



Perelman
School of Medicine
UNIVERSITY *of* PENNSYLVANIA

**CLASS OF 2024
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY**

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

Commencement Program

Music	Watson Highlanders Bagpipe Ensemble
Opening of the Ceremony	Suzanne Rose, MD, MSED <i>Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education</i>
Welcome and Remarks	Jonathan A. Epstein, MD <i>Interim Executive Vice President, University of Pennsylvania for the Health System & Dean, Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine</i>
Commencement Address	Ashish K. Jha, MD, MPH <i>Dean, Brown University School of Public Health Professor, Health Services, Policy & Practice</i>
Announcement of the Faculty Awards	Horace M. DeLisser, MD <i>Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion</i>
Introduction of 50th Year Alumni Speaker	Dennis J. Dlugos, MD, MSCE <i>Associate Dean for Science and Discovery Curriculum</i>
Greetings from the Class of 1974	Thomas A. Curry, MD <i>Representative of the 50th Year Class of 1974</i>
Awarding of Diplomas and Prizes	Horace M. DeLisser, MD <i>Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion</i> Nadia L. Bennett, MD, MSED <i>Associate Dean for Clinical & Health Systems Sciences Curriculum</i>
Introduction of Student Speaker	Neha Vapiwala, MD <i>Associate Dean for Admissions</i>
Student Address	Danielle Nicole Feffer <i>Representative of the Class of 2024</i>
Introduction of Leader of the Oath	Prithvi S. Sankar, MD <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Residency Planning</i>
Recitation of the Oath	Class of 2024 <i>Led by Keith Hamilton, MD Professor of Clinical Medicine</i>
Closing Remarks	Suzanne Rose, MD, MSED <i>Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education</i>

Perelman School of Medicine Graduates

Layla Sohail Abdulla ***
Hasan Shahzad Ahmad ***
Fahad Ahmed
Andrew Rhee Ahn
Joseph Krittameth Aicher *
Daniel Chukuemeka Akuma *
Maryam Morenikeji Alausa
Maya Janine Alexis ***
Rucha Ghude Alur ** ***
Bushra Zafreen Amin ***
Bhavya Ancha
Omar Ani
Victor Oluwatomisin Ayeni ***
Sara Isabelle Banbury ***
Carlos Eduardo Barrero
Eric Loftis Bean **
Brooke Elaine Bernardin**
Ranvir Raman Bhatia
Joseph William Butkiewicz ***
Elena Decatur Butler ***
Lauren Elizabeth Callans
David Keith Camacho ***
Saisai Chen *
Felix Chin
Carolyn Pui-Yun Chow ***
William George Cohen ***
Susannah Fadiman Colt ** ***
Brian Daniel Cortese ** ***
Ivan Covarrubias
Lauren Marie De La Ossa ***
Joseph DelFerro Jr. ** ***
Yun Ke Du
Michael Minh Tran Duong * ***
Khalid El-Jack
Elizabeth Anne Erler
Lydia Elizabeth Blais Federico ***
Danielle Nicole Feffer ***
Alana Luna Ferreira **
Benjamin F. Frost
Ryan Shaun Gallagher ***
Julia Anna Gasior ***
Kirubel Alemu Gebre
Rishi Raj Goel
Jeromy Warren Gotschall ***
Carina Lena Guerra ***
Ian Mitchell Harmatz-Kean
Jacob Colt Harris ***
Michaela Kathryn Hitchner **
William Henry Huffman ***
Charissa Omoghena Iluore
Lori Jia ***
David Eduardo Jimenez ***
Andrea Jin ** ***
Nicolette Michele Johnson *
Manasa Lakshmi Kadiyala ***
Saiesh Kalva ** ***
Katie Nina Kanter ***
Nicholas James Kelly ***
Avin Khera **
Karun Kiani *
Prasanth Sai Kotha
Nankee Kaur Kumar
Martin Joseph Kurian
Doreen Wing Ka Lam ***
Sarah Norrine Langer
Hannah Autumn Lee ***
Katherine Charlotte Lee
Mary Jean Leff
Ibikari Tamunosisi Legg-Jack ***
Lindsay Dara Levine
Victoria Kenesaw Lord **
Katherine Rose Luchette
Lydia Ruth Lutz ***
Joseph R. Martinez *

Perelman School of Medicine Graduates

Jarvis Christian Mays
 Jared Daniel McFerran
 James Reed McGraw
 Nathaniel Ross McLauchlan ***
 Nikhil Mistry
 Sarthak Mohanty
 Adora Nkemdilim Moneme **
 Elena Marie Montag ** ***
 Papa Kwadwo Morgan-Asiedu
 Isabelle Stannard Mullen **
 Tessa Elizabeth Lingao Muss
 Karan Rajesh Naik
 Sidney Lemmen Nunes
 Love Wuraola Osunnuga
 Agnes Chinwe Faith Owete***
 Olutosin Betty Owoyemi **
 Olivia Jayne Palmer ***
 Andrew A. Parambath** ***
 Daniel Sungjoo Park *
 Peter Sang Uk Park
 Amanda Estrellita Perez ***
 Sai Aung Phyto *
 Hagen Faust Puller **
 Kiran Raja ***
 John Regan Rees
 Pranav Swaroop Rekapalli
 Andrew Youki-Hashimoto Revell *
 Sylvia Shuwen Rhodes
 Devyn Christine Rigsby ** ***
 Kaley Rose Robbins ***
 Christian Alexander Rodriguez
 Sarah Rowley ***
 Tasneem Sannah
 Rebecca Goldstein Schapiro ***
 Turner Douglas Schwartz
 Elizabeth A. Sell ** ***
 Benjamin Paul Semeao
 Juan C. Serrano *

