



CLASS OF 2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

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>Executive Vice President, University of Pennsylvania for the Health System Dean, Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine</i>
Commencement Address	Monica M. Bertagnolli, MD <i>Former Director, National Institutes of Health Former Director, National Cancer Institute</i>
Introduction of 50th Year Alumni Speaker	Dennis J. Dlugos, MD, MSCE <i>Associate Dean for Basic Science & Discovery Curriculum</i>
Greetings from the Class of 1975	Robert Yarchoan, MD <i>Representative of the 50th year Class of 1975</i>
Announcement of the Faculty Awards	Horace M. DeLisser, MD <i>Associate Dean for Student Engagement, Networking, and Enrichment</i>
Awarding of Diplomas and Prizes	DaCarla M. Albright, MD <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Wellness</i> Jennifer Kogan, MD <i>Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education</i>
Introduction of Student Speaker	Nadia L. Bennett, MD, MSED <i>Associate Dean for Clinical & Health System Sciences Curriculum</i>
Student Address	Medha Sharma <i>Representative of the Class of 2025</i>
Introduction of Leader of the Oath	Stacey Rose, MD, MSED <i>Associate Dean for Student Success and Professional Development</i>
Recitation of the Oath	Class of 2025 <i>Led by Prithvi S Sankar, MD Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Residency Planning</i>
Closing Remarks	Suzanne Rose, MD, MSED <i>Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education</i>

Perelman School of Medicine Graduates

Omar T. Abdoun *	Davi da Silva ***
Ana Maria Acevedo Ortega ***	Henry del Carmen
Ashna Aggarwal ***	Rajiv Sai Deshpande *
Vinayak Sameer Ahluwalia **	Dan Dou *
Aiden Hyuk Ahn ***	Avi Vinayak Dravid ***
Sheldon K. Amoo-Mitchual	Ella Cemile Eisinger ***
Ikenna De-Jason Anusionwu **	Diego A. Espinoza *
Steven Ryan Ayotte ***	Feyisope Reginald Eweje **
Yonatan B. Babore	George Chandler Floyd ***
Austin Wayne Baker	Rachel Burr Gerrard
Michael Evan Baumgartner	Emily Gaffney Gleason ***
Joseph Michael Beaty	Nikhil Goyal
Sarah Waters Bell ***	Lindsay Gabrielle Grossman ** ***
Sai Bhatte ***	Cameron Jacob Gudobba
Ryan H. Boe *	Irene Rose Hamlin ***
Marc Rothman Bornstein *	Dao-Yu David Han
Danielle Elizabeth Brown ***	Jordan Christopher Harris *
Jasmine Shanelle Brown ***	Steven Edward Hart ***
China Nicole Byrns *	Korey Andrew Henderson ***
Suzie Young-hwa Byun	Brendan Liam Ho
Jessica Marie Campanile ***	Sophia Rui Hu ***
Jisoo Chae	Anran Huang ***
Dwain Chip Chambers III ** ***	Elizabeth Lynn Huntley ***
Sydney Nicolas Chambule	Marine-Ayan Ibrahim Aibo
Rajat Sachin Chandra ***	Naveen Jain *
Daksh Chauhan	Huiet Van Joseph IV
Chuan Hao Chen * ***	Michael Aram Karamardian ** ***
Helene A. Chesnais ***	Ritesh Karsalia **
Rebekah Hah-Earnn Chun ***	Danielle Erica Katz
Haley Cate Cohen ***	Shanzay Mona Khan
Caroline Elizabeth Conlan	Joshua Jong Hyun Kim
Daniel R. Connolly *	Shakira Jamba King
Antonio Jose Corral Tarbay ***	Chad Anthony Komar **
Alicia Isabella Coupera ***	Lev Krasnovsky ***
Sarita Damaraju **	Lindsay Danielle Kumble ***
Charles Haviv Hilton Danan *	Juan Javier Leon ***
Quynh-Anh Le Dang ***	Gina R. Lepore ***
Roby Daniel ***	Elle Lett * **

