

A Grande Affair

2017



*Tentative efforts lead to tentative outcomes.
Therefore give yourself fully to your
endeavors. Decide to construct your
character through excellent actions and
determine to pay the price for a worthy goal.
The trials that you encounter will introduce
you to your strengths. Remain steadfast...
and one day you will build something that
endures; something worthy of your potential.*

*- Epictetus
Roman Teacher & Philosopher
55 - 135 A.D.*

The Medical Student Assembly

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School of Medicine

present

A Grande Affair

*The Grand Ballroom of the Kansas City Convention Center
Kansas City, Missouri*

March 18, 2017

Order of Events

Doctor's Notes

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Susheel Govindan and Abby Bernard
Co-Presidents, Medical Student Assembly

Remarks

Robert D. Simari, M.D.
Executive Dean, University of Kansas School of Medicine

Bernadette Gray-Little, Ph.D.
Chancellor, University of Kansas

Dinner

Presentation of Student Voice Awards

Bristol Whiles, Class of 2017
Taylor Batson, Class of 2018
Tommy Robinson, Class of 2019
Harpreet Singh, Class of 2019
Tanner Grieving, Class of 2020

Presentation of the Excellence in Residency Award

Taylor Batson, Class of 2018

Presentation of the Ad Astra

Outstanding Volunteer Physician Award

Taylor Batson, Class of 2018

Presentation of the Sunflower Part-Time Faculty Award

Taylor Batson, Class of 2018

Presentation of the Rainbow Award Finalists

Taylor Batson, Class of 2018

Presentation of Rainbow Award Recipient

Joseph LeMaster, M.D., MPH, 2016 Rainbow Award Recipient

Senior Tribute

Closing Remarks

Dancing

Dear Colleagues and Guests,

Welcome to the 2017 Medical Student Assembly's program, *A Grande Affair*, which shines a spotlight on the best of teaching and mentoring at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Every year, we set aside this night to celebrate our medical students' commitment to and passion for their chosen profession. We deeply appreciate the fact that our students devote this evening to honoring our faculty as outstanding mentors in the science and art of medicine.

As our students know, medical school is challenging and rigorous, instilling an unwavering expectation of excellence. Yet I believe that the best learning takes place in collegial environments where students build lifelong relationships. As tonight's program demonstrates, we are dedicated to making sure that the University of Kansas School of Medicine is such a place.

As an alumnus, know that I am especially proud of your service and dedication to patients, learners and the future of Kansas. Congratulations to the faculty members, residents and volunteer preceptors honored tonight, and thank you for your support of the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Enjoy the evening,



Robert D. Simari, M.D.
Executive Dean
University of Kansas School of Medicine

Good Evening,

On behalf of the University of Kansas Medical Student Assembly, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to our annual awards gala, *A Grande Affair*. This evening has great significance to so many of us in attendance tonight. It is truly a special occasion where students across all three campuses come together with faculty, residents, administration, and volunteer physicians in celebration of outstanding medical education.

Tonight is our opportunity to recognize excellence in both the basic and clinical sciences with the Student Voice Awards. In addition, we will announce the 2017 recipient of the Rainbow Award. This honor is bestowed upon a physician whose exemplary work, professionalism, and dedication to the field of medicine are nothing short of inspirational. We will also announce this year's recipient of the Excellence in Residency Award, given to a current resident who has selflessly invested in student training and exemplifies the qualities that students value most in a physician. The Sunflower Part-Time Faculty Award, and the Ad Astra Outstanding Volunteer Physician Award will also be given out tonight. We could not be more pleased to celebrate our teachers and role models with these awards, which represent a small gesture of our appreciation for their guidance and commitment to medical education.

This evening would not be possible without tremendous support. We would like to sincerely thank our presenting sponsors, the Department of Internal Medicine and the Medical Alumni Academic Societies. Also deserving of recognition are all of our supporting and table sponsors, as well as all others who have contributed this evening. Because of your support, we are able to celebrate the work of our outstanding faculty.

To all in attendance tonight, we greatly appreciate your presence. All of the individuals in this room have sacrificed time and energy in order to aid in the education of our medical students. Because of your effort, our university continues to produce some of the most intelligent, capable young physicians in the country. As students, the pride and professionalism that we approach our careers with is an outcome of the positive values that you instill in us during our time at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Thank you again for all that you do and on behalf of the Medical Student Assembly and please enjoy *A Grande Affair*.

Best Wishes,

Abby Bernard, Phase I President
Susheel Govindan, Phase II President

Student Voice Awards

MI Class Awards

First Year Outstanding Lecturers

Ivan Damjanov, M.D., Ph.D.

*Professor
Department of Pathology*

Gary Doolittle, M.D.

*Professor
Department of Internal Medicine*

James L. Fishback, M.D.

*Professor
Department of Pathology*

Joseph D. Fontes, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

Chad Slawson, Ph.D.