Justin Shanahan
 Megan Ming Shen **
 Cory Shoshany
 Jared Mitchell Shulkin ***
 Andrew Siaw-Asamoah
 Genevieve Samantha Silva
 Patrick George Sockler
 Samuel Stedman
 Christopher Michael Stephen
 Ralph Casey St. Luce ***
 Christopher Streiffer
 Bradley Seiji Suda ** ***
 Derek C. Sung *
 Derek M. Swanson
 Spencer Tazumi
 Wanming Teng ***
 Keith Robert Thomas
 Stacy Katherine Thomas *
 John Guthrie Thompson
 Thilan Mackenzie Tudor
 Meshulam Zishe Twerski
 Selen Uman *
 Nicholas Alexander Vandal
 Connor Spellman Wagner
 Jonathan Joseph Wakim **
 Jonathan Williams Walsh
 Justine Wang
 Sonia Wang
 Chidinma Malise Wilson
 Katherine Emily Xu ***
 Katie T. Xue
 Mikhal Ariel Yudien ***
 Kevin Raymond Zhang *
 Megan Zhao
 Cecilia Chenxi Zhou ***

* Earned PhD degree while in medical school

** Earned Master's degree while in medical school

*** Completed an Area of Concentration while in medical school

Graduation Speakers

Ashish K. Jha, MD, MPH

A global leader driving public health research, policy, and practice, Dr. Jha serves as Dean of the Brown University School of Public Health. An accomplished and practicing physician, Dr. Jha is recognized globally as a trusted expert on major issues facing the nation's health and a catalyst for new thinking and approaches. A long-time leader on pandemic preparedness and response, from directing groundbreaking research on Ebola to serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response, he has led national and international analyses of key issues and advised policy makers around the world.

President Joe Biden appointed Dr. Jha as White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator in March 2022, describing him as “one of the leading public health experts in America.” From the White House, Dr. Jha led the work that increased the development of and access to treatments and newly formulated vaccines, dramatically improved testing and surveillance, rebuilt our strategic national stockpiles, facilitated major investments in improving indoor Air Quality, and put in place an infrastructure to respond to current and future disease outbreaks more effectively. He has received bipartisan praise for his pragmatic approach to public health that, in the words of President Biden, “translates...complex scientific challenges into concrete actions” that help improve millions of lives.

Dr. Jha is one of the most highly cited researchers in the nation, having published more than three hundred publications in the most prestigious medical journals including Lancet, New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA and the BMJ. He is also a frequent contributor to a range of public media. His work has focused on how to improve the quality and costs of care that people receive, studying the impact of local and national policy efforts both in the US and around the world. Before serving as Dean of the School of Public Health at Brown University, he was the K.T. Li Professor of Global Health at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He also served as the Director of the Harvard Global Health Institute.

Graduation Speakers

Thomas A. Curry, MD

Thomas A. Curry, M'74, RES'77, is a native of Pottsville, PA, and 1970 magna cum laude graduate of St. Joseph's University. As a member of the 1974 Class of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, he was selected for membership in Alpha Omega Alpha. Dr. Curry completed a pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. During his residency, he participated in the Ambulatory Practice Pathway. Dr. Curry founded a solo practice in Pottsville that grew into a multi-physician group practice. During this time, he served as Associate Editor of the textbook *Pediatric Primary Care: A Problem-Oriented Approach*, and obtained certification as a Structural Family Therapist from the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic. After his practice joined the Geisinger Health System, he served as an attending physician in the pediatric residency program and a medical director in their health plan. Subsequently, he served as medical director in several regional health plans including Senior Medical Director for Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 2012, he was appointed Vice President, Medical Affairs for the Schuylkill Health System. Dr. Curry has served on the steering committee of the Pennsylvania Chronic Care Initiative and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Health Care Quality Alliance. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association. He and his wife, Anne, currently reside in Alexandria, VA.

Prizes and Awards

School of Medicine Class of 2024

AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology..... Michael Minh Tran Duong
Awarded annually by the American Academy of Neurology, this award recognizes excellence in clinical neurology among graduating medical students.

Abramson Cancer Center Basic Science Research Prize Saisai Chen
Established in 2012 by the Abramson Cancer Center, Juan C. Serrano (2023)
this prize is awarded for outstanding basic cancer research.

