2020 Honors Convocation Awardees

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN J. REILLY JR., MD
Richard Krugman Endowed Chair
Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs
Dean of University of Colorado School of Medicine

Congratulations to all of the recipients of awards and recognition at the 2020 Honors Convocation, and a special thanks to all of the donors and sponsors who make these awards possible every year. While we could not physically be together for this ceremony, you have the best wishes and congratulations of the entire CU medical community for your accomplishments in clinical care, teaching, research and community service. These awards represent recognition for outstanding contributions in our core missions. As you embark upon the next phase of your medical education, thank you for all the time and effort that these honors celebrate.

A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN DWINNELL, MD
Associate Dean, Student Life

Congratulations to the University of Colorado School of Medicine Class of 2020 and the Honors Convocation awardees. In addition to recognizing the recipients of these awards, we would also like to thank the CU Foundation, Office of Advancement, our generous benefactors, the clinical and basic science leaders determining the awards, and the staff of the Office of Student Life who help make these awards possible.

We are saddened by missing the opportunity to present these awards in person. We are honoring some truly remarkable students and faculty, who deserve to be recognized in a formal ceremony, with peers, family and friends. While we know this online recognition is not an adequate substitute, we sincerely appreciate the understanding of our awardees and those close to them. The response from our students and faculty to the COVID-19 pandemic has been nothing short of inspirational and will serve as an example for generations to come.

You are all aware how challenging the medical school experience can be. There isn’t a practicing physician who doesn’t recall this overwhelming journey, and it is clearly more difficult now than it ever has been. The amount of material has dramatically expanded and society has become so much more complicated, which equates to added to pressure. This makes the accomplishments of those we are honoring even more extraordinary.

CONGRATULATIONS!
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

Robert W. Virtue Award: Erin Wylie
For a medical student in Anesthesia who has exhibited the most concern for patients

C. Walter Metz Award: Azin Kheirandish Pishkenari
For excellence in performance in Anesthesiology

Cynthia Hampson Award/Class of 1991: Kelsey Repine and Mario Hernandez
For excellence in Anesthesia with the intent to pursue a career in Anesthesiology

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

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

Felix Martinez, MD Memorial Award: Karlie Urbach, Darin Sisneros, Drake Sisneros, Nicholas Stephanus, Megan Perez, Kristina Hulen, Rachel Carroll, Shannon Shaw, Jessica Smith, and Heidi Yen
For the senior(s) entering Family Medicine who best models the qualities, character, and service of the late Dr. Felix Martinez

Colorado AHEC System Rural Healthcare Outstanding Achievement: Kaitlin VanderKolk
For outstanding achievement by an individual who is committed to serving to improve the healthcare for the rural population of Colorado

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

John Ryan Award: Mallory Myers
For outstanding work in Internal Medicine

Gold Headed Cane Award: Oliver Bawmann
For a senior student who shows exemplary promise as an outstanding physician

Thomas Neff Award: Jacob Fox
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: Catherine Waymel
For exemplary performance and outstanding promise in medicine

James Waring Award: Katherine Jankousky
Diligent scholarship and devotion to duty in the field of Internal Medicine
DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY

Stuart Schneck, MD Endowed Award: Amanda Ellgen
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: Megan Kalata
For excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Advocacy in Reproductive Access Award: Abigail C. Kaye
For the senior student who promotes advocacy in reproductive access

Dr. Harold and Mrs. Judy Kaye Award: Margaret Harrison
Demonstrated stellar academic performance to students who will pursue specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Department of Ophthalmology Award: Blake M. Snyder
For demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding performance in Ophthalmology.

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPEDICS

Frank Scott, MD Excellence in Orthopedics Endowed Award: Weston Ryan and Alexander Vasconcellos
For academic excellence, professionalism, and outstanding performance in Orthopedics.

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

Sara D. Winter, MD Award: Joshua Wheeler
For academic achievement with an outstanding commitment to medicine, fellow students, and society

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

Franklin Gengenbach Award: Kathryn Kalata
For outstanding performance in Pediatrics by a senior student

Lange/McGraw Hill Award: Erin Aldag
For outstanding performance in Pediatrics by a senior student

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Franklin Ebaugh Award: Zoe Panchal
For outstanding performance in Psychiatry by a senior student
DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY

**Excellence in Radiology Award:** Robert L. Meller  
*For outstanding performance in Radiology by a senior student*

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

**Alden Harken Basic Science Research Award:** Alexander Schulick and Davis Aasen  
*For outstanding research in Surgery*

**George Packard Award:** Alexander Schulick and Jaclyn DeRieux  
*For outstanding performance in Surgery*

**Owens-Swan Award:** Adam Carroll  
*For outstanding promise in Surgery*

CENTER FOR BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES

**Henry N. Claman, MD Medical Humanities Award:** Carolyn Ho AND Priya Krishnan  
*For outstanding contributions to the Medical Humanities in healthcare programs*

**Narrative Medicine Award:** Carolyn Ho AND Priya Krishnan  
*For support of the practice and publication of writing*

RESEARCH & PRESENTATION AWARDS

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**Neil and Catherine Hamilton Award:** Bailey Loving  
For excellence in research by a senior student

**Joseph and Regina Glaser Research Prize:** Weston Ryan  
For superior research by a senior medical student

**Paul Ruskin, MD Memorial Travel Award:** Beza Jobira, Subada Soti, Meha Semwal, and Paul Eigenberger  
To recognize Denver Health LIC students who present exceptional work at a national meeting

**TEACHING AWARDS**

**KAISER PERMANENTE TEACHING AWARDS**  
Selection by Medical Student Council

**Outstanding basic science teacher:** Dr. Dan Bessesen
**Outstanding clinical teacher:** Dr. Jennifer Adams
SERVICE AWARDS

Excellence in Public Health Award: Josten Overall
In recognition of demonstrated commitment to public health and public health practice.

Alex Rodriguez-Prieto Endowed Memorial Award: Erika Baird
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).

Kenneth Atkinson, MD Endowed Memorial Scholarship: Nicholas Arlas & Halea Mease
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.

Joseph W. St. Geme Jr., MD Award: Hailey Herman
For exceptional ability in promoting the overall mission of the School of Medicine

Medical School Admissions Committee Award: Alex Torres
For dedication and service to the Admissions Committee

Honor Council Award: Eric Montgomery
For excellence in furthering the precepts of the Honor Code

Nelson Award: Miles Viseur
For a student entering a primary care residency who has demonstrated academic achievement and a commitment to primary care.

Richard D. Krugman Award: Jessica Smith
Richard D. Krugman, MD 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, MD Award: Erin Aldag
For exceptional leadership and service to the senior class; selected by the graduating class of

Hippocrates Award: Derek George
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