 to 1987. For 31 years he displayed those professional and personal qualities that he imbued in all those he touched--integrity, patience, and wisdom. He emphasized the importance of delivering clinical care while teaching residents and students and engaging in state-of-the-art experimental investigation. This award was established by Dr. M. J. Matjasko, Chair of Anesthesiology from 1987 to 2005, to recognize the graduating medical student with highest academic distinction during the senior clerkship in anesthesiology. *(Established in 1987)*

Biochemistry

Giuseppe Inesi, MD Prize in Cell & Molecular Biology

The Giuseppe Inesi Prize in Cell and Molecular Biology was established through a donation by the Inesi family to recognize the medical student receiving the highest grade in the course of Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. *(Established in 2000)*

Elijah Adams Award for Excellence in Biological Chemistry

The For the graduate who has achieved an honors grade in the biochemistry and molecular biology course and has written a paper judged of the highest quality by the faculty of the department. The award honors Dr. Elijah Adams, chair of the Department of Biological

Chemistry from 1963 to 1976, who was known for his research in the biosynthesis and metabolism of collagen, proline and hydroxyproline in animals and bacteria, and his dedication as a teacher.

(Established in 1985)

Dermatology

Eugene Sydney Bereston Award for Excellence in Dermatology For the graduate with outstanding accomplishments and interest in dermatology. The award was founded on the 75th birthday of Dr. Eugene Sydney Bereston, class of 1937, by his daughter, Mrs. Linda Katz, and her family. Dr. Bereston, a clinical professor at the University of Maryland, taught students and house officers, and had a continuing interest in diagnostic and clinical mycology.

(Established in 1989)

Carolyn J. Pass, MD '66 Award for Outstanding Clinical Performance in Dermatology The Pass Award each year from the Department of Dermatology is for the graduating fourth year medical student who demonstrates exceptional excellence in clinical dermatology. *(Established 2015)*

Diagnostic Radiology

Joseph E. Whitley Memorial Award for Academic Excellence in Radiology For the graduate who has performed outstanding research in radiology, which has been presented and/or published. This award was endowed by the department in honor of Dr. Joseph E. Whitley, chair from 1978 to 1989. Dr. Whitley was devoted to the training of medical students in the practice of his specialty and developed valuable teaching aids for their education. *(Established in 1995)*

Emergency Medicine

The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award for Excellence in Emergency Medicine For the graduate who has captured the essence of the ideal emergency physician by demonstrating high skill, equanimity and kindness in an environment which requires quick, clear thinking and action. The awardee understands the exigencies of this specialty which must be met with enthusiasm, tenacity, and skill. The Society salutes the graduating senior who has shown this promise.

(Established in 1992)

American College of Emergency Physicians Medical Student Professionalism and Leadership Award

Recognizes the student who gives outstanding care to patients in a professional and humanistic manner and has active leader service to medical organizations and community.

Epidemiology & Public Health

Robley Dunglison Award for Excellence in Preventive Medicine

For the graduate who has demonstrated special interest and high achievement in preventive medicine. The award commemorates Dr. Robley Dunglison, the first professor of Materia Medica, Therapeutics & Medical Jurisprudence. When this chair was established, the University of Maryland became the first medical school to teach hygiene (preventive medicine) in the United States. While a member of the faculty, Dr. Dunglison published the first American textbook on preventive medicine. He was the physician to four presidents — Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and Jackson. *(Established in 1976)*

Abraham Lilienfeld Award for Excellence in Epidemiology and Biostatistics For the graduate who has demonstrated special interest and high achievement in the application of epidemiology to public health. The award commemorates Dr. Abraham Lilienfeld, a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, class of 1944, who was one of the pioneers of chronic disease epidemiology in the United States and chair of the Department of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. *(Established in 1991)*

Family & Community Medicine

Edward J. Kowalewski Award for Excellence in Education and Training in Family Medicine For the graduate who has demonstrated special interest and high academic achievement in family medicine. Dr. Edward J. Kowalewski was the founding chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine from 1972 to 1990. *(Established in 1991)*

Drs. Harry and George Knipp Award in Family Medicine

This fund provides endowed support for an annual award in the Department of Family & Community Medicine. The award recognizes graduating medical students who demonstrate excellence in their humanistic care of the patient and who intend to practice in the area of family medicine.

