

# Honors Convocation Program

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

Student and Faculty Awards  
Thursday, May 26, 2022  
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 and Dean, School of Medicine*

## DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Department of Anesthesiology

**Robert W. Virtue Award: Alexander Shu**

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

**C. Walter Metz Award: Beshoy Tawfix**

For excellence in performance in Anesthesiology

**Cynthia Hampson Award: Vikasini Mahalingam**

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

Department of Endocrinology

For a student with demonstrated interest in and/or academic performance in endocrinology.

Department of Family Medicine:

**Pisacano Award: Christine Krentz & Kiyomi (Ariel) Daoud**

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: Riannon Atwater**

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: Alyssa Hill, Andrew Ormsby, Frankie Jeney, Kris Simon & Zachary Horwitz**

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

Department of Medicine:

**John Ryan Award: Melissa Johnson**

For outstanding work in Internal Medicine

**Gold Headed Cane Award: Lauren Heery**

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

**Thomas Neff Award: Ellen Clark**

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: Roxana Tabrizi**

For exemplary performance and outstanding promise in medicine

**James Waring Award: Jacob Michalski**

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

Department of Neurology

**Stuart Schneck, M.D. Endowed Award: Saori Haigo**

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: Stephanie Nwagwu**

For excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Advocacy in Reproductive Access Award: Genna Bonfiglio**

For the senior student who promotes advocacy in reproductive access

**Dr. Harold and Mrs. Judy Kaye Award: Stephanie Nwagwu**

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

Department of Ophthalmology

**Ophthalmology Award: Christian Curran**

For demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding performance in Ophthalmology.

**Frank A. Scott, M.D. Endowed Excellence in Orthopedics Award: Cecile Harange & Katherine Drexelius**

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: Devon Pino**

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

Department of Pediatrics:

**Franklin Gengenbach Award: Sean Wickers**

For outstanding performance in Pediatrics by a senior student

**Lange/McGraw Hill Award: Kelly Wigglesworth**

For outstanding performance in Pediatrics by a senior student

**The Drs. James and Mary Murphy Award for Excellence in Pediatrics: Edward Soto**

For Outstanding Performance in Pediatrics During Medical School

Department of Psychiatry:

**Franklin Ebaugh Award: Zaid Al Bahrani**

For outstanding performance in Psychiatry by a senior student

Department of Radiology:

**Excellence in Radiology Award: Nisha Pradhan**

For outstanding performance in Radiology by a senior student

Department of Surgery:

**Alden Harken Basic Science Research Award: Kelly Higa & Anessa Sax-Bolder**

For outstanding research in Surgery

**George Packard Award: Jessica Hall & Madison Harrison**

For outstanding performance in Surgery

**Owens-Swan Award: JESSICA HALL**

For outstanding promise in Surgery

Center for Bioethics and Humanities:

**Henry N. Claman M.D. Medical Humanities Award: Amelia Davis & Lauren Heery**

For outstanding contributions to the Medical Humanities in healthcare programs

**Narrative Medicine Award: Sam Payne**

For support of the practice and publication of writing

## RESEARCH & PRESENTATION AWARDS

### Adler Awards

Elijah Finer  
Frankie Jeney  
Matt Golub  
Christine Krentz  
Jessica Monishi

### MSA Awards

#### Phase I Student Choice Presentations

**Basic Biomedical Science:** Alyssa Shepherd & Conan Chen

**Bioethics, Humanities, Arts & Education:** Oluwatosin Adebisi & Jessica Monishi

**Clinical Science:** Katherine Belanger & Brian Vu

**Global Health:** Nguyen Lu & Sarah Hirner

**Public Health & Epidemiology:** Briana Tolbert & Allison Moore

#### Phase IV Student Choice Presentations

**Basic Biomedical Science:** Anika Suddath & Pauline Hoosepian-Mer

**Bioethics, Humanities, Arts & Education:** Alexander Linse & Oluwatosin Adebisi

**Clinical Science:** Aaron Smoroda & Eniola Ogundipe

**Global Health:** Kylie Van Hoesen & Taylor Davis

**Public Health & Epidemiology:** Hayley Specht & James Tuttle

**Neil and Catherine Hamilton Award: Jessica Hall**  
For excellence in research by a senior student

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

## TEACHING AWARDS

### **Kaiser Permanente Teaching Awards**

Selection by Medical Student Council

Outstanding basic science teacher: **Dr. Austin Butterfield, M.D.**

Outstanding clinical teacher: **Dr. Steve Lowenstein, M.D.**

## SERVICE AWARDS

### **Alex Rodriguez-Prieto Endowed Memorial Award: Dorothy Stearns**

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 Scholar Research Award: William Coburn & Casey Weinstein**

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: Frankie Jeney**

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., M.D. Award: Dr. Brian Dwinnell**

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

### **Medical School Admissions Committee Award: Kelly Wigglesworth**

For dedication and service to the Admissions Committee

### **Honor Council Award: Vikasini Mahalingam**

For excellence in furthering the precepts of the Honor Code

### **Nelson Award: Amelia Davis**

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

### **Public Health Service Award: Oluwatosin Adebisi**

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: Troy Kincaid**

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: Stephanie Serva**

For exceptional leadership and service to the senior class  
Selected by the Graduating Class of 2022

**Hippocrates Award: Jaslyn Erikson**

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 2022