

Honors Convocation Program

Brian Dwinnell, M.D.
Associate Dean, Student Life
Presiding

Student and Faculty Awards
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Elliman Conference Center, Anschutz Health Sciences Building
3:00 – 4:30 pm

OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME

John J. Reilly, Jr., M.D.
Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs
Dean, School of Medicine

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Department of Anesthesiology

Robert W. Virtue Award: Brionna Sandridge Bulgarelli

For a medical student in Anesthesia who has exhibited the most concern for patients

C. Walter Metz Award: Helene Kuffel

For excellence in performance in Anesthesiology

Cynthia Hampson Award: Steven Haberkorn & Amanda Hunt

For excellence in Anesthesia with the intent to pursue a career in Anesthesiology

Department of Family Medicine

Pisacano Award: Brissa Mundo-Santacruz

For the senior entering Family Medicine who best models the characteristics of Dr. Nicholas Pisacano: scholarship, leadership, and service

Colorado AHEC System Rural Healthcare Outstanding Achievement: Ryan Imber

For outstanding achievement by an individual who is committed to serving to improve the healthcare for the rural population of Colorado

Felix Martinez, M.D. Memorial Award: Brissa Mundo-Santacruz

For senior(s) entering Family Medicine who best models the qualities, character, and service of the late Dr. Felix Martinez

Department of Medicine

John G. Ryan Award: Matthew Genelin

For outstanding work in Internal Medicine

Gold Headed Cane Award: Sophia Sugar

For a senior student who shows exemplary promise as an outstanding physician

Thomas Neff Award: Frances Vernon

For the senior student who has demonstrated unique humanitarian concerns toward the total health and well-being of patients with unrelenting patience and compassion

American College of Physicians Award: Kristen Vossler

For exemplary performance and outstanding promise in medicine

James Waring Award: Rachel Ancar

Diligent scholarship and devotion to duty in the field of Internal Medicine

Department of Neurology

Stuart Schneck, M.D. Endowed Award: Evan Lester

For a senior student who has demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding performance in Neurology with exceptional humanism in all interactions.

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

University of Colorado Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology Award: Ann Mackey

For excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Advocacy in Reproductive Access Award: Bektu Solomon

For the senior student who promotes advocacy in reproductive access

Dr. Harold and Mrs. Judy Kaye Award: Evan Cornish & Megan Wade

Demonstrated stellar academic performance to students who will pursue specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Max D. Bartlett, MD and Dianne D. Bartlett Endowed Scholarship Fund: Ann Mackey

For a graduating 4th year medical student who is a Colorado resident and intends to practice in obstetrics and gynecology at the School of Medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

Department of Ophthalmology

Ophthalmology Award: Emmeline Kim & Maxwell Mayeda

For demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding performance in Ophthalmology.

Department of Orthopedics

Frank A. Scott, M.D. Endowed Excellence in Orthopedics Award: Jared Hanson & Alexandra Ross

Awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence, professionalism, and outstanding performance in orthopedics.

Department of Pathology

Sara D. Winter, M.D. Award: Ashley S. Denney

For academic achievement with an outstanding commitment to medicine, fellow students, and society

Department of Pediatrics

Franklin Gengenbach Award: Sarah Jane Nodine

For outstanding performance in Pediatrics by a senior student

Lange/McGraw Hill Award: Eleanor Lorton

For outstanding performance in Pediatrics by a senior student

The Drs. James and Mary Murphy Award for Excellence in Pediatrics: Brenda La

For Outstanding Performance in Pediatrics during Medical School

Department of Psychiatry

Franklin Ebaugh Award: Yasmine Dakhama

For outstanding performance in Psychiatry by a senior student

Department of Surgery

Alden Harken Basic Science Research Award: Wells Lariviere & Wesley Tran

For outstanding research in Surgery

John E. DeLauro Medical Scholarship Endowment: Taylor Neilson

For demonstrating academic achievement and an interest in cardiothoracic surgery, vascular surgery, orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, or urology

George Packard Award: Jackson Fulk-Logon & Wells Lariviere

For outstanding performance in Surgery

Owens-Swan Award: Wesley Tran

For outstanding promise in Surgery

Steve Farber Transplant Award: Wells Lariviere & Ivana Vasic

The American Transplant Foundation established this scholarship for a medical student at CUSOM who is interested in transplantation.