(Established in 2017)

Humanism

Joanne M. Hatem, MD Memorial Prize for Caring and Compassion Toward Patients The Joanne M. Hatem, MD Memorial Prize recognizes students at the University of Maryland School of Medicine who combine humanism with the clinical study of medicine and exhibit caring and compassion toward patients. *(Established in 2002)*

William D. Kaplan, MD Award for Humanism in The Practice of Medicine For the graduate who best combines humanism with the clinical study of medicine. The award honors Dr. William D. Kaplan, class of 1969, an authority on brain tumor imaging, Chief of Oncologic Nuclear Medicine at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, and Professor of Radiology at the Harvard Medical School. A gifted teacher, Dr. Kaplan emphasized the interactions between physician and patient. He was widely recognized for his ability to relieve the anxiety of his patients and provide compassionate care. *(Established in 1995)*

Robert R. R. Roberts, M.D. Memorial Prize in Medicine

The purpose of the fund is to provide one or more annual prizes to students at the University of Maryland School of Medicine who combine humanism with the clinical study of medicine and exhibit caring and compassion toward patients. First preference is given to fourth-year students planning careers in Orthopaedics, oncology, or emergency medicine. *(Established in 2002)*

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards Presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation This award is presented to the student and faculty member who best demonstrate the Foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence. *(Established in 1991)* The Robert S. Katz, M.D. '70 Endowed Award for Compassion Demonstrated by Medical Students

The Katz award is for one or more students selected from the members of the gold humanism honor society, an elite group of medical students and faculty. The recipients must demonstrate strong potential to deliver care with respect for the dignity of the patient; combine humanism with clinical practice; and exhibit exceptional caring and compassion.

Medicine

Theodore E. Woodward Prize in Internal Medicine

The highest award in internal medicine to the graduate who has an excellent academic record in the discipline of internal medicine and has displayed the attributes of compassion and dedication in the care of patients. The prize, endowed by his former students, honors Dr. Theodore E. Woodward, class of 1938 and ninth chair of the Department of Medicine from 1954 to 1981.

(Established in 1992)

Theodore E. Woodward Award in Physical Diagnosis

For the graduate, whose sophomore year performance in physical diagnosis best exemplifies the desirable combination of factual information, clinical skills, and humanity, which are characteristics of an accomplished physician. The award is in honor of Dr. Theodore E. Woodward, one of the medical school's most admired teachers, who joined the faculty in 1946. *(Established in 1982)*

Leonard M. Hummel Memorial Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine To the graduate selected by the Faculty Board, who has manifested outstanding qualifications in internal medicine. Endowed by the family and friends of Dr. Leonard M. Hummel, class of 1934, a Baltimore internist. *(Established in 1951)*

Milton S. Sacks Award in Hematology

For the graduate with the most distinguished record in hematology. The award was endowed by the students, colleagues, and friends of Dr. Milton S. Sacks, class of 1934, who was a pioneer in the development of hematology at the University of Maryland and director of the clinical pathology laboratories of the University of Maryland Medical Center. *(Established in 1965)*

Louis, Ida, and Samuel Cohen Award for Personal Attributes of Scholarship, Ability and Compassion for Patients

For a graduate with superior scholarship and scientific knowledge of internal medicine and understanding and compassion for patients. The award was endowed by Mr. Morris Cohen, the leading scholar of the class of 1926 until he left the School of Medicine at the end of the sophomore year to enter the family business when his father died unexpectedly. The award was given in honor of the donor's father, sister, and brother. *(Established in 1971)*

