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# Distinguished Faculty Awards



**Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching**  
*Daniel V. Schidlow, M.D.*  
 Professor and Chair  
 Department of Pediatrics



Dr. Schidlow tips his cap.



**Blockley-Osler Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching**  
*Joseph M. Boselli, M.D.*  
 Hahnemann University Hospital



Vice Dean Barbara Schindler, M.D., and Dr. Boselli



**2010 DEAN'S SPECIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL TEACHING**

**Abington Memorial Hospital**  
*Steven A. Shapiro, D.O., F.A.A.P., F.A.C.O.P.*  
 Department of Pediatrics



Drs. Schindler and Shapiro

**Allegheny General Hospital**  
*Jerome E. Granato, M.D., M.B.A.*  
 Department of Medicine,  
 Division of Cardiology



Dr. Granato

**Bayhealth Medical Center**  
*Marshall Scott Bovelsky, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.*  
 Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Bryn Mawr Hospital**  
*David Rose, M.D.*  
 Department of Surgery

**Capital Health System**  
*Rajeev R. Shah, M.D.*  
 Department of Pediatrics



Dr. Shah

**Crozer-Chester Medical Center**  
*Joan Dever Sweeney, M.D.*  
 Department of Neurology



Drs. Schindler and Sweeney

**Easton Hospital**  
*Stanley R. Walker, M.D., F.A.C.P.*  
 Department of Medicine



Dr. Walker

**Friends Hospital**  
*Biju Basil, M.D.*  
 Department of Psychiatry

**Hahnemann University Hospital**  
*Joseph M. Boselli, M.D.*  
 Department of Medicine

**Holy Redeemer Hospital and Medical Center**  
*Stephen L. Kessler, M.D.*  
 Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



Dr. Kessler

**Lehigh Valley Hospital**  
*Michael J. Pistoria, D.O.*  
 Department of Medicine,  
 Section of Hospital Medicine



Dr. Pistoria

**Mercy Catholic Medical Center**  
*Oleg Teytelboym, M.D.*  
 Department of Radiology



Dr. Teytelboym

**Monmouth Medical Center**  
*Robert A. Massaro, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.*  
 Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



Dr. Massaro and Joseph Jaeger, associate vice president, academic affairs, Monmouth

**PinnacleHealth Hospital**  
*Gwendolyn Poles, D.O.*  
 Department of Internal Medicine

**The Reading Hospital and Medical Center**  
*Anton J. Kleiner, M.D.*  
 Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



Dr. Kleiner

**Saint Peter's University Hospital**  
*Joseph D. Jenci, M.D., Ph.D.*  
 Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

**St. Christopher's Hospital for Children**  
*Keith Herzog, M.D.*  
 Department of Pediatrics



Dr. Herzog

**York Hospital**  
*Robert Pargament, M.D.*  
 Department of Medicine



Dean Richard Homan, M.D., and Dr. Pargament

**2010 Dean's Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching at a Family Practice Site**  
 Chestnut Hill Family Practice  
*Wakengo Mahaniah, M.D.*



Dr. Mahaniah

# Professional Studies Awards

The Office of Professional Studies in the Health Sciences held its annual awards ceremony on May 19, followed by a buffet luncheon in Stiles Alumni Hall. Selected students in each program received the Outstanding Student Achievement Award, presented by their respective program directors and the senior associate dean, Gerald Soslau, Ph.D.