Abramson Cancer Center Clinical/Translational Research Prize Joshua Anil
Established in 2012 by the Abramson Cancer Center, this prize is awarded for outstanding clinical/translational cancer research.

AI and Informatics in Medicine..... Vinayak Ahluwalia
This prize was established in 2021 by Christos Davatzikos, and it is awarded for meritorious work in the field of AI and Informatics research.

Kenneth E. Appel Award..... Joseph William Butkiewicz
Keith Robert Thomas
Founded in 1965 through a contribution by an anonymous donor, this award is given to the student who, through work in the Department of Psychiatry, has shown highest devotion to the care and treatment of patients, and constructive originality in thinking about human behavior.

Clyde F. Barker Research Prize..... Julia Anna Gasior
Established in 2004 by the Department of Surgery to honor Dr. Clyde F. Barker, John Rhea Barton Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery from 1983 to 2001, this prize is awarded to a graduating student for scholarly research relevant to surgical sciences.

Michelle M. Battistini, MD Award..... Rebecca Goldstein Schapiro
Established in 2002 by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in memory of Dr. Michelle Battistini, this prize is awarded by the Department to a graduating student who has demonstrated a strong commitment to women's health issues and excellence in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Mary Ellis Bell Prize..... Daniel Connolly
Charles Danan
Omar Ani (2023)
This prize was established in 1923 by Dr. Edward B. Krumbhaar, in memory of his mother, to encourage research in medical school. The prize is given to students in the School of Medicine who are engaged in noteworthy medical research.

Nancy C. Bell, MD Memorial Prize in Dermatology Jeremy Warren Gotschall
Established by her classmates in memory of Nancy C. Bell, MD '82, the prize is awarded to a graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Dermatology, has demonstrated academic excellence and who intends to pursue a career in Dermatology.

Jeffrey W. Berger Memorial Medical Student Research Award David Keith Camacho

This award recognizes one or two medical students for both outstanding research and exceptional promise for a career in academic Ophthalmology. Recipients reflect Dr. Berger’s values including exciting translational research, compassionate patient care, and commitment to medical education.

Emily and Francis Botelho Prize for Excellence in Basic Science.....Victoria Kenesaw Lord

Established in 1979 by Stella Y. Botelho, MD, Professor of Physiology, in memory of her parents, the prize is awarded to the student who achieves the highest aggregate score in the first medical licensure examination.

Michael S. Brown, MD Award Daniel Sungjoo Park

Established in 2016, this prize is awarded annually to the graduating MD/PhD student who shows the greatest potential for a career as a physician-scientist in Medicine or Pediatrics.

Anna Marie Chirico Award..... Amanda Estrellita Perez

Established in 1989, this award is given to the student who has demonstrated excellence in the field of primary care.

John G. Clark Prize Kathryn Kixmoeller

This prize was established in honor of Dr. John G. Clark, a former distinguished member of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, who was the first patron of the Undergraduate Medical Association. This prize is awarded to the student in the School of Medicine engaged in meritorious research in any field.

Sarle H. Cohen Award for Geriatric Medicine..... Carolyn Pui-Yun Chow

Established in 2009 by the Cohen family to honor the memory of Sarle H. Cohen, M’55, this prize is awarded to a student who shows a preference for geriatric medicine as demonstrated by outstanding clinical performance or academic excellence in geriatric research.

James B. Couch, M’81 Prize..... Brian Daniel Cortese

This award is given to an outstanding graduating medical student with regard to achievement in medicine and business and who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and relevant scholarly pursuits or research, and/or dedication to the field of medicine and business.

Adolph J. Creskoff Prize Jason Xu

Established in 1959 by friends and relatives, this prize is awarded to the student who makes a significant contribution to study or research in hematology or related fields.

**Karun Kiani (2023)
Derek C. Sung (2022)**

Leonard Davis Institute’s William L. Kissick, MD, DrPH

Health Policy Research Prize.....
This prize, established in 2010 by the University of Pennsylvania Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, is awarded for outstanding research conducted in the area of health services.

**Brian Daniel Cortese
Doreen Wing Ka Lam (2022)
Andrew A. Parambath (2022)
Saiesh Kalva (2021)**

Helen O. Dickens, MD Award..... Danielle Nicole Feffer

Established by the School of Medicine in 1987, this prize is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated meritorious academic performance, outstanding leadership in a variety of student activities, and in the opinion of the School, has conscientiously endeavored to increase respect and sensitivity for minority groups.

Gertrude M. and Ezra M. Eisen Prize Victor Oluwatomisin Ayeni

Established in 2007 by Howard Eisen, MD, this prize is awarded annually to a graduating medical student who has demonstrated outstanding performance during the clinical cardiology rotation or academic excellence in cardiovascular research.

Emergency Medicine Prize..... William George Cohen

This prize was established in 2006 to honor meritorious research relevant to emergency medicine.

Endocrine Society's Medical Student Achievement Award Ranvir Raman Bhatia

Sponsored by the Endocrine Society, this award recognizes a student who has shown special achievement and interest in the general field of Endocrinology.