I. Earl Pass Memorial Award for Exceptional Proficiency in Internal Medicine For Exceptional Proficiency in Internal Medicine. This award, endowed in the will of Dr. I. Earl Pass, class of 1937, recognizes a member of the graduating class with an outstanding performance in medicine. *(Established in 1982)* Milford M. Foxwell, Jr., MD Award in Internal Medicine

For the graduating senior who best exemplifies collegiality, a commitment to the University of Maryland, a love of learning, and compassionate care of patients. This award was created to honor Dr. Milford (Mickey) Foxwell's legacy as a medical student, chief resident and faculty member in the Department of Medicine and Associate Dean of Medical School Admissions at the University of Maryland School of Medicine during his tenure from 1976 to 2019. *(Established in 2019)*

Microbiology & Immunology

Jan Cerny, MD PhD Award for Excellence in Microbiology & Immunology For the graduate who has made significant contributions in microbiology and/or immunology research during their time at the University of Maryland School of Medicine with the highest academic record in microbiology. This award honors the chair of the department from 1989 to 2007, Dr. Jan Cerny. (Established in 2022)

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Neurobiology

Uhlenhuth Award for Excellence in The Anatomical Sciences In recognition of the graduate with the highest academic record in the anatomical sciences. The award honors Dr. Eduard C. A. Uhlenhuth, chair of the Department of Anatomy from 1933 to 1955, an outstanding scientist and demanding professor in the classical academic tradition. *(Established in 1956)*

Anderson Award for Excellence in Applied Anatomy

In recognition of the graduate with the highest record in the practical application of anatomy. This award honors Dr. Larry Anderson, Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology, a teacher beloved by his students and respected by his colleagues, whose dedicated efforts shaped the University of Maryland School of Medicine anatomy program from 1978 to 2010. *(Established in 2013)*

Marshall L. Rennels Award for Excellence in Neuroscience

In recognition of the graduate with the most distinguished accomplishments in neuroscience and who best exemplifies the character and scholarship of Dr. Marshall L. Rennels, professor of anatomy and neurobiology. One of the most decorated teachers in the history of the school, Dr. Rennels was the first recipient of the UMB Founders Day "Teacher of the Year" Award. (*Established in 2004*)

Neurology

William Alexander Hammond Award for Excellence in Neurology For the graduate with outstanding accomplishments in neurology. The award recognizes the contributions to neurology of Dr. William Alexander Hammond, the Union Surgeon General during the Civil War and from 1860 to 1861 a member of the faculty of the School of Medicine. He was one of the founding members of the American Neurological Association in 1874. *(Established in 1972)*

American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology The American Academy of Neurology Undergraduate Education Subcommittee sponsors the Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology, to recognize medical students for excellence in clinical neurology. *(Established in 2002)*

Neurosurgery

William H. Mosberg, Jr., M.D. Award for Neurosurgery

Fourth year medical students who are interested in neurosurgery are eligible. Recipients of the Mosberg Award are selected based on outstanding contributions to the field of neurosurgery and the University of Maryland medical community. In addition to exemplary academic achievement, awardees should demonstrate exceptional work in research, patient care, or the healthcare system. Awardees represent the future trajectory of the field of neurosurgery. The neurosurgery award, established by Dr. Mosberg's widow, Mrs. Barbara Mosberg, honors Dr. William H. Mosberg, class of 1944, a leading neurosurgeon at the University of Maryland and in the Baltimore community.

(Established 1996)

OB, GYN & Reproductive Sciences

Louis Harriman Douglass Award for Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology For the graduate with an outstanding academic record and particular interest in obstetrics and gynecology. The Louis Harriman Douglass Obstetrical and Gynecological Society established this award to honor the seventh chair of the Department of Obstetrics from 1937 to 1955. After Dr. Douglass' tenure, the combined Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology was created. Dr. Douglass was a member of the class of 1911 and served an internship and residency at the University of Maryland Hospital from 1911 to 1913.