Perelman School of Medicine Graduates

Brian Joseph Levine ** ***
 Melissa Li ***
 Tyler Wenda Lian ***
 Andrew Austin Lin *
 Joyce Ying Liu *
 Graham Peirce Lobel *
 Ryan Daniel Lopez
 Zhiye Lu
 Ayan Sankar Mandal ***
 Nicolas Mandel
 Kelly M. Martins *
 Valentina Mattfeld
 Ryan Douglas McGregor
 Shanelle Brenda Mendes ***
 Zonía Robenne Moore ***
 Gyan Chetan Moorthy
 Najib Muhammad ***
 Fawaz T. Naeem
 Anusha Guruprasad Naik ***
 DanaRose Negro ***
 Sarah Jacqueline Nessen
 Jinggang Jenny Ng
 Andrew James North
 Isabella Kenechukwu Ntigbu
 Modesty Efosa Obasohan ***
 Sriram Palepu
 Heta Nilesh Patel ***
 Sarshan Rubinteran Pather *
 Yixuan Pei ***
 Joshua Dylan Pirl ***
 Mitchell David Plessner
 Maurizio Arturo Porco-Rametta ***
 Juliana Shuli Qin
 Ashhad Ahmed Qureshi
 Avanti N. Rangnekar ***
 David Boris Rekhtman ***
 Dominic Joseph Romeo
 Francesca Monique Romero ***

Jenelle Marcelle Safadi
 Linda Marie Saikali ** ***
 Divya Saini
 Henry Manuel Sanchez Salcedo *
 Andrew Joseph Savino
 Medha Sharma ** ***
 Benjamin P. Sieff *
 Folasade Adaora Sofela *
 Cindy Song ***
 William Bowei Song
 Robert Theodore Steinbock Jr. *
 Alder Colleen Strange ***
 Yvonne Su ***
 Reena Shiven Sulkar ***
 Sydnie Elizabeth Swanson
 Rebecca Taichman **
 Iulia Tapescu * ***
 Stephanie N. Teeple *
 Alexandra Sears Thaler ** ***
 Somachukwu Adanna Umeozulu ***
 Sierra Rose van den Dries
 Colin Francisco Villarin
 Lucy Shihan Wang
 Monica Huiying Wei *
 Ellen K. White *
 Grace G. Wu
 Angela L. Xu ***
 Daniel Cui Xu *
 Jason Xu *
 David L. Yang ***
 Kevin Yang *
 Siddharth Yarlagadda ** ***
 Alexandra Ushkevich Zezulin *
 Jenna Jieni Zhang *
 Anny Zhong

* 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

Monica M. Bertagnolli, MD

A nationally recognized physician-scientist and trailblazer in biomedical research, Dr. Monica M. Bertagnolli served as the 17th director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), becoming the first surgeon and only the second woman to lead the world's largest public funder of biomedical and behavioral research.

Dr. Bertagnolli's career spans nearly four decades at the forefront of cancer research and care. Her scientific work has transformed the understanding of gastrointestinal cancers, particularly the role of gene mutations and inflammation in cancer development. She has also been a national leader in expanding access to clinical trials, advocating for data sharing among researchers and improving participation among rural and underserved communities. Appointed by President Biden, Dr. Bertagnolli was described as someone who has "pushed the boundaries of what is possible to improve cancer prevention and treatment for patients and [ensured] that patients in every community have access to quality care." Prior to her NIH leadership, she served as director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), where she launched major efforts to modernize clinical trials and broaden the reach of NCI-supported research.

Before her federal appointments, Dr. Bertagnolli built a distinguished career in Boston, where she served as the Richard E. Wilson Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, a surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and a member of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Treatment and Sarcoma Centers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She is a past president and chair of the board of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and has held board positions with the American Cancer Society and the Prevent Cancer Foundation. In recognition of her contributions to medicine, she was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2021.