Clinical Epidemiology Research Prize..... Aaron Zhao

This prize was established in 2004. It is awarded to a student in the Perelman School of Medicine who has shown special achievement for outstanding research in the field of Clinical Epidemiology.

Jeromy Warren Gotschall (2023)

Lillie M. Erk Prize Andrew Siaw-Asamoah

Founded in 1958 by Eva Fischer, this prize is awarded to a student in the graduating class who has demonstrated unusual talent for discerning the personal needs of patients and for treating their total medical problems.

Stuart L. Fine Ophthalmology Medical Student Research Prize..... Kevin Raymond Zhang

Established by the Department of Ophthalmology in 2011 to honor Dr. Stuart L. Fine's long-standing service to Ophthalmology and the School of Medicine community, this prize is awarded for meritorious Ophthalmology research.

Anny Zhong

William T. Fitts, Jr. Memorial Prize Rucha Ghude Alur

Established by family and friends of Dr. Fitts, former John Rhea Barton Professor of Surgery, the prize is awarded to a graduating student for excellence in the surgery of trauma.

Jesse H. Frank, MD Prize in Pathology..... Derek C. Sung

Established by the family of Jesse H. Frank, a 1939 graduate of the School of Medicine, this prize is awarded for excellence in research in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Theodore Friedmann Prize..... Devyn Christine Rigsby

Established in 1996 by Theodore Friedmann, M’60, the prize is awarded annually to the student in the graduating class who has made the most significant advance in the application of modern molecular or genetic knowledge to a clinical problem, or advancement in the analysis or solution to problems in biomedical or scientific ethics arising from applications of new technology.

Ari Frosch Memorial Award for Advocacy and Social Justice in MedicineVictoria Kenesaw Lord
Olutosin Betty Owoyemi

Awarded to the graduating senior who best exemplifies the passion and commitment to social justice embodied by Ari Frosch; his advocacy and tireless work with under-resourced communities served as a beacon of inspiration for all.

Celso-Ramón García Award for Outstanding Research in Women’s Health Sarah Rowley
Cindy Song
Sylvia Shuwen Rhodes (2023)
Megan Zhao (2023)

Established in 2006 by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, this prize honors the memory of Dr. Celso-Ramón García, former William Shippen Jr. Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Director of Reproductive Surgery, and Founder of the first Women’s Wellness Program at the University of Pennsylvania, and is awarded for outstanding research related to women’s health.

Dr. Morris Ginsburg Prize..... Benjamin F. Frost

Established in 1963 in honor of Dr. Ginsburg by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold R. Ginsburg, this prize is awarded annually to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has best demonstrated the dedication and other significant qualities of the ideal physician.

Dr. David B.P. Goodman Award Rebka Ephrem

Established in 2003 in memory of Dr. David B.P. Goodman, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, to honor his long-standing service to the School of Medicine community, this prize is awarded for meritorious patient-oriented research.

History of Medicine Prize Rebecca Goldstein Schapiro

Founded in 1938 by Charles W. Burr, this prize is awarded annually to the undergraduate student in the School of Medicine who submits the best essay on any subject connected with medical history.

George W. Householder, III Memorial Prize Joyce Liu
Lydia Elizabeth Blais Federico (2022)

This prize was established in 1965 by the officers and delegates of the student body of the School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. It is awarded to that student in the School of Medicine engaged in original and meritorious work in the area of basic or clinical cardiovascular research.

Byron S. Hurwitz, MD, M’66 Memorial Prize Kevin Raymond Zhang

This prize is awarded to the most outstanding graduating medical student entering a residency in Ophthalmology who has demonstrated outstanding student achievement and relevant scholarly pursuits or research, dedication to the field of Ophthalmology, compassionate care and service or initiative during his or her academic career.

- Peter H. Hutchinson, MD, M'06 and Rebecca N. Hutchinson, MD, M'06 Prize** Lydia Elizabeth Blais Federico
 Established in 2007 by Marjorie G. Ernest to honor Peter H. Hutchinson and Rebecca N. Hutchinson, this prize is awarded to the most outstanding graduating medical student entering a residency program in either Orthopaedic Surgery or Internal Medicine who has demonstrated academic excellence.
- ITMAT Prize for Clinical/ Translational Research** Alfredo Lucas
 The University of Pennsylvania Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics was established in 2005, and in 2006 the Institute established this medical student research prize for outstanding clinical or translational research.
 Rishi Raj Goel (2023)
- Dr. William F. Jeffers Prize** Audrey Luo
 This prize was established in 1966 through contributions in honor and memory of Daniel Xu
 Dr. William F. Jeffers. It is awarded for meritorious laboratory research in the field of Neurology.
- Rose and Hershel Kanovsky Prize in Internal Medicine**..... Selen Uman
 Established in 2003 through a contribution from Dr. Martin Kanovsky, M'78 and his wife Ellen Teller in memory of his parents, this prize is awarded to the most outstanding graduating medical student entering a residency program in Internal Medicine.
- Kimmelman Family Prize**..... Elizabeth A. Sell
 Established in 2012 by Charles Paul Kimmelman, RES'79 and Michelle Kimmelman, this prize recognizes a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence and scholarly research in the field of Ear, Nose and Throat.
- Walker D. Kirby Ophthalmology Medical Student Award**..... Khalid El-Jack
 Founded in 2015, this prize is awarded to the graduating medical student who best embodies the core values of Walker D. Kirby: Respect, Loyalty, Perseverance, Empathy, Responsibility and Honesty.
- Owen Knopping Memorial Award**..... Victor Oluwatomisin Ayeni
 The Owen Knopping Memorial Award for Kirubel Alemu Gebre
 Exemplary Community Service is awarded annually to a David Eduardo Jimenez
 graduating student who during his or her time in medical school has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service to the under-served population in Philadelphia.
- Terry Langer, MD and Harold Baum, MD Award for Innovation in Healthcare Prize** Doreen Wing Ka Lam
 Awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence and has fostered and facilitated entrepreneurial spirit through technological innovations, collaborations and implementation between the Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania Health System and/or who has created a premium innovational experience that has advanced medical education at the Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine.
- Marie Leebron Prize in Pediatrics** Elena Marie Montag
 Established through a contribution from Dr. Jacob D. Leebron, this prize is awarded to the student earning the highest record in Pediatrics in the School of Medicine.