**Max Oran and Dr. Soslau**



**Nancy Minugh-Purvis, Rosario Chamorro, Dr. Soslau**



**Sara Perkel, Melissa Ann Drexel, Dr. Soslau**



**Tanya Olszewski, Pei Simon Liu, Sara Reid**



**Michael Gilbert, Trevine Albert, Michael Gizzio, Priscilla Ku, Garrett Cavanaugh**



**Laura Mangano and Yvonne Fetterman**



**Loretta Walker, Cesar Soto, Dr. Soslau**



**Animal Science Program students: (front) Ilana Galex, Emily Wisbar, Kimberly Bowe, Greg Daggett, Max Gordon, Rebecca Jay; (back) Drs. Soslau and Julian Mesina; Tara Plante, Christine Kreuzberger, Robert Cafaro, Dustin Dennis, and Dr. Richard Huneke.**



**Bruce Bell and Dr. Soslau**



**Joy Henderson and LaKeisha Stevens**



**Daniel Shin, Tanya Olszewski, Daniel Orosco, Karen Chao, Stephanie Lum, Daniel Edberg**



**Brandon Borrell, Tina Rader, MHS, PA, and James Moore, MHS, PA, Dong Dong Cao, Qiong Peng**



**Cynthia Echefu and Estherline Thoby**



**Sumit Mittal, Karen Chao, Obinna Echeruo, Jonathan Richina**



**Christopher Kondray, Fahmida Khan, Shawn Gentile**

# Biomed Awards Reception

Graduating students received their doctoral hoods at a festive awards ceremony and reception given by the Office of Biomedical Graduate and Postgraduate Studies on May 20. Barry Waterhouse, Ph.D., vice dean, presided over the event in honor of the Ph.D. and Master of Science candidates on the eve of their Commencement. Guests included faculty, family and friends.



**Vice Dean  
Barry Waterhouse, Ph.D.**



**Guest, Fiorella Rossi, Mariana Bernui, James Alaro,  
Elamaran Meibalan, Amy Ott**



**Bei Yang, Siddhartha Rawat**



**Jessica Weidner, Akhil Vaidya, Ph.D.**



**Drs. Michael Bouchard,  
Alessandro Fatatis, Bradford Jameson**



**Alumni Association Award  
winner Lisa Payne and Elinor  
Cantor, Ph.D., MCP '79**



**Sarah Crowe, Nayla Chaijale, Dr. James Barrett,  
Emmanuelle Schindler**



**In the Alumni Association tradition of supporting our students, the hoods for the Biomedical doctoral candidates are purchased by Alumni Relations. Recipients pictured are (l-r): Nayla Chaijale, Tricia Gearhart, Tanchun Wang, Laura Scarlota, Whitney Jamieson, Michael Russell, Lisa Payne, Mariana Bernui, Jessica Weidner, Lizalynn Dias**



**Lizalynn Maria Dias,  
Gregg Johannes, Ph.D.**



**Elamaran Meibalan, James Alaro, Amy Ott and James Burns, Ph.D.**

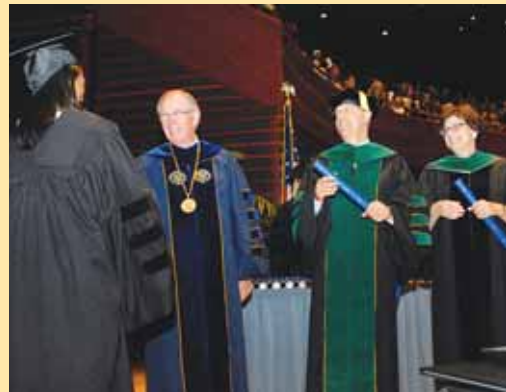


**Laura Scarlota, Vincent Aloyo, Ph.D.**

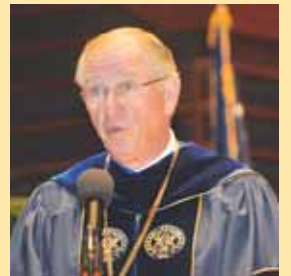
# Alumni Weekend April 30 - May 1









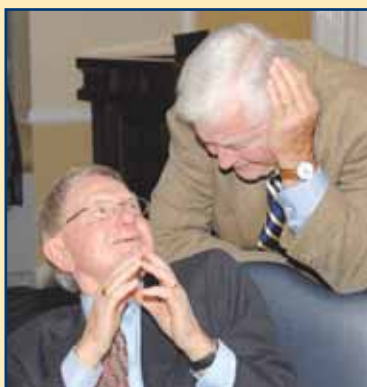




**1. Sylvia Yedinsky, Justin Marciano, Philip Yedinsky 2. Lonnie and Ora Fuller 3. Helen Lehotzky and Anastasia Pedrides  
4. Carol and Richard Gross; Charles Rojer and Marsha Rojer 5. Vincent D. Stravino, L. Stewart Barbera, Evelyn Stravino**



