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 2021 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 2021 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:** Kyra Rodi  
For a medical student in Anesthesia who has exhibited the most concern for patients

**C. Walter Metz Award:** Scott Cao  
For excellence in performance in Anesthesiology

**Cynthia Hampson Award/Class of 1991:** Jesus Cardenas  
For excellence in Anesthesia with the intent to pursue a career in Anesthesiology

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

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

**Felix Martinez, MD Memorial Award:** Filiberto Morales  
For the 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:** Simon Feseha  
For outstanding work in Internal Medicine

**Gold Headed Cane Award:** Mackenzie Garcia  
For a senior student who shows exemplary promise as an outstanding physician

**Thomas Neff Award:** Mike Levy  
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:** Yaa Asare  
For exemplary performance and outstanding promise in medicine

**James Waring Award:** Amber Fleck  
Diligent scholarship and devotion to duty in the field of Internal Medicine
DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY

Stuart Schneck, MD Endowed Award: Zainab Zullali
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: Katherine Turner
For excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. Harold and Mrs. Judy Kaye Award: Ellen (Shade) Awoniyi
Demonstrated stellar academic performance to students who will pursue specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Department of Ophthalmology Award: Ann Strong & Dallin Millner
For demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding performance in Ophthalmology.

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPEDICS

Frank Scott, MD Excellence in Orthopedics Endowed Award: Adam Peszek
For academic excellence, professionalism, and outstanding performance in Orthopedics.

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

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

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

Franklin Gengenbach Award: Hannah Benjamin
For outstanding performance in Pediatrics by a senior student

Lange/McGraw Hill Award: Christina Stevens
For outstanding performance in Pediatrics by a senior student

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Franklin Ebaugh Award: Lillian Svet
For outstanding performance in Psychiatry by a senior student
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Alden Harken Basic Science Research Award: Alan Quach
For outstanding research in Surgery

George Packard Award: Brett Wiesen & Madeline Patton
For outstanding performance in Surgery

Owens-Swan Award: Madeline Huey
For outstanding promise in Surgery

CENTER FOR BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES

Henry N. Claman, MD Medical Humanities Award: Brenna Cameron & Amelia Davis
For outstanding contributions to the Medical Humanities in healthcare programs

Narrative Medicine Award: Brenna Cameron, Amelia Davis & David Sabio
For support of the practice and publication of writing

RESEARCH & PRESENTATION AWARDS

Adler Awards
Michael Aaron Vrolijk Corey Walsh Carley Little Max Cabrera
Karima Hamamsy Alexandra Lauren Claire Koljacks Madeline Huey
Yeshai Dollin Hope Rietcheck

MSA Awards
Phase I - Student Choice

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**Phase IV - Student Choice**

**MSA Outstanding Medical Student Research on COVID-19:** Graciela Mujica  
For excellence in research by a senior student specific to COVID-19

**Neil and Catherine Hamilton Award:** Melissa Laughter  
For excellence in research by a senior student

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

**Neil and Catherine Hamilton Award:** Melissa Laughter  
*For excellence in research by a senior student*

**Joseph and Regina Glaser Research Prize:** Khyla Burrows & Anthony Scott  
*For superior research by a senior medical student*

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**TEACHING AWARDS**

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

- **Outstanding basic science teacher:** Dr. Anna Neumeier
- **Outstanding clinical teacher:** Dr. Bruce McCollister
SERVICE AWARDS

**Alex Rodriguez-Prieto Endowed Memorial Award:** Anthony Scott
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:** Abigale Bryant
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:** Deedee Colussy
For exceptional ability in promoting the overall mission of the School of Medicine

**Medical School Admissions Committee Award:** Mackenzie Garcia
For dedication and service to the Admissions Committee

**Honor Council Award:** Hunter Greer
For excellence in furthering the precepts of the Honor Code

**Richard D. Krugman Award:** Sara Muramoto
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:** Khyla Burrows & Anthony Scott
For exceptional leadership and service to the senior class; selected by the graduating class of

**Hippocrates Award:** Yaa Asare
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

**Murphy Pediatric Award:** Megan Kunkel