Center for Bioethics and Humanities

Henry N. Claman M.D. Medical Humanities Award: Linh K. Nguyen

For outstanding contributions to the Medical Humanities in healthcare programs

Narrative Medicine Award: Valerie Gao

For support of the practice and publication of writing

RESEARCH & PRESENTATION AWARDS

Adler Award Finalists

Arun Chandnani
Jessica Chandrasekhar
Yasmine Dakhama
Ilsa Hale
Elizabeth Konon
Ian Liu
Taylor Neilson
Caroline Vance
Ivana Vasic

MSA AWARDS

Students' Choice Award: Caterina Zagona-Prizio

For excellence in research by a senior student selected by peers

Neil and Catherine Hamilton Award: Tennyson Jellins

For excellence in medical research in the fields of cancer and multiple sclerosis by a senior student

Joseph and Regina Glaser Research Prize: Monica Patten

For a senior medical student who has carried out meritorious research

TEACHING & FACULTY AWARDS

Kaiser Permanente Teaching Awards

Selection by Medical Student Council

Outstanding basic science teacher: Dr. Danielle Royer

Outstanding clinical teacher: Dr. Janna Hardland

Joseph W. St. Geme Jr., M.D. Award: Dr. Brian Dwinnell

For exceptional ability in promoting the overall mission of the School of Medicine

SERVICE AWARDS

Alex Rodriguez-Prieto Endowed Memorial Award: Brenda La

For a student who has exceptional motivation and has encouraged and helped their classmates achieve the goal of becoming a physician. *“Though Alex is no longer with us physically, his spirit and memory encourage us each day to strive to be kind and compassionate physicians. The character and friendship he demonstrated set an example for us all, and there is no other student more deserving of this award.” (2013).*

Center for COMBAT Research and Colorado Military Medical Heritage Award: William Coburn, Matt Paulson, John Hesling, & Ricardo Israel Villarreal

The University of Colorado Center for COMBAT Research Scholar Award is an honor earned through persistence, tenacity, and academic aspirations to identify and create solutions in Military Medicine to solve the US Military’s toughest clinical challenges.

Kenneth Atkinson, M.D. Endowed Memorial Scholarship: Lillian (Lillie) Toasperm

For a fourth-year medical student pursuing a career in Primary Care with the expressed interest in providing medical care to historically underserved or marginalized communities.

Medical School Admissions Committee Award: Alec Mansour

For dedication and service to the Admissions Committee

Honor Council Award: Nikolai Harroun

For excellence in furthering the precepts of the Honor Code

Nelson Award: Frances Vernon

For a student entering a primary care residency who has demonstrated academic achievement and a commitment to primary care.

United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Physicians Professional Advisory Committee (PPAC) Excellence in Public Health Award: Ephrat Fisseha

The Public Health Service was founded in 1798 to provide medical care to sailors and merchant seamen with yellow fever and malaria. Over the subsequent 220 years, their mission has broadened to deliver health promotion and disease prevention programs to all people.

Richard D. Krugman Award: Kristen Vossler

Richard D. Krugman, M.D. served as Dean of the University of Colorado School of Medicine for 25 years. Fondly known as the “Dean of deans” across the nation, Dr. Krugman established this award for a student who portrays the spirit of service, fosters caring for all people, is compassionate, creates connection, and values innovation.

Robert J. Glaser, M.D. Award: Brenda La & Alec Mansour

For exceptional leadership and service to the senior class
Selected by the Graduating Class of 2023

Hippocrates Award: Nikolai Harroun

For a future physician who most completely epitomizes the ideals and noble traditions of the Profession of medicine as set forth by Hippocrates
Selected by the Graduating Class of 2023