



**2026**

# **Awards Luncheon**

Eric P. Newman Education Center  
Washington University in St. Louis  
School of Medicine

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

11:30 a.m.

## PRE-CLINICAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

*Selected by the graduating class, the Pre-Clinical Teacher of the Year Award is presented to the pre-clinical member of full-time faculty who was the outstanding teacher whom the students encountered during their medical school years.*

Dr. Timothy Yau

## CLINICAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

*Selected by the graduating class, the Clinical Teacher of the Year Award is presented to the clinical member of full-time faculty who was the outstanding teacher whom the students encountered during their medical school years.*

Dr. Bethany Sacks

## EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

*The Excellence in Public Health Award is a national award which recognizes medical students who are public health champions, advancing the US 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.*

Sophia Kamanzi

## DR. RICHARD S. BROOKINGS MEDICAL SCHOOL PRIZES

*The Dr. Richard S. Brookings Medical School Prizes recognize outstanding student performance in the medical school curriculum- exemplary academic performance, leadership, community service, and research accomplishments.*

Caroline Kwok  
Andrea O'Riordan  
Kelly Schaschl

## ROBERT CARTER MEDICAL SCHOOL PRIZES

*The Robert Carter Medical School Prizes are awarded to senior students for outstanding, meritorious performance in the medical school curriculum- exemplary academic performance, leadership, community service, and research accomplishments.*

Maya Bussey  
Theodore Marghitu  
Melissa Vázquez

## STEVEN DRESLER PRIZE

*The Steven Dresler Prize is awarded to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to promoting social good, civil rights and civil liberties through social action and volunteerism.*

Danielle Wilder

## DR. HELEN E. NASH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*The Dr. Helen E. Nash Academic Achievement Award is given annually to a student who has exhibited an unusual degree of industry, perseverance, determination and enthusiasm.*

Sarah Barnett

## F. SESSIONS COLE AWARD

*The F. Sessions Cole Award is awarded to a senior medical student entering the field of pediatrics who best embodies the mission of Dr. Sessions Cole, MD-- a well-known neonatal intensive care specialist.*

Hannah Dorando

## GEORGE F. GILL PRIZE IN PEDIATRICS

*The George F. Gill Prize in Pediatrics is awarded to a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated superior scholarship in Pediatrics.*

Alice Jiang

## NASH FAMILY PEDIATRICS AWARD

*The Nash Family Pediatrics Award is awarded to a graduating student showing the greatest promise in clinical Pediatrics.*

Elizabeth Forsen

## BRASINGTON MEMORIAL PRIZE

*The Brasington Memorial Prize is awarded to a medical school student who has demonstrated excellent preclinical and clinical academic performance in psychiatry and who has the potential to make significant contributions to the field.*

Carolina Cross

## HUGH M. WILSON AWARD IN RADIOLOGY

*The Hugh M. Wilson Award in Radiology is awarded annually to a graduating medical student in recognition of outstanding work in radiology-related subjects, either clinical or basic science.*

Megan Michie

## DR. HARVEY BUTCHER PRIZE IN SURGERY

*The Dr. Harvey Butcher Prize in Surgery is awarded annually to a member of the graduating class who, as judged by the Department of Surgery, shows the greatest promise for general surgery.*

Caroline Jones

## LOUIS AND DOROTHY KOVITZ SENIOR PRIZE IN SURGERY

*The Louis and Dorothy Kovitz Senior Prize is awarded to a senior in surgery recognizing a member of the graduating class who has shown the most outstanding ability, zeal and interest in surgical problems.*

Junedh Amrute

## MEDICAL FUND SOCIETY PRIZE IN SURGERY

*The Medical Fund Society Prize in Surgery is awarded annually to a graduating student who has excelled in the study of Surgery.*

Cerise Siamof

## SAMSON F. WENNERMAN PRIZE IN SURGERY

*The Samson F. Wennerman Prize in Surgery is awarded annually to a fourth-year student who has demonstrated promise in the field of surgery.*

Braxton Goodnight

## EXPLORE, BEST ABSTRACT AWARD - ACCOMPLISHMENT

*The EXPLORE award for best abstract—accomplishment—is given to the two students each year who present the most compelling and complete story, and communicate their results with the greatest skill at the annual EXPLORE Symposium.*

Lucas Cruz  
Kimberly Johansson

## AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY MEDICAL STUDENT PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEUROLOGY

*The American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology is awarded for excellence in clinical neurology, outstanding scientific achievement and clinical acumen in neurology or neuroscience, and personal integrity, compassion and leadership.*

Ariel Brickler  
Kelly Schaschl

## IRWIN LEVY PRIZE IN NEUROLOGY AND NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

*The Irwin Levy Prize in Neurology and Neurological Surgery is awarded to the student who presents the best performance in neurology and neurological surgery.*

Shashank Anand

## MAX AND EVELYN GRAND PRIZE

*The Max and Evelyn Grand is awarded annually to a member of the graduating class for excellence in ophthalmology research or clinical work.*

Blake Katsev

## DR. WILLIAM ELLIS AWARD

*The Dr. William Ellis Award is for a senior student in recognition of meritorious research in ophthalmology.*

Alisha Dhallan

## HOWARD MCCORDOCK PRIZE IN PATHOLOGY

*The Howard A. McCordock Prize in Pathology is awarded to a graduating class member for general excellence in pathology.*