Dr. Bertagnolli earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Princeton University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. She completed surgical training at Brigham and Women's Hospital and was a research fellow in tumor immunology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Graduation Speakers

Robert Yarchoan, MD

Robert Yarchoan, M'75, is a physician-researcher who has made major contributions to developing therapies for AIDS and AIDS-related malignancies. He is a Branch Chief and Principal Investigator in the intramural program of the Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute, and is also Director of the Office of HIV and AIDS Malignancy (OHAM) in the Office of the Director, NCI.

Along with two colleagues, he developed the first three FDA-approved AIDS drugs, AZT (or zidovudine), didanosine (ddI), and zalcitabine (ddC); conducted the initial clinical trials of these agents; and conducted the first clinical trials of combination anti-HIV therapy. He then turned to focus on the cancers associated with HIV / AIDS. His laboratory and clinical studies have helped understand the biology of these cancers, especially those caused by Kaposi sarcoma associated herpesvirus (KSHV). He has investigated the interactions between KSHV and host cells, has explored the role of hypoxia inducible factors in the pathogenesis of these diseases, has elucidated the pathogenesis of KSHV-multicentric Castleman disease (KSHV-MCD), and identified a new syndrome caused by KSHV called KSHV-inflammatory cytokine syndrome (KICS). He has developed novel therapies for HIV-associated cancers and related diseases, including KSHV-MCD. Moreover, he has spearheaded the clinical development of two of the three commonly used FDA-approved systemic therapies for Kaposi sarcoma: taxol and pomalidomide. As Director of the NCI Office of HIV and AIDS Malignancy, he oversees the HIV / AIDS research portfolio of the NCI.

Dr. Yarchoan received his B.A. magna cum laude from Amherst College in 1971 and his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975. He trained in internal medicine at the University of Minnesota and immunology in the NCI. He has published more than 330 scientific papers and is co-inventor on 12 US patents. Among other honors, he has been elected to the American Society for Clinical Research and the Association of American Physicians, has been inducted as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, and was a recipient of the first NIH World AIDS Day Award. In October, 2023, he was given a US Health and Human Services Lifetime Achievement Award.

Prizes and Awards

Perelman School of Medicine Class of 2025

AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology.....Ayan Sankar Mandal

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 PrizeGraham Peirce Lobel

Established in 2012 by the Abramson Cancer Center, this prize is awarded for outstanding basic cancer research.

Abramson Cancer Center Clinical/Translational Research Prize Lucy Shihan Wang

Established in 2012 by the Abramson Cancer Center, this prize is awarded for outstanding clinical/translational cancer research.

AI and Informatics in Medicine.....Chetan Vadali

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

Vinayak Sameer Ahluwalia (2024)

Cameron Jacob Gudobba (2023)

Rajat Sachin Chandra (2023)

Kenneth E. Appel Award.....Ashhad Ahmed Qureshi

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.

Michelle M. Battistini, MD AwardEmily Gaffney Gleason

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.....Rohan Palanki

This prize was established in 1923 by Dr. Edward B. Krumhaar, 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.

Karen L. Xu

Daniel R. Connolly (2024)

Charles Haviv Hilton Danan (2024)

Andrew Austin Lin (2023)

Nancy C. Bell, MD Memorial Prize in DermatologyWilliam Bowei Song

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.....Rajat Sachin Chandra

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.

Anny Zhong

Emily and Francis Botelho Prize for Excellence in Basic Science.....Ashna Aggarwal

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, M.D. Award..... Kelly M. Martins

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..... Tyler Wenda Lian

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

John G. Clark Prize..... Jessica C. Lam

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.

Ryan H. Boe (2023)
Marc Rothman Bornstein (2023)

Sarle H. Cohen Award for Geriatric Medicine..... Haley Cate Cohen

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.....Siddharth Yarlagadda

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.....Benjamin Michael Kahn

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.

Ayelet I. Rubenstein
Jason Xu (2024)

Leonard Davis Institute's William L. Kissick, MD, DrPH Health Policy Research Prize.....DanaRose Negro

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.

Helen O. Dickens, MD AwardMaurizio Arturo Porco-Rametta

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.....Rebecca Taichman

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..... Sarah Jacqueline Nessen

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

Endocrine Society's Medical Student Achievement AwardShanelle Brenda Mendes

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..... Patrick Ziyun Liu

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.