Marc Levine, MD Radiology Research Award **Min Jae Kim**
Established in 2006 by the Department of
Radiology and named for its Chief of the
Gastrointestinal Section, this prize is awarded for
meritorious research in Radiology. **Katherine Charlotte Lee (2022)**
Michael Minh Tran Duong (2019)

Rose Meadow Levinson Memorial Prize **Stacy Katherine Thomas**
This prize was established in 1947 by the family and
friends of Rose Meadow Levinson. It is awarded
for meritorious laboratory research in the field of
cancer or a related area. **Benjamin F. Frost (2023)**

Henrietta and Jacob Lowenburg Prize in Pediatrics **Joseph DeFerro Jr.**
Founded in 1931 by Dr. Harry Lowenburg in memory
of his parents, this prize is given to that student who,
in the estimation of the Professor of Pediatrics, has
performed excellent work in that department.

Balduin Lucke Memorial Prize **Lev Litichevskiy**
Established in 1960 by the Department of
Pathology, this prize honors Professor Balduin
Lucke, former Chairman of the Department and an
outstanding teacher and scientist. It is awarded to
that student in the School of Medicine completing a
superior research project on any problem in the
broad field of experimental medicine and biology. **Kevin Yang**

**The Master of Science in Health Policy
Research Medical Student Award in
Innovation and Implementation Research** **Connor Spellman Wagner**
This prize was established in 2015 and is awarded
for meritorious work that demonstrates innovation
or implementation in health care delivery and outcomes.

**The Master of Science in Health Policy
Research Medical Student Award in
Community Engagement and Health Equity Research** **Daksh Chauhan**
This prize was established in 2015 and is awarded for
meritorious work that incorporates community
engagement and /or addresses disparities in health
care delivery and outcomes.

Joel Gordon Miller Award **Danielle Nicole Feffer**
Established by the Class of 1968 in memory of
their classmate, Joel Gordon Miller, this award is
given to the graduating student who, by vote of the
graduating class, has made the most significant
contribution to the student body.

Dr. Spencer Morris Prize **Katherine Charlotte Lee**
This prize is awarded each year to the medical
student of the graduating class who scores the
highest on an oral examination given to selected
students based on academic and clinical achievement.

Gail Morrison Prize **Cecilia Chenxi Zhou**
Established in 2019 and named in honor of the former,
esteemed Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education,
this prize is awarded for meritorious research
in medical education.

- Herbert and Faye Moskowitz Prize** Lydia Elizabeth Blais Federico
 Established in 2008, this prize is awarded each year to one or more graduating student(s) who best combine clinical excellence and research in epidemiology and/or biostatistics with an ongoing dedication to the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. **Sonia Wang**
- William G. Munns Memorial Prize** Sarthak Mohanty
 Established in 1984 by family and friends in memory of William G. Munns, the prize is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence and who intends to pursue a career in Orthopaedic Surgery.
- Department of Neurosurgery Research Prize** Benjamin Creekmore
 This prize is awarded to an individual who has shown outstanding research in the field of Neurosurgery. **Sophie Liebergall
 Hasan Shahzad Ahmad (2022)
 Wannming Teng (2021)**
- Charles A. Oliver Memorial Prize** Agnes Chinwe Faith Owete
 Founded in 1913 under the will of Dr. Oliver, this prize is given to the student in the graduating class who achieves the highest record of performance in Ophthalmology.
- Orthopaedic Research Prize** Yixuan Pei
 Established in 2011, this prize is awarded to an individual who has shown outstanding research in Orthopaedics. **Lori Jia (2023)**
- Pediatric Research Prize**..... Joseph DelFerro Jr.
 This prize was established by the Department of Pediatrics in 2006 and is awarded for meritorious research related to Pediatrics.
- O.H. Perry Pepper Prize**..... Carolyn Pui-Yun Chow
 This prize was established by the Department of Medicine in honor of Dr. O.H. Perry Pepper, who was the first president of the Undergraduate Medical Association. It is awarded to the senior student in the School of Medicine who has performed investigative work of exceptional merit and who has demonstrated noteworthy competence as a clinician. **Daniel Sungjoo Park**
- Peterman-Arnold Award for Endocrinology** Emily Gleason
 This prize was established by the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism in the Department of Medicine in 2012 on behalf of Mildred D. Arnold in memory of her uncle, William Peterman. This award is bestowed to a student in the Perelman School of Medicine for outstanding research in endocrinology. **Lindsay Dara Levine**
- Nathan and Pauline Pincus Prize for Outstanding Achievement as a Clinician**..... Victoria Kenesaw Lord
 Established in 1979 in memory of Nathan and Pauline Pincus, an award is made each year to a medical student for outstanding achievement as a clinician.
- Gary M. Phillips, MD, C'87, WG'91, M'92, Res'97 and Helen Apostolou Phillips, C'87 Prize** Sarah Rowley
 Established in 2005, this prize is awarded to an alumnus or alumna of the University of Pennsylvania who is graduating from medical school and has demonstrated academic excellence.

