

# **University of Maryland School of Medicine**

## **Office of Student Research**

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF MSRD**

Medical Student Research Day (MSRD) is a proud tradition at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and it is now entering its 46<sup>th</sup> year. Over four decades ago, as a number of medical students would come to the Department of Pharmacology to conduct research, it was realized there was no formal event for them to share and discuss their findings. Therefore, MSRD was founded to provide a venue for these medical students to showcase their research in poster and oral presentation formats. The celebration evolved to include lunch, a keynote address and an awards dinner banquet. The Office of Student Research is honored to build on and continue this wonderful tradition.

MSRD founders included Dr. Jordan Warnick (retired Professor and Associate Dean), and the celebrated, Dr. Angela Brodie (late professor). Drs. Warnick and Brodie were fully supported by their Department Chair, the late Professor, Edson Albuquerque, PhD, who championed and was passionate about both medical- and graduate-student research.

The event was robustly supported and expanded under the tenure of Dr. Donald Wilson, Dean Emeritus, UM SOM, and continued and grew with the full and enthusiastic support of Dr. E. Albert Reece, Professor and Dean Emeritus. The event continues to be supported by Dean Mark Gladwin.

Each year, medical students share their research work from investigations in the basic, clinical, translational and population sciences. We encourage you to come hear the excellent presentations and support the students and their mentors.