Lillie M. Erk Prize Ella Cemile Eisinger

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.....

Alan Yishan Huang

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.

Anusha Gupta Mamidipaka

Anny Zhong (2024)

Jesse H. Frank, MD Prize in Pathology.....Dan Dou

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..... Ikenna De-Jason Anusionwu

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 Medicine

Jessica Marie Campanile

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

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.

Chuan Hao Chen
Isabel Chaeyoung Yoon
Cindy Song (2024)

Dr. Morris Ginsburg Prize

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.

Tyler Wenda Lian

Dr. David B.P. Goodman Award

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.

Yvonne Su

Juan Graña Prize

Established in 1991 by Dr. Jerry Strauss, this prize honors a business administrator for the Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics who worked closely with the MD-PhD program, and is awarded to a graduating MD-PhD student who demonstrates great potential for a career as a physician scientist.

Dan Dou
Elle Lett

History of Medicine Prize

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.

Chuan Hao Chen

George W. Householder, III Memorial Prize

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.

Jesse Pace
David Boris Rekhtman
Joyce Ying Liu (2024)

Byron S. Hurwitz, M.D., M’66 Memorial Prize

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.

Jasmine Shanelle Brown

Peter H. Hutchinson, MD, M’06 and

Rebecca N. Hutchinson, MD, M’06 Prize
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.

Avi Vinayak Dravid

ITMAT Prize for Clinical/ Translational Research Sally Nijim

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.

Dr. William F. Jeffers Prize Timothy Cox

This prize was established in 1966 through contributions in honor and memory of Dr. William F. Jeffers. It is awarded for meritorious laboratory research in the field of Neurology.

Daniel Cui Xu (2024)

Rose and Hershel Kanovsky Prize in Internal Medicine..... Danielle Elizabeth Brown

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..... Anusha Guruprasad Naik

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 Alexandra Sears Thaler

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.....Fawaz T. Naeem

The Owen Knopping Memorial Award for Exemplary Community Service is awarded annually to a 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

Ashna Aggarwal

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.

**Michael Aram Karamardian
Daksh Chauhan (2024)**

Marie Leebron Prize in PediatricsDanaRose Negro

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.....Mattia Mah'Moud

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.

**Rajiv Sai Deshpande (2023)
Feyisope Reginald Eweje (2021)**

- Rose Meadow Levinson Memorial Prize**Shovik Bandyopadhyay
 This prize was established in 1947 by the family and friends of Rose Meadow Levinson. It is awarded to Alex Frederick Nisbet for meritorious laboratory research in the field of cancer or a related area.
- Henrietta and Jacob Lowenburg Prize in Pediatrics**George Chandler Floyd
 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** Kelly M. Martins
 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 Kevin Yang (2024) that student in the School of Medicine completing a superior research project on any problem in the broad field of experimental medicine and biology.
- The Masters of Science in Health Policy Research Medical Student Award in Innovation and Implementation Research**Felicia Yixiao Ho
 This prize was established in 2015 and is awarded to Likhitha Kolla for meritorious work that demonstrates innovation or implementation in health care delivery and outcomes.
- Joel Gordon Miller Award** Dan Dou
 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** Danielle Elizabeth Brown
 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** Ana Maria Acevedo Ortega
 Established in 2019 and named in honor of the former, esteemed Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education, William Bowei Song (2023) this prize is awarded for meritorious research in Elle Lett (2019) medical education.
- Herbert and Faye Moskowitz Prize** William Bowei Song
 Established in 2008, this prize is awarded each Angela L. Xu 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.
- William G. Munns Memorial Prize**Huiet Van Joseph IV
 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.
- Myers Prize for Physician Scientist Training in Surgical Oncology** Iulia Tapescu
 Established in 2021 by Jeff Myers, MD, PhD, and his family, this prize is awarded to a student who shows commitment and promise in the field of surgical oncology.