Dr. Jane Portnoy Humanitarian Award Turner Douglas Schwartz

Established in 2021, this annual award recognizes a graduating medical student with an interest in ophthalmology who, in addition to superb academic performance, demonstrates the values and exemplary life of Dr. Jane Portnoy, ensuring that her humanitarian spirit, patient-centered approach to medicine, and medical excellence will always be remembered and emulated.

John Pryor Award in Trauma Research Satvika Kumar

Established in 2011 in memory of Dr. John Pryor to honor his service to the School of Medicine community, this prize is awarded for meritorious trauma research.

**William Huffman (2023)
James Reed McGraw (2022)**

Pulmonary Research Prize Jonathan Szeto

Established in 2006 by the Pulmonary Division of the Department of Medicine, this prize is awarded for excellence in pulmonary-related research.

Edward Raffensperger Research Prize Lev Krasnovsky

Established by the Division of Gastroenterology in 2011 to honor Dr. Edward Raffensperger's long-standing service to the School of Medicine community, this prize is awarded for meritorious research in Gastroenterology.

Jacob Colt Harris (2022)

Eric Corey Raps Memorial Prize Danielle Nicole Feffer

This prize was established by the Department of Neurology in memory of Eric Corey Raps, MD member of the class of 1986 and the William N. Kelley Associate Professor of Neurology. It is awarded annually to the graduating student who best demonstrates excellence in Clinical Neurology.

Dr. I.S. Ravdin Prize Mikhal Ariel Yudien

Founded in 1950 by a friend of the University and now continued by a gift from the Department of Surgery, this prize is awarded annually to the student of the graduating class who has evidenced sustained originality and thoroughness in surgical studies.

Jonathan Rhoads Prize for Surgical Scholarship Omar Abdoun

Established in 2006 in memory of Dr. Jonathan Rhoads, former Chair and long-time distinguished member of the Department of Surgery, this prize is awarded for outstanding research related to surgery.

**Adora Moneme (2023)
Elizabeth A. Sell (2022)
Sarhak Mohanty (2020)**

Richard K. Root Prize for Infectious Disease Research Iulia Tapescu

Established in 2006, this prize honors the memory of Dr. Richard K. Root, founding Chair of the Infectious Diseases Division in the Department of Medicine, and is awarded for meritorious infectious disease research.

The David S. Seller, MD, M'22 and Robert H. Seller, MD, M'56 Prize for Excellence in Primary Care Diagnosis Elena Marie Montag

Established by Robert Seller in memory of his father, this prize is awarded to a graduating student entering the fields of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Med-Peds, or Family Medicine who has demonstrated excellent diagnostic skills or excellence in research in diagnosis.

Vivian Shapiro Award in Geriatric Care Casey Blaha

Established in 2017 by the Shapiro Family to honor Vivian Shapiro, PhD, this prize is awarded to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to the care of older patients as demonstrated by outstanding clinical performance.

Dr. Ramon Sifre Prize for Excellence in Diagnostic Medicine Victoria Kenesaw Lord

Established by Jeffrey L. Seltzer and Ana Sifre Seltzer in honor of Dr. Ramon A. Sifre, GM'49 and Dr. Ramon J. Sifre, M'1917, this prize is awarded to a student who has been identified as an astute diagnostician because of his or her ability to analyze and synthesize medical information and demonstrate exemplary listening and communication skills with patients.

Henry A. Sloviter Prize Joseph Krittameth Aicher

Given annually to reward a medical or graduate student selected by the head of the Department of Medicine for meritorious research, done in a laboratory or a library, of a biochemical or physiological nature which is deemed useful.

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

Excellence Award Samuel Stedman

Sponsored by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, this award is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of Emergency Medicine.