**Arthur Goldberg, Anna Lyjak-Chorazy, Mildred Milgrom, Robert Formalont, Helen Lehotzky, Joyce Moore, Sylvia Yedinsky, Richard Gross**



**Richard Berkowitz and John Goedecke**



**Sylvia Yedinsky, Patricia Hagendorn, Doris Freudenberg, Anna Lyjak-Chorazy (in back), RoseMary Bonsack, Rose Tse, Lenora Gray, Joyce Moore, Dorcas Morrow**



Drexel University President-elect John Fry, interim President C.R. "Chuck" Pennoni, College of Medicine Chairman Manuel Stamatakis, and Dean Richard Homan, M.D., at the luncheon following Commencement.



Classmates Rose Tse and Joyce Moore, and Joyce's husband, James Moore



Student Erin Simon gave a tour to Gerald Grant, William and Doris Gordon, Inge Robinson, Johnnie and George Glantz; Richard and Carol Gross; John and Judith Goedecke.



1. RoseMary Bonsack, Doris Freudenberg 2. Barbara Pellegrino and John Kerr 3. Mildred Milgrom, Sylvia Yedinsky, Helen Lehotzky 4. Ann Goldberg, Inge Robinson, Arthur Goldberg, Gerald Grant, William Gordon 5. Vincent D. Stravino

## Alumni Induction Luncheon

Graduating medical students were inducted into the Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association at a luncheon on May 19.



Class presidents Tess Bitterman, Christa Siebenburgen, and Ben Carroll with Vice Dean Barbara Schindler, M.D.; Associate Professor Ana Núñez, M.D., HU '86, keynote speaker at the luncheon; and Suzanne Steele, HU '93, president of the Alumni Association.



## When All Is Said and Done

The Class of 2010 presented the College of Medicine with four beautiful hardwood benches custom-made by the father of one of the graduates. The deans are seated on two of the benches in the photo below. The medical student graduating class is posed under the Class of 2008 clock, just in front of the terrace where the Seal given by the Class of 2009 is now inset. Two days later, they donned their robes again and joined the master's and Ph.D. candidates in the procession to Commencement at the Kimmel Center, where Drexel University interim President C. R. (Chuck) Pennoni conferred their degrees.

Two honorary degrees were also awarded: to the Commencement speaker, Elizabeth G. Nabel, M.D., president of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and a former director at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; and to the Honorable Estelle B. Richman, chief operating officer of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and former Pennsylvania secretary of public welfare. Dean Richard V. Homan, M.D., presented the first Dean's Medal of Special Recognition to the school's chairman of the board, Manuel Stamatakis.



**Special guests:** Before joining the academic procession, Dr. Heinz Drexel (center) and Drexel University President-elect John Fry (far right) were welcomed by (l-r) Dean Homan, Chairman Stamatakis, and interim President Pennoni. Dr. Drexel is a descendent of the University's founding family.

### *The College of Medicine Awarded 428 degrees:*

- 257 Doctor of Medicine
- 18 Doctor of Philosophy
- 1 joint M.D./MBA
- 1 joint M.D./MPH
- 4 Master of Science
- 27 Master of Biological Science
- 30 Master of Medical Science
- 17 Master of Forensic Science
- 12 Master of Laboratory Animal Science
- 33 Master of Science in Clinical Research Organization and Management
- 8 Master of Science in Pathologists' Assistant
- 2 Master of Science (Drexel Pathway to Medical School)
- 16 Master of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences





## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

### **The Amedeo Bondi, Ph.D. Endowed Graduate Award**

To a Ph.D. graduating student for excellence in research performance during the training experience:

**Shaun Michael Goodyear**

### **The Alumni and Alumnae Association Award**

For services to graduate programs and student body: **Lisa Payne**

### **The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Scholarship Award for Humanism in Medicine: Angela Jiang, Tanya Jane Olszewski**

Honorable Mention:

**Pei Simon Liu,  
Sara Elizabeth Reid**



Angela Jiang



Tanya Jane Olszewski

### **The Harris R. Clearfield Award**

For excellence in Gastroenterology: **Joshua Charles Obuch**

### **The Maurice C. Clifford, M.D. Leadership Award**

For student achievement and service: **James Allen Heilman**

### **The Donald R. Cooper, M.D. Award**

For excellence in Surgery: **Meredith A. Harrison**

### **The Oscar Corn, M.D., HU '43 Award**

For excellence in Orthopedic Surgery: **Mitra Javandel**

### **The Dean's Award**

For a universally high level of accomplishment, professional maturity and outstanding potential: **Jeffrey William Brennan**

### **The Department of Dermatology Award**

For excellence in Dermatology: **Avnee Shah**

### **The Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association Award**

For dedication and contribution to the community and University: **Kimberly Shaw Tustison**

### **The Drexel University College of Medicine SGA Award**

For outstanding dedication and loyalty to the school and the student body: **Christa Marie Siebenburgen**

### **The David Dunn, M.D. Award**

For excellence in Neurology: **Pamela Pojomovsky**

### **The Alan Edelson Memorial Prize**

For outstanding leadership and service to the class and the College of Medicine: **Benjamin Patrick Carroll**

### **The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award**

For excellence in Emergency Medicine: **James Allen Heilman**

### **The Endocrine Society Award**

For special achievement and interest in the general field of endocrinology: **Seth Ross Winkler**

### **The Barbara Epstein Creativity Award**

For creativity in the arts: **Joann Beth Hunsberger**

### **The Eva Fernandez Fox Award**

For personal integrity, stability, responsibility and loyalty to the College of Medicine: **Golnaz Rosa Alemi**

### **The James P. Fullin, M.D., HU '76 Memorial Award**

For outstanding clinical and academic performance in Hematology & Oncology: **Jeanyoung Kim**

### **The Hahnemann Physicians Society Award**

For community service: **James Allen Heilman**

### **The Van Buren O. Hammett Memorial Award**

For an outstanding performance in Psychiatry: **David Steven Yuchno**

### **The Beatrice Sterling Hollander, M.D., WMC '41 Memorial Award**

To the student in the graduating class who shows promise of leadership, high character and creativeness in her profession: **Therese Bittermann**



Dr. D. Walter Cohen, Dean Homan, James Allen Heilman



## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE AWARDS

### **The Dr. Elias Abrutyn Award**

For excellence in Infectious Diseases: **Eleni Nicole Nackos**

### **The Allegheny County Medical Society Award**

For academic, interpersonal and extracurricular excellence: **Peter S. Maropis**

### **The American Academy Award**

For excellence in Neurology: **Erin Peters**

### **The Award for Excellence in Anesthesiology:**

**Jasper Chen Labelle**

### **The O. Eugene Baum Memorial Prize**

For excellence in Psychiatry: **Scott S. Harris**

### **The Paula Bernocchi Memorial Award**

For excellence in the field of Emergency Medicine: **Pollianne Ward**

For excellence in the field of Psychiatry: **Kristen Jeanne Livingston**

### **The Iain F. S. Black, M.D. Award**

For excellence in Pediatrics, presented by the Department of Pediatrics and the Medical Staff of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children: **Chloe Elizabeth Turner**