- Department of Neurosurgery Research Prize**.....**Claudia Michelle Hejazi-Garcia**
This prize is awarded to an individual who has shown outstanding research in the field of Neurosurgery. **Yusha Sun**
China Nicole Byrns (2021)
- Charles A. Oliver Memorial Prize****Melissa Li**
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****Harmon Singh Khela**
Established in 2011, this prize is awarded to an individual who has shown outstanding research in Orthopaedics. **Yixuan Pei (2024)**
- Pediatric Research Prize**.....**Ayan Sankar Mandal**
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**.....**Danielle Elizabeth Brown**
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. **Folasade Adaora Sofela**
- Peterman-Arnold Award for Endocrinology****Emily Gaffney Gleason (2024)**
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.
- Nathan and Pauline Pincus Prize for Outstanding Achievement as a Clinician**.....**Rajat Sachin Chandra**
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**.....**Gina R. Lepore**
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****Angela L. Xu**
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**.....**Emily Raquel Alpert**
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.

Pulmonary Research Prize..... Yohan Kim

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 (2024)

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.

Eric Corey Raps Memorial Prize Ashna Aggarwal

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 PrizeDavid Boris Rekhtman

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.

Renal Research PrizeAndrew Marcel Pregnall

Established in 2006 by the Renal-Electrolyte and Hypertension Division of the Department of Medicine, this prize is awarded for excellence in research related to nephrology.

Yonatan B. Babore (2023)

Jonathan Rhoads Prize for Surgical Scholarship.....Keshav Vimal Shah

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.

Omar T. Abdoun (2024)

Richard K. Root Prize for Infectious Disease Research..... Yentli E. Soto Albrecht

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.

Iulia Tapescu (2024)

Monica Huiying Wei (2023)

Jenna Jieni Zhang (2023)

The David S. Seller, MD, M'22 and Robert H. Seller, MD, M'56 Prize for

Excellence in Primary Care Diagnosis Jessica Marie Campanile

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 Joseph Laseter

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 Radhika Gupta**

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 Marc Rothman Bornstein

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 Elle Lett**

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 Andrew Zerui Li**

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 K. White (2024)**Jordan Christopher Harris (2023)****Dr. Freddy Stark Award for Gross Anatomy David Boris Rekhtman**

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 Brian Joseph Levine

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 Modesty Efosa Obasohan**

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 Rajiv Sai Deshpande

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.....**Ashley Chang**
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.
David Dai
Dan Dou (2024)

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award
Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation **Jessica Marie Campanile**
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 **Gina R. Lepore**
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.
Daniel Cui Xu

Dr. Roy G. Williams Prize **Claudia D. Lovell**
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.
Margo Orlen
Naveen Jain (2024)

Horatio C. Wood Prize in Pharmacology **Gina R. Lepore**
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..... **Juan Javier Leon**
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

Danielle Elizabeth Brown	Melissa Li
Jessica Marie Campanile	Yixuan Pei
Quynh-Anh Le Dang	Cindy Song
Emily Gaffney Gleason	Reena Shiven Sulkar
Radhika Gupta	Sydney Elizabeth Swanson
Marine-Ayan Ibrahim Aibo	Alexandra Sears Thaler
Gina R. Lepore	Somachukwu Adanna Umeozulu

Honor Societies

Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society *Beta of Pennsylvania*

Ana Maria Acevedo Ortega
Sarah Waters Bell
Marc Rothman Bornstein
Danielle Elizabeth Brown
Rajat Sachin Chandra
Quynh-Anh Le Dang
Roby Daniel
Avi Vinayak Dravid
Emily Gaffney Gleason
Marine-Ayan Ibrahim Aibo
Lev Krasnovsky
Gina R. Lepore
Elle Lett
Melissa Li
Tyler Wenda Lian
Ayan Sankar Mandal
Anusha Guruprasad Naik
Heta Nilesh Patel
Yixuan Pei
Mitchell David Plessner
David Boris Rekhtman
Linda Marie Saikali
Medha Sharma
Cindy Song
Reena Shiven Sulkar
Alexandra Sears Thaler
Somachukwu Adanna Umeozulu
David L. Yang
Siddharth Yarlagadda