John R. Stanley Research Prize for Dermatology Sonia Wang

Established by the Department of Dermatology in 2011 to honor Dr. John R. Stanley's long-standing service to Dermatology and the School of Medicine community, this prize is awarded for meritorious Dermatology research.

Ellen White

Felix Chin (2022)

Dr. Freddy Stark Award for Gross Anatomy Julia Anna Gasior

Established in 2005 by the friends and colleagues of Dr. Freddy Stark, this prize is awarded to a student who best demonstrates excellence in gross anatomy during his or her medical school career.

Russell J. Stumacher, MD Memorial Prize Jared Mitchell Shulkin

This prize was established in memory of Russell J. Stumacher, MD, the former Chief of Infectious Disease at Graduate Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, by his family. It is awarded to one or more graduating students who best combine clinical excellence with an ongoing dedication to and achievement in music, theater, languages and/or the creative arts.

Robert Suskind, C'59, M'63 and

Leslie Lewinter-Suskind Prize in Global Health Papa Kwadwo Morgan-Asiedu

Established in 2013, this prize is awarded to a graduating student who demonstrates outstanding commitment to global health while a medical student.

J. George Teplick, MD, FACR Memorial Award Devyn Christine Rigsby

Established in 2009 by the Teplick family in memory of J. George Teplick, C'31, G'32, M'36, GM'42, this prize is awarded to a student who has exemplified a love of learning and a dedication to radiology education and research.

Dr. Robert M. Toll Prize Dan Dou
 Yousef Khan
 This prize was established in 1957 by Dr. Robert M. Toll in memory of the Class of 1907 School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. It is awarded to the member of the graduating class who is engaged in meritorious original research in the field of mental health.

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Carolyn Pui-Yun Chow
 This award is given to the member of the graduating class who illustrates professional behavior by example, who displays cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds, and who demonstrates the highest standard of compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients.

Herman Turndorf Medical Student Research in Anesthesiology Award Katie Nina Kanter
 Joseph R. Martinez
 Established by the Department of Anesthesiology in 2012, this prize is awarded to a graduating medical student who has submitted the best scholarly paper and is pursuing a career in Anesthesiology.

Dr. Roy G. Williams Prize Erin Hollander
 Naveen Jain
 Daniel Chukuemeka Akuma (2023)
 Nicolette Michele Johnson (2023)
 This prize was established in 1964 in honor of Dr. Roy G. Williams by contributions from members of the 1944 Graduating Class of the School of Medicine. It is awarded to a student in the School of Medicine engaged in research in the basic medical sciences.

Horatio C. Wood Prize in Pharmacology Rishi Raj Goel
 Created in 1965 in memory of Dr. Horatio C. Wood and Dr. Horatio C. Wood, Jr., this prize is given to the member of the graduating class who has achieved excellent performance in the regular course in Pharmacology and has displayed significant originality and an enduring interest in this field.

Nikitas J. Zervanos MD Prize in Family Medicine Sarah Rowley
 Cecilia Chenxi Zhou
 Established in 1986 by Mary Elizabeth Roth, MD '71, this prize is awarded to a student entering a Family Practice residency who has interest in an academic career in Family Medicine.

**American Medical Women’s Association
 Glasgow-Rubin Certificates**

Maya Janine Alexis
 Rucha Ghude Alur
 Lydia Elizabeth Blais Federico
 Michaela Kathryn Hitchner
 Katherine Charlotte Lee
 Victoria Kenesaw Lord
 Elena Marie Montag

Agnes Chinwe Faith Owete
 Devyn Christine Rigbsby
 Sarah Rowley
 Elizabeth A. Sell
 Katherine Emily Xu
 Mikhal Ariel Yudien
 Megan Zhao

Honor Societies

Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society *Beta of Pennsylvania*

Fahad Ahmed
Maya Janine Alexis
Rucha Ghude Alur
William George Cohen
Michael Minh Tran Duong
Lydia Elizabeth Blais Federico
Benjamin F. Frost
Jeromy Warren Gotschall
Michaela Kathryn Hitchner
William Henry Huffman
Lori Jia
David Eduardo Jimenez
Manasa Lakshmi Kadiyala
Katie Nina Kanter
Katherine Charlotte Lee
Victoria Kenesaw Lord
James Reed McGraw
Sarthak Mohanty
Adora Nkemdilim Moneme
Elena Marie Montag
Agnes Chinwe Faith Owete
Devyn Christine Rigsby
Sarah Rowley
Elizabeth A. Sell
Thilan Mackenzie Tudor
Katherine Emily Xu
Mikhal Ariel Yudian
Kevin Raymond Zhang
Megan Zhao

Gold Humanism Honor Society The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Layla Sohail Abdulla
Rucha Ghude Alur
Victor Oluwatomisin Ayeni
Ranvir Raman Bhatia
Felix Chin
Carolyn Pui-Yun Chow
Lydia Elizabeth Blais Federico
Danielle Nicole Feffer
Kirubel Alemu Gebre
David Eduardo Jimenez
Hannah Autumn Lee
Lydia Ruth Lutz
Nathaniel Ross McLaughlan
Love Wuraola Osunnuga
Olivia Jayne Palmer
Kiran Raja
Sarah Rowley
Rebecca Goldstein Schapiro
Turner Douglas Schwartz
Andrew Siaw-Asamoah
Katherine Emily Xu

Faculty Teaching Awards

Leonard Berwick Memorial

Teaching Award **Daniel Wolf, MD, PhD**

Established in 1980 by the Department of Pathology, the Berwick family, and Dr. Berwick's colleagues to honor Leonard Berwick, former member of the department and esteemed teacher, it is awarded to a member of the medical faculty who effectively fuses basic science and clinical medical teaching.