Jesús Bazán Villicaña

## DR. PHILIP ROSENBLATT AWARD IN PATHOLOGY

*The Dr. Philip Rosenblatt Award in Pathology is awarded to a senior medical student for distinguished performance during an elective in Pathology or Laboratory Medicine.*

Ariel Hernandez-Leyva

## ELISABETH L. DEMONCHAUX PRIZE IN PEDIATRICS

*The Elisabeth L. Demonchaux is awarded annually to a graduating student who has done outstanding work in pediatrics.*

Brooke Redwine

## HERRMANN PRIZE

*The Herrmann Prize is awarded to a student who is “The Patient’s Choice” to reflect the listening and communicating skills that every patient hopes their physician will possess.*

Adeola Ajirotutu

## WYNDER PRIZE FOR PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

*The Wynder Prize for Preventative Medicine is awarded to a senior medical student who has done the best research in preventive medicine.*

Joseph Gutbrod  
Quinn Payton

## MORTON E. SMITH PROMISE IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE AWARD

*The Morton E. Smith Promise in Academic Medicine Award recognizes a student who has shown exceptional promise in academic medicine and exemplifies Dr. Smith’s passion for teaching, humility, kindness, and good humor in working with their peers, faculty, and staff.*

Kristen Lau

## ROBERT CARTER MEDICAL SCHOOL AWARD

*The Robert Carter Medical School Award is given annually to a student for meritorious performance and research in medical school.*

John Han

## DR. RICHARD S. BROOKINGS MEDICAL SCHOOL AWARD

*The Dr. Richard S. Brookings Medical School Award is awarded in recognition of meritorious research in medical school.*

Joseph Gutbrod

## SAMUEL D. SOULE AWARD IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

*The Samuel D. Soule Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology is awarded to a member of the fourth-year class and is selected for their meritorious achievement in either basic or clinical investigation in obstetrics and gynecology.*

Morgan Timm

## ANTOINETTE FRANCES DAMES AWARD IN CELL BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY

*The Antoinette Frances Dames Award in Cell Biology and Physiology is given each year to two students who have demonstrated superior scholarship in basic or early translational science related to the fields of Cell Biology and Physiology.*

Junedh Amrute  
Michael Fitzpatrick

## ALEXANDER BERG PRIZE

*The Alexander Berg Prize is awarded to a student in high standing and who presented the best research results in molecular microbiology.*

## JOHN R. SMITH MEMORIAL FUND AWARD

*The John R. Smith Memorial Fund Award is given to a medical student who has done meritorious clinical and/or research work in the Division of Cardiovascular Disease and is nominated by faculty.*

## EDWARD MASSIE PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN CARDIOLOGY

*The Edward Massie Prize for Excellence in Cardiology is for a member of the graduating class who has done the most outstanding clinical or basic research work in the field of cardiovascular disease.*

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS CLERKSHIP AWARD

*The American College of Physicians Clerkship Award recognizes a student completing the third year of study with meritorious achievement in the Internal Medicine Clinical Clerkship.*

## ALFRED GOLDMAN BOOK PRIZE IN DISEASES OF THE CHEST

*The Alfred Goldman Book Prize in Diseases of the Chest is an award selected by the faculty for outstanding clinical work or research in diseases of the chest or pulmonary physiology.*

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS MICHAEL M. KARL, MD BOOK AWARD

*The American College of Physicians Michael M. Karl, M.D. Book Award is awarded annually to a member of the graduating class committed to a career in internal medicine, in recognition of highest achievement in the field of internal medicine.*

## JACQUES J. BRONFENBRENNER AWARD

*The Jacques J. Bronfenbrenner is awarded to a member of the graduating class who has done the most outstanding work in infectious diseases or related fields.*

Lucas Adams

Laura Crook

Brian Dineen

Annie Feng

Leah Tolby

Kimberly Johansson

Priscilla Cruz

## JAMES HENRY YALEM PRIZE IN DERMATOLOGY

*The James Henry Yalem Prize in Dermatology is awarded annually to a member of the graduating class for outstanding work in Dermatology.*

## MEDICAL FUND SOCIETY PRIZE IN MEDICINE

*The Medical Fund Society Prize in Medicine is awarded annually to a graduating student who has excelled in the study of Internal Medicine.*

## WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY INTERNAL MEDICINE CLUB RESEARCH AWARD

*The Washington University Internal Medicine Club Research Award is awarded to the member of the graduating class who has done the most significant research in any area of internal medicine.*

## DR. WILLIAM A. RUBENSTEIN AWARD IN MEDICINE

*The Dr. William A. Rubenstein Award in Medicine is awarded annually to a member of the WUSM graduating class who is interested in pursuing a career in Internal Medicine and who demonstrates the exceptional qualities of a gifted physician, including compassion, caring, and the pursuit of scientific knowledge.*

## I. WALLACE LEIBNER AWARD

*The I. Wallace Leibner Award goes to a graduating medical student who has not only demonstrated excellence in diagnostics and therapeutics, but also an understanding of human nature and needs.*

## SOCIETY FOR ACADEMIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD

*The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award is awarded to a graduating student based on demonstrated excellence in the specialty of Emergency Medicine.*

## EXPLORE, BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD

*The EXPLORE award for Best Oral Presentation is awarded in recognition of exceptional communication of a scholarly project in the form of a platform presentation at the annual EXPLORE Symposium. This award recognizes clarity, skill, and artistry in the presentation of complex study results.*

Quinn Payton

Eli Aminpour

James Shepherdson

Leah Tolby

Samuel Fallon

Mitch O'Meara

Danielle Wilder