*Assistant Professor
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

Liskin Swint-Kruse, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

Ming Xiaoming Zhang, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor
Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology*

Student Voice Awards

MI Class Awards

Above and Beyond

Honoring a professor who invested greatly in student education outside of the lecture hall

George C. Enders, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor
Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology*

Illuminator

Honoring a professor best at making difficult and complex concepts clear and understandable

John G. Wood, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor
Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology
Department of Surgery*

Mighty Punch

Honoring a professor whose impact outweighed the limited time behind the lecture podium

Maura F. O'Neil, M.D.

*Associate Professor
Department of Pathology*

Most Inspiring

Honoring a professor for exciting and inspiring students beyond the basic medical knowledge

V. Gustavo Blanco, M.D., Ph.D.

*Department Chair and Professor
Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology*

Best MI Module

Cardiopulmonary

Student Voice Awards

M2 Class Awards

Second Year Outstanding Lecturers

V. Gustavo Blanco, M.D., Ph.D.

Department Chair and Professor

Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology

Mark T. Cunningham, M.D.

Associate Professor

Department of Pathology

Dianne Durham, Ph.D.

Professor

Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology

Department of Otorhinolaryngology

George C. Enders, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology

James L. Fishback, M.D.

Professor

Department of Pathology

Beth Levant, Ph.D.

Professor

Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics

Sharad Mathur, M.D.

Associate Professor

Department of Pathology

Student Voice Awards

M2 Class Awards

Above and Beyond

Honoring a professor who invested greatly in student education outside of the lecture hall

Ming Xioaming Zhang, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology

Illuminator

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Gary S. Gronseth, M.D.

Professor and Vice-Chairman

Department of Neurology

Mighty Punch

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Carrie Francis, M.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Otorhinolaryngology

Most Inspiring

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John G. Wood, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology

Department of Surgery

Best M2 Module

Brain and Behavior

Student Voice Clerkship Awards

Family Medicine

Attending: Jana Zaudke, M.D., MA

Resident: Candice Coffey, M.D.

Geriatrics

Attending: James Birch, Jr., M.D., MSPH

Resident: Sara Fearn, M.D.

Internal Medicine

Attending: Abebe Abebe, M.D.

Resident: Jake Kenyon, M.D.

Neurology

Attending: Michael Rippee, M.D.

Resident: Emmanuel Mantilla, D.O.

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Attending: John Calkins, M.D.

Resident: Meghan Vaglio, M.D.

Pediatrics

Attending: Michael Lewis, M.D.

Resident: Whitney Pressler, M.D.

Psychiatry

Attending: Larry Carver, M.D.

Resident: Sameer Chopra, M.D.

Surgery

Attending: Kurt Schropp, M.D.

Resident: Marcus Austenfeld, M.D. (Urology)

Best Third Year Clerkship Obstetrics and Gynecology

Best Clerkship Administrator

Lorraine Helm

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Excellence in Residency Award

Honoring a resident who demonstrates exceptional student mentoring, while consistently exhibiting the attributes of altruism, accountability, excellence, service, integrity and respect for others.

Nominees

Abdallah Abboud, M.D.

Department of Internal Medicine

Ghulam Rehman Mohy-Ud-Din, MBBS

Department of Internal Medicine

Marcus Austenfeld, M.D.

Department of Urology

Aaron Nilhas, M.D.

Department of Surgery

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Elizabeth Cristiano, M.D.

Department of Internal Medicine

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Department of Internal Medicine - Wichita

Clinton Gates, M.D.

Department of Surgery - Wichita

Kushal Shah, M.D.

Department of Neurosurgery

Michael Gilbert, M.D.

Department of Ophthalmology

Ahmad Ghaith Tarakji, M.D.

Department of Internal Medicine

Omar Hasan, M.D.

Department of Surgery - Wichita

Scott Turner, M.D.

Department of Surgery

Melanie Leveille, D.O.

Department of Pediatrics

Sunflower Part-Time Faculty Award

Historically, the student body has paid tribute to local, full-time faculty members. With the addition of the Sunflower Mentoring award, students are now able to recognize outstanding part-time physician educators, who are especially prominent on the Wichita and Salina campuses.

Nominees

Therese Cusick, M.D.

Department of Surgery - Wichita

David Robbins, M.D.

Department of Internal Medicine

Jennifer Jackson, M.D.

Department of Internal Medicine - Wichita

Kyle Vincent, M.D.

Department of Surgery - Wichita

Ad Astra Outstanding Volunteer Physician Award

For many years, volunteer physicians throughout the state of Kansas have played host to KU medical students. These preceptors welcome students into their communities and practices, allowing them to learn from a variety of clinical experiences. These experiences throughout the state offer a unique training environment for future physicians. This award honors a preceptor who exemplifies the attributes of excellence and professionalism in medicine and who has generously given their time, experience and knowledge to our medical students.

Nominees

Brett Grizzell, M.D.

Department of Surgery - Wichita

Vance Lasse, M.D.

*Department of Family Medicine and
Community Medicine - Wichita*

Douglas Gruenbacher, M.D.