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Blockley-Osler Award **Paula Chatterjee, MD, MPH**

This award is to be given annually to a clinical member of the faculty at an affiliated hospital of the School of Medicine for excellence in teaching modern clinical medicine at the bedside in the tradition of Dr. William Osler and others who taught at Philadelphia General Hospital.

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dean's Award for Excellence in

Basic Science Teaching **Michael Abboud, MD, MEd**

To recognize teaching excellence and commitment to medical education, outstanding faculty members from the basic sciences departments are chosen annually on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.

Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical

Teaching at an Affiliated Hospital **Sarah DeMichele, MD**

To recognize teaching excellence and commitment to medical education, outstanding faculty members from affiliated hospitals are chosen annually on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.

Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Sudha Kessler, MD, MSCE

Associate Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics

Andres Deik, MD, MEd, FAAN

Associate Professor of Clinical Neurology

Jay Mehta, MD, MS

Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics

Chidinma Nwakanma, MD

Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine

Laura Stein, MD, MEd

Assistant Professor of Neurology

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Clinical

Teaching by Housestaff..... Alexandra Miller, MD, MSED

Established in 2015 to recognize clinical teaching excellence and commitment to medical education by outstanding housestaff. One or more Dean’s Awards are given annually, the recipients being selected on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.

PGY-4, Psychiatry

Chief Resident of Medical Education

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Medical Student

Teaching by an Allied Health Professional Maria Castro, MA

This award was established in 1996-1997 to recognize outstanding teaching by allied health professionals (e.g.; nurses, physician’s assistants, emergency medical technicians). This award will be made annually. The recipient will be selected on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.

Lead Certified Medical Assistant

CHOP South Philadelphia

Robert Dunning Dripps Memorial Award for

Excellence in Graduate Medical Education Zubair Baloch, MD, PhD

Established in 1983 by the Department of Anesthesia to honor Robert Dunning Dripps, former Chairman of the Department, this award, given to a member of the medical faculty, recognizes excellence as an educator of residents and fellows in clinical care teaching or administration.

Professor of Pathology &

Laboratory Medicine

The Scott Mackler Award for Excellence in

Substance Abuse Teaching..... Joshua Glick, MD

Established in 2000 by the Penn/VA Center for Studies of Addiction and the Department of Psychiatry, this award recognizes excellence in teaching in the area of substance abuse.

Assistant Professor of

Emergency Medicine

Medical Student Government

Teaching Awards Mitchell Lewis, D. Phil

By nomination of the graduating student class, faculty who have demonstrated excellence in teaching medical school classes are selected from both the basic sciences and clinical medicine.

Basic Scientist – John Morgan

Professor of Biomedical

Research and Education

Keith Hamilton, MD

Clinical – Professor of Clinical Medicine

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Christina Bales, MD

This award is given to the member of the faculty who illustrates professional behavior by example, who displays cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds, and who demonstrates the highest standards of compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients.

*Associate Professor of
Clinical Pediatrics*

Special Dean's Award..... Neal Rubinstein, MD, PhD

This award was established in 1989-90 to recognize outstanding achievements in medical education by our faculty members, particularly in the development of new, innovative educational programs. The Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education, in consultation with the Teaching Awards Selection Committee, identifies unique contributions by the faculty, resulting in their receipt of this special honor.

*Associate Professor of
Cell and Developmental Biology*

Deans and Advisory Deans

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and Wellness*

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Professional Development*

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*Associate Dean for Evaluation and
Assessment*

Lawrence F. Brass, MD, PhD

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César Briceño, MD

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Sean Harbison, MD, MSED

Surgery

David L. Jaffe, MD

Internal Medicine

Nahla Khalek, MD, MPH, MSED

Surgery

Megan E. Lavoie, MD

Pediatrics

Walker Lee, MD

Clinical Emergency Medicine

Sarah M. Lyon, MD, MSCE

Clinical Medicine

Katie E. McPeak, MD

Pediatrics

Amy A. Pruitt, MD

Neurology

Prithvi S. Sankar, MD

Ophthalmology

Joseph Teel, MD

*Clinical Family Medicine and
Community Health*

Julie Uspal, MD

Clinical Emergency Medicine

Peter Yen, MD

Clinical Medicine

The Physician's Pledge: The Declaration of Geneva, A Modern Version of the Hippocratic Oath*

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTISE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honour and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely and upon my honour.

**Adopted by the World Medical Association in September 1948; last updated October 2017.*