Gold Humanism Honor Society The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Sheldon K. Amoo-Mitchual
Jasmine Shanelle Brown
Jessica Marie Campanile
Dwain Chip Chambers III
Daksh Chauhan
Helene A. Chesnais
Avi Vinayak Dravid
George Chandler Floyd
Emily Gaffney Gleason
Sophia Rui Hu
Marine-Ayan Ibrahim Aibo
Michael Aram Karamardian
Shanzay Mona Khan
Shakira Jamba King
Lev Krasnovsky
Gina R. Lepore
Brian Joseph Levine
Tyler Wenda Lian
Sriram Palepu
Heta Nilesh Patel
Ashhad Ahmed Qureshi
Avanti N. Rangnekar
David Boris Rekhtman
Linda Marie Saikali
Yvonne Su
Stephanie N. Teeple

Faculty Teaching Awards

Leonard Berwick Memorial Teaching Award..... Erica Baller, MD, MS

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 Chadwick R. Johr, MD

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. *Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Rheumatology*

Dean's Award for Excellence in

Basic Science Teaching.....Joshua F. Baker, MD, MSCE

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. *Associate Professor of Medicine
Rheumatology*

Dean's Award for Excellence in

Clinical Teaching at an Affiliated Hospital Mona Al Mukaddam, MD, MS

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. *Associate Professor of Clinical
Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery*

Ashok Linganna, MD, MSED

Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine

Elizabeth M. Moore, MD, MSHPM

Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry

Jennifer Olenik, MD

Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine

Colin Quinn, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Neurology

Anna K. Weiss, MD, MSED

Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics

Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching by Housestaff.....

Nathan L'Etoile, MD

Established in 2015 to recognize clinical teaching excellence and commitment to medical education by outstanding housestaff. *Fellow, Pediatric Infectious Diseases*

One or more Dean's Awards are given annually, the recipients being selected on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.

Dean's Award for Excellence in Medical Student Teaching by an

Allied Health Professional Tanner Katz, MSN, CRNP, PMHNP-BC

This award was established in 1996–1997 to recognize outstanding teaching by allied health professionals (e.g., nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians).

*Advanced Practice Nurse,
Behavioral Health
Integrated Program, CHOP*

This award will be made annually. The recipient will be selected on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.

Robert Dunning Dripps Memorial Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

Robert E. Roses, MD

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 Surgery

The Scott Mackler Award for Excellence in Substance Abuse Teaching.....

Judy S. Chertok, 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.

*Associate Professor of
Clinical Family Medicine
and Community Health*

Medical Student Government

Teaching Awards

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 Science Teaching

Mitchell Lewis, DPhil

*John Morgan Professor of
Biomedical Research and Education*

Clinical Teaching

Prithvi S Sankar, MD

Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Renée M. Betancourt, 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 Family Medicine and
Community Health*

Special Dean's Award..... **DaCarla M. Albright, MD**
Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology
Nadia L. Bennett, MD, MEd
Professor of Clinical Medicine
Anna Delaney, MBA
Chief Operating Officer
Horace M. DeLisser, MD
Professor of Medicine
C. Jessica Dine, MD, MSHP
Professor of Medicine
Dennis J. Dlugos, MD, MSCE
Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics
Jennifer R. Kogan, MD
Professor of Medicine
Neha Vapiwala, MD
Professor in Radiation Oncology
Jon B. Morris, MD
Ernest F. Rosato-William Maul Measey Professor in Surgical Education
Judy A. Shea, PhD (in memoriam)
Leon Hess Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine

Advisory Deans

Marietta Ambrose, MD, MPH, MEd
Clinical Medicine

Christina Bales, MD
Pediatrics

Jonathan S. Dunham, MD
Internal Medicine

Sean Harbison, MD, MEd
Surgery

David L. Jaffe, MD
Internal Medicine

Nahla Khalek, MD, MPH, MEd
Surgery

Megan E. Lavoie, MD
Pediatrics

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Ophthalmology

Joseph Teel, MD
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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.*