(Established in 1987)

Office of Student Research

Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical and Applied Research For the graduating student who has performed the most notable research during the course of the standard MD program.

Dean's Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research For the graduating student who has performed the most notable research during the course of the standard MD program.

Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences

Richard M. Susel, MD '66 Award for Outstanding Clinical Performance in Ophthalmology The Susel Award each year from the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences is for the graduating fourth year medical student who demonstrates exceptional excellence in clinical ophthalmology.

(Established 2015)

George Frick, MD Award for Outstanding Research in Ophthalmology This award is in honor of Dr. George Frick, a faculty member and lecturer in clinical medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine who published the first treatise on eye disease in America in 1824. It recognizes the student who has demonstrated outstanding skills in ophthalmology.

Orthopaedics

Thomas E. Gillespie Award for Excellence in Orthopedics

Presented to the graduate who most personifies the ideals of excellence in patient care and scholarship and aspires to a career in Orthopaedics. In recognition of Dr. Thomas E. Gillespie for his 25 years of dedication to medical student education in musculoskeletal disease at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Gillespie had an uncharacteristically gentle and

graceful demeanor, one often sought but infrequently found among surgeons. He was a compassionate and altruistic physician who faithfully made himself available to tend to the needs of his patients. Dr. Gillespie was an exemplary mentor and avid student advocate who selflessly gave his time to Orthopaedics education. *(Established in 2005)*

Otorhinolaryngology

William C. Gray, MD Award in Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery The award recognizes the member of the graduating class who demonstrated dedication to the principles and practice of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and ensures the continuation and advancement of the specialty. *(Established in 2007)*

Pathology

Dr. Francis Donaldson Prize for Excellence in Pathology

For the graduate who has demonstrated excellence in didactic and laboratory work in the discipline of pathology. The prize honors Dr. Francis Donaldson, class of 1846, and professor of pathology from 1866 to 1880. He was the first person in the United States to diagnose cancer with the microscope from pieces of tissue removed from patients with the disease. Dr. Donaldson's work was vigorously opposed by the medical establishment of his time and remained obscure for decades in spite of its historic significance. The methods which he introduced are now used daily in every hospital throughout the world. *(Established in 1977)*

Pediatrics

J. Edmund and Kathryn S. Bradley Award for Excellence in Pediatrics For the graduate with both a leading academic record in pediatrics and the characteristics most admired in a pediatrician. The award was endowed by the Department of Pediatrics to honor Dr. J. Edmund Bradley, the first full-time chair from 1949 to 1968. Dr. Bradley was an outstanding and caring teacher who was always available to students. *(Established in 1969)*

Murray M. Kappelman Award for Excellence in Ambulatory Pediatrics Provides support for an award to a graduate with outstanding diagnostic skills in Ambulatory Pediatrics and who demonstrates sensitivity to the needs of children and compassion for the patients and their family members. *(Established in 2012)*

Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics

C. Jelleff Carr Award for Excellence in Pharmacology

For the graduate who has achieved a high honors grade in the medical pharmacology course and judged to be an exemplary student by the faculty of the department. The award honors Dr. C. Jelleff Carr, a member of the department faculty from 1937 to 1955. He wrote, with Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., a standard text in pharmacology and co-discovered the valuable cardiovascular drug isosorbide dinitrate. Established in 1990 on the 50th anniversary of Dr. Carr's publication about isosorbide dinitrate and initially supported by Wyeth/Ayerst Pharmaceutical Company, which makes IsordilR brand of isosorbide dinitrate.