### **The Elizabeth Blackwell Memorial Prize**

To an outstanding woman in the graduating class: **Avnee Shah**

### **The Mark A. Blatt, M.D., HU '56 Memorial Prize**

For excellence in Family Medicine: **Heather Denean Swanson**

### **The Charles Block, M.D., HU '42 Memorial Prize**

For excellence in Internal Medicine and Cardiology: **Arvin Pal Singh Narula**

### **Bridging the Gaps Clinical Scholar Awards:**

**Andrew Marion Blakely, Jane Marie Cahill**

### **The Leopoldo Canales Award**

For excellence in Neurology: **Sylvia Schneider Maston**

### **The Ronald P. Caputo, M.D., HU '62 Memorial Award**

For outstanding clinical skills and humanitarianism in the care of medical patients: **Lindsay Kathleen Finkas**

- **The Johnston Award**  
For excellence in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine:  
**Melissa Kim Yee**
- **The Eichi K. Koiwai, M.D., HU '47 Award**  
For an outstanding performance during the Pathology Clerkship:  
**Anthony Michael Bianchi**
- **The Joan Kornblum Memorial Prize**  
For excellence in Internal Medicine: **Jared Chase Grochowsky**
- **The Elizabeth D. Labovitz, M.D., WMC '63 Award**  
For excellence in Renal and Electrolyte Studies: **Emily Marie Whitman**
- **The Joseph A. Langbord Memorial Prize**  
For humanitarianism in medicine: **Danielle Redmond Karbowski**
- **The Samuel Levit Award**  
For outstanding skills and humanitarianism in Medicine:  
**Nickey Ray O'Coynne Jr.**
- **The William Likoff, M.D. Award**  
For distinction in the care of medical patients and commitment to academic excellence: **Brianne Elizabeth Hackman**
- **The George D. Lumb, M.D. Award**  
For outstanding achievement in the Pathology course:  
**Krister James Jones**
- **The Daniel Mason, M.D., HU '44 Award**  
For Cardiovascular clinical work: **Alina Grace Tan**
- **The Dr. Judith Mausner Award**  
For excellence in Community & Preventive Medicine:  
**Kristin Jeanne Livingston**
- **The Medical Humanities Award:** Sara K. Beltz, Paul Owen Phelps
- **The Merck Manual Awards**  
For general clinical excellence: **Stephanie Ann Austin, Jillian Buhler, Scott S. Harris, Joshua Charles Obuch, Rosemary Yi**
- **The Alma Dea Morani, M.D., WMC '31 Award in Gross Anatomy**  
For excellence in Anatomy during the senior year:  
**Benjamin Patrick Carroll**
- **The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Awards**  
For overall academic excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology:  
**Amelia Suzanne McIennan**  
For academic excellence in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinical Clerkship: **Douglas Christopher Barnas**  
For leadership in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology:  
**Kristin Jeanne Livingston**
- **The Office of Student Affairs Awards**  
For commitment to the education of fellow students:  
**Therese Bittermann, Jillian Buhler**  
For outstanding service to fellow students:  
**Christopher Lawrence Smith**
- **The Axel K. Olsen, M.D. Neurosurgery Award**  
For excellence in Neurosurgery: **Diana Hyun-Jin Jho**
- **The Gerald Pearson Memorial Award**  
For excellence in Child Psychiatry: **Jonathan Miles Barton**
- **The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, Philadelphia Branch, Award**  
For performance and leadership in Family Practice: **Kelly Ann Welsh**
- **The Joel J. Roslyn, M.D. Award**  
For outstanding leadership, while demonstrating a notable level of commitment and service to his/her fellow students:  
**Christa Marie Siebenburgen**
- **The Walter Rubin, M.D. Award**  
For academic and clinical excellence in Medicine:  
**Matthew Michael Lander**
- **The Nathan L. Samuels, M.D., HU '51 Prize**  
For excellence in Family Medicine: **Cynthia LaCapra**
- **The Richard Shuman Award**  
For excellence in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine:  
**Christopher Charles Borck**
- **The Dr. Lee Winston Silver Award**  
For excellence in Pediatrics: **Rachel Bulbul Kadakia**
- **The Maurice Sones Award**  
For excellence in Primary Care Medicine: **Brian Shang-Chi Cheng**
- **The Winifred B. Stewart Memorial Award**  
For excellence in Psychiatry: **Barbara Nightingale**
- **The Jane Stuart Prize**  
For excellence in Radiation Oncology and Clinical Oncology:  
**Tristan Russell Smith**
- **The Department of Surgery Award**  
For excellence in the Surgery Clerkship:  
Abington Memorial Hospital, **Megan Elizabeth Healy**  
Allegheny General Hospital, **Jeffrey William Brennan**  
Easton Hospital, **Pollianne Ward**  
Lehigh Valley Hospital, **Joann Beth Hunsberger**  
Monmouth Medical Center, **Bonnie Her**  
Philadelphia Area, **Tamir Friedman**  
PinnacleHealth Hospital, **Paul Nelson Williams**  
Saint Peter's University Hospital, **Lauren Lynn Caldwell**  
York Hospital, **Lyman Lansing Hale IV**
- **The Department of Surgery Award**  
For excellence in the Surgery Pathway: **Christa Marie Siebenburgen**
- **The Charles D. Swartz Award**  
For academic and clinical excellence in Medicine: **Amar Ryan Kohli**
- **The Daniel M. Tabas Award**  
For outstanding scholarly achievement by a student pursuing a career in Primary Care: **Emanuel Albaran Elias**
- **The Arthur and Bertha Weisman Award**  
For excellence in Child Psychiatry: **Elon Kotlar**
- **The Woman One Scholar Award:** Edwina Navasha Coleman
- **The Women's Health Education Award**  
In recognition of outstanding leadership and commitment in the field of Women's Health: Community, **Kelly Ann Welsh**  
Leadership, **Zhining Tang**  
Service, **Kristin Jeanne Livingston**
- **The Dr. Margaret Gray Wood WMC '48 Award**  
In recognition of a student who has made significant contributions to alumnae and alumni student relations: **Nikhil Kumar Jain**
- **The Dr. Mary Yankosky Award**  
For excellence in Endocrinology: **Erin Peters**  
For excellence in Radiology: **Tristan Russell Smith**