Department of Family Medicine

Michael Machen, M.D.

*Department of Family and Community
Medicine - Wichita*

Shelly Gruenbacher, M.D.

Department of Family Medicine

Daniel Vestal, M.D.

*Department of Internal Medicine -
Kansas City VAMC*

David Guernsey, M.D.

*Department of Family Medicine and
Community Medicine - Wichita*

Malia Warner, M.D.

Department of Family Medicine

Rainbow Award Honoring our Heroes in Medicine

Throughout history, the practice of medicine has been learned under the thoughtful guidance of knowledgeable and experienced physicians. At the KU School of Medicine this tradition continues to shape the education of our students with preceptors during the first and second years and clinical rotations during the third and fourth years. Through this process the student is able to learn the skills of doctoring and cultivate his or her own craft, while the experienced doctor can reflect on their own beginning and impart a legacy on the future physician.

The Rainbow Award honors those individuals who exemplify the attributes of professionalism in medicine and share those qualities with the students they mentor. The specific characteristics of professionalism recognized by **The Rainbow Award** include those attitudes and behaviors that serve to maintain patient interest above physician self-interest, altruism, accountability, excellence, duty, service, honor, integrity, and respect for others. **The Rainbow Award** recipient is nominated and selected by the students and represents those characteristics that future physicians hope to possess one day.

Finalists

Abebe Abebe, M.D.

Department of Internal Medicine

Dhaval Bhavsar, M.D.

Department of Plastic Surgery

David Anderson, M.D.

Department of Orthopedic Surgery

James Butterworth, M.D.

Department of Plastic Surgery

Stephany Berry, M.D.

Department of Surgery

Robert Wittler, M.D.

Department of Pediatrics - Wichita

Rainbow Award Nominees

Samuel Akidiva, M.D.

*Department of Internal
Medicine - Wichita*

Krishna Dummula, M.D., MPH

Department of Neonatology

Robert Pluenneke, M.D.

*Department of Medicine
Clinical Oncology*

Bradley Barth, M.D.

*Department of Emergency
Medicine*

Allen Greiner, M.D., MPH

*Department of Family
Medicine*

Kimberly Swan, M.D.

*Department of Obstetrics
and Gynecology*

David Becker, M.D.

*Department of Internal
Medicine*

Joshua Mammen, M.D.

Department of Surgery

Yunxia Wang, M.D.

Department of Neurology

Brent Duran, D.O.

*Department of Pediatrics -
Wichita*

Muhammad

Nashatizadeh, M.D.

Department of Neurology

Laurel Witt, M.D.

*Department of Family
Medicine*

Isaac Opole, M.D.

*Department of Internal
Medicine*

Past Rainbow Award Recipients

2016

Joseph LeMaster, M.D., MPH
KUMC Department of Family Medicine

2015

Jana Zaudke, M.D., MA
KUMC Department of Family Medicine

2014

Michael Kennedy, M.D.
KUMC Department of Family Medicine

2013

Sarah Taylor, M.D.
KUMC Department of Internal Medicine

2012

Gary Doolittle, M.D.
KUMC Department of Internal Medicine

2011

Deborah Clements, M.D.
KUMC Department of Family Medicine

2010

Garold Minns, M.D.
KUMC Department of
Internal Medicine - Wichita

2009

Mark Meyer, M.D.
KUMC Department of Family Medicine

2008

David Robbins, M.D.
KUMC Department of Internal Medicine

2007

Mary Duff, M.D.
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Springfield, Missouri

2006

Daniel Dickerson, M.D., Ph.D.
Eudora Family Care
Eudora, Kansas

2005

Vance R. Burns, M.D.
KUMC Department of Internal Medicine

2004

Steven Simpson, M.D.
KUMC Department of Internal Medicine

2003

Belinda Vail, M.D.
KUMC Department of Family Medicine

2002

LeAnne DeTar-Newbert, M.D.
Family Medicine
Edwardsville, Kansas

2001

Debra Smith, M.D.
KUMC Department of Pediatrics

2000

Michael Moncure, M.D.
KUMC Department of Surgery

1999

Linda Campbell, M.D.
KUMC Department of Internal Medicine

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Class of 2020, IT Co-Chair

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Menu

Salad Course

Bibb lettuce and field greens, goat cheese sprinkles, mixed berries,
shaved shallots with a poppy seed vinaigrette

Dressing is not gluten-free or vegan

Entrée

Lump blue crab cake, airline chicken breast, boursin cheese &
lemon-champagne beurre blanc, griddled three cheese polenta
sunburst squash & zucchini

Fresh rolls & creamery butter

Gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian and shellfish-free meals served by prior request

Dessert

A trio of lemonade tart, cheesecake & chocolate torte

*Trio is gluten-free/Not dairy-free
Vegan dessert will be served with pre-ordered vegan entrees*

Wine

Ferrari-Carano Pinot Grigio
Kendall-Jackson Avant Red Blend

Freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot tea and iced tea

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