(Established in 1990)

Physiology

Sheldon E. Greisman, MD Prize in Medical Physiology

For the graduate with the most distinguished performance in physiology. Dr. Sheldon E. Greisman, an emeritus professor of medicine and physiology, had a gift for teaching and was greatly admired by the students. He was especially devoted to the teaching of integrative physiology and pathophysiology. Dr. Greisman's extensive series of lectures on these subjects was one of the highlights of the Year I Medical Physiology Course for many years. *(Established in 1990)*

Plastic Surgery

Nelson H. Goldberg, M.D. Prize in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Recognizing a medical student for outstanding achievement, expertise in plastic surgical skills, and compassion for patients with reconstructive needs. The award is a gift from Nelson H. Goldberg, M.D., School of Medicine class of 1973, who has been on faculty in the Department of Surgery since 1981 and was chief of the division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery for 21 years. *(Established in 2013)*

Psychiatry

Dr. Jacob E. Finesinger Memorial Award for Excellence in Psychiatry For the graduate who has demonstrated outstanding skills in general psychiatry. The award honors Dr. Jacob Finesinger, the founding chair of the Department of Psychiatry from 1952 to 1959, who was particularly dedicated to the teaching of medical students. *(Established in 1960)*

Dr. Eugene B. Brody Award for Excellence in Psychotherapy For the graduate with outstanding skill in psychotherapy. Given in honor of the second chair of the Department of Psychiatry, from 1959 to 1976, Dr. Eugene B. Brody made important contributions to the psychotherapy of schizophrenia. *(Established in 1977)*

Kenneth L. Malinow, MD Memorial Prize for Excellence in Psychiatry For the graduate with outstanding skill in psychiatry who is pursuing psychiatry as a specialty. In memory of Dr. Kenneth L. Malinow, class of 1974. *(Established in 2003)*

Radiation Oncology

Radiation Oncology Medical Student Graduation Award Recognizes a fourth-year University of Maryland medical student who has shown excellence in their work in radiation oncology, and who has demonstrated sustained interest in the field of radiation oncology during their medical school training.

SOM Student Affairs

Dr. James and Carolyn Frenkil Award

Presented to a graduating student who has overcome personal medical hardship (illness) during their medical school education and has demonstrated continued scholarship and devotion in pursuit of a medical degree.

Harry C. Knipp, M.D. '76 Award for Graduating Seniors In recognition of a fourth-year student who has demonstrated leadership within student medical organizations and expressed interest in continuing involvement in professional medical organizations.

Student National Medical Association Service Award

Presented to a senior who has remained a committed and active part of SNMA throughout his/her years at University of Maryland. This senior has demonstrated leadership to not only his/her peers, but to the community as well. The Senior of the year exemplifies dedication, commitment, and leadership to the SNMA University Chapter as well as service to the community.

Surgery

Wayne W. Babcock Award for Excellence in Surgery

For the graduate with outstanding qualifications in surgery. This award was endowed by the family and friends of Dr. Wayne W. Babcock, class of 1893, a distinguished surgeon who performed pioneering work on hernia, spinal anesthesia, and perineal surgery, and wrote an important textbook of surgery. He was professor of surgery at Temple University and, for many years, chief surgeon at Samaritan Hospital in Philadelphia. *(Established in 1962)*

Dr. Hans R. Wilhelmsen Award for Excellence in Surgery

Awarded to the graduate with the highest academic record in surgery, and established in honor of Dr. Hans R. Wilhelmsen, class of 1959, who also graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School. A loyal and devoted alumnus, Dr. Wilhelmsen has continuously provided encouragement to students and graduates in pursuit of excellence. *(Established in 1981)*

Dr. A. Bradley Gaither Memorial Prize for Excellence in Genitourinary Surgery For the graduate who excelled during the senior clerkship in Genitourinary surgery, and established in honor of Dr. A. Bradley Gaither, a prominent Baltimore urologist. (Established in 1929)

The William I. Wolff, MD Humanism Prize in Surgery

To provide an annual monetary prize to a fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to compassion and the humanistic care of patients through his/her association with the Department.

USPHS

United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Excellence in Public Health Award Is given to medical students whose time and effort demonstrates the Public Health Service mission to "protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of our Nation" and who are helping address public health issues in their community. This Award recognizes an outstanding student who is involved in finding new and innovative ways to address the challenges of public health emergencies and crises in America.