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## Bulletins:

### Traveling Exhibit Celebrates America's Women Physicians

The College of Medicine's Legacy Center: Archives and Special Collections will host a special exhibition on women physicians at the Falls Center (formerly MCP Hospital), 3300 Henry Avenue, September 29 to November 12. The traveling exhibit of *Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians* was developed by the



Dr. Eliza Grier, WMC 1897

National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association. Several of the physicians in the exhibit have been associated with the College of Medicine as alumni or faculty members. For more information, please contact Karen Ernst at 215-991-8340 or [kernst@drexelmed.edu](mailto:kernst@drexelmed.edu); or visit <http://archives.drexelmed.edu/>.

*Photo courtesy of the Legacy Center: Archives & Special Collections*

## Calendar:

- July** *UV Safety Month*
- Jul 19 **Manuel Stamatakis Golf Outing**  
Philadelphia Cricket Club  
Contact: 215-255-7327  
[www.drexelmed.edu/golf](http://www.drexelmed.edu/golf)
- August** *Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month*
- Aug 6 **White Coat Ceremony**  
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, 3 p.m.  
Contact: Shay Myers, 215-991-8219 or [smyers@drexelmed.edu](mailto:smyers@drexelmed.edu)
- September** *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*
- Sep 29 – **Changing the Face of Medicine:**  
Nov 12 **Celebrating America's Women Physicians**  
Traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine Falls Center (formerly MCP Hospital), 3900 Henry Avenue
- October** *National Celiac Disease Awareness Month*
- Oct 6 **Changing the Face of Medicine exhibit official opening**  
Falls Center, 3900 Henry Avenue, 5:30 p.m.  
Performance of "A Lady Alone" (one-woman show about Elizabeth Blackwell), 6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
- Oct 7 **Discovery 2010: Annual Day of Research**  
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