

# Senior Honors Convocation Award Descriptions

## Honor Societies

### **Alpha Omega Alpha**

The national honor medical society, Alpha Chapter of Kentucky, elects to membership students in their third and fourth years that are outstanding in scholarship and character.

### **Gold Humanism Honor Society**

Commonly abbreviated GHHS, is a national honor society that honors senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.

### **Phi Kappa Phi**

The all-university honor society, elects to membership medical students in their fourth year whose scholastic records are outstanding.

## Distinction Tracks

### **Distinction in Research**

### **Distinction in Business & Leadership**

### **Distinction in Global Health**

### **Distinction in Medical Education**

## Departmental Awards

### **The Dr. S. Spafford Ackerly Award**

This award was established in 1963 by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bingham, Sr. as a trust fund in honor of Dr. S. Spafford Ackerly, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the Department of Psychiatry and Chair from 1947 to 1963. The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences presents one award in the spring to a fourth-year medical student who has shown the greatest proficiency in psychiatry.

### **The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Physician/Scientist Award**

This award is presented in recognition of a graduating medical student who has pursued research in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology leading to scholarly publications or a degree in biochemistry.

### **The Dr. William M. Christopherson Society Award**

This award is presented by the Christopherson Society in honor of Dr. William M. Christopherson, Distinguished Professor and former Chair of the Department of Pathology from 1956 to 1974, to a fourth-year student demonstrating unusual ability and performance in pathology.

### **The Chloe Coleman Prize**

The Chloe Coleman Prize is presented to a fourth-year medical student who has shown the most promise in pediatric and/or adolescent psychiatry.

### **The Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award**

This award is sponsored by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. It is given to a fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine.

### **The Endocrine Society Medical Student Achievement Award**

In 1997, the Endocrine Society established this award that recognizes a graduating senior from each U.S. medical school who has shown special achievement and interest in the general field of endocrinology. This award program is designed to encourage outstanding students to consider careers in endocrinology and related fields of medicine.

### **The Dr. Stanley A. Gall Award**

This award was established in 2001 to honor Dr. Stanley A. Gall, Donald E. Baxter Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1989-2000. It is presented to a graduating senior student who excels beyond expectations on the High-Risk Obstetrics service. The student must demonstrate compassion, dedication and ability well above the level of training, and must plan to enter this specialty field.

### **The Dr. Samuel S. Gordon Award**

Three alumni of the School of Medicine and their families established this award to honor Dr. Samuel S. Gordon, Class of 1932, for his outstanding devotion to students and patients, academic excellence in his specialty of obstetrics and gynecology, and his ability to stimulate and inspire other physicians to high achievement. The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health presents this award to a fourth-year student who has excelled in the study of obstetrics and gynecology and who plans to enter that field.

### **The Dr. E. Owsley Grant Award for Academic Excellence in Urology**

**The O. J. Hurt, M.D. Award**

This award is presented by the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery to the fourth-year medical student who displays the traits most reflective of Dr. Hurt and his philosophy of orthopaedics and patient care, i.e., dedication to orthopaedics, honesty, integrity and medical knowledge.

**The Morton and Ann Kasdan Plastic Surgery Outstanding Student Award**

In 2012, the graduating plastic surgery residents established the Dr. Morton and Ann Kasdan Plastic Surgery Outstanding Student Award to honor their commitment to medical student education. This award is to be given to the fourth-year medical student that best exemplifies Dr. Kasdan's commitment to the field of plastic surgery.

**The Dr. Peter Knoefel Award**

Dr. Peter Knoefel joined the faculty in 1935 and served as Professor and Chair of Pharmacology from 1941 to 1966. This award is presented to a fourth-year student who has demonstrated ability and interest in clinical pharmacology.

**The American Academic of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology**

The American Academy of Neurology provides an award to the senior student who has demonstrated the most promise for a career in neurology during the course of studies in medical school.

**The Senior Award for Excellences in Neurosciences**

This award is presented by the faculties of Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology, Neurology, and Neurosurgery to a fourth-year student who has exhibited excellence and proficiency in neurosciences.

**The Dr. Morris Newberg Scholarship Award**

This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Morris Newberg and is awarded for proficiency in internal medicine.

**The Louisville Academy of Ophthalmology Excellence Award**

The Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences proudly presents the Louisville Academy of Ophthalmology Excellence Award to a fourth-year student exhibiting enthusiastic dedication to the field of Ophthalmology evident in their clinical rotations and research.

**The Dr. Billy F. Andrews Academic Excellence in Pediatrics Award**

This award is given to the fourth-year student who has demonstrated the greatest interest and proficiency in pediatrics during his/her clinical years.

**The Dr. Hiram C. Polk, Jr. Scholarship Award**

This award was established by the graduating surgical residents in 1986 and 1987 to provide financial assistance to a fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement as well as an interest in pursuing a career in surgery.

**The Benjamin M. Rigor, M.D. Excellence in Anesthesiology Award**

Dr. Benjamin M. Rigor served as Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine from 1981-1999. This award is given to the member of the graduating class who demonstrates great interest and proficiency during elective and tutorial courses in anesthesiology.

**The Dr. George I. Uhde Award for Excellence in Otolaryngology**

The Dr. George I. Uhde Award for Excellence in Otolaryngology is presented in honor of the late Dr. Uhde who is recognized as the father of modern otolaryngology in the city of Louisville.

**The Dr. Carroll L. Witten Memorial Award**

This award is presented to the outstanding fourth year medical student entering a family practice residency program in Kentucky.

**The Helene & Walter Zukof, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Award**

The Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians provides an award each year to a fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated the most interest in family medicine during his/her course of studies in medical school.

**Additional Awards****The Alpha Nu Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Kappa Medical Fraternity Award**

This award was established in 1995 by Drs. Hoyt D. Gardner and Letitia Kimsey-Taylor. This award is given in honor of the late Dr. Kimsey-Taylor, a "sister" member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity by the Brothers of the Alpha Nu Chapter of the AKK Medical Fraternity. It is given each year to a student who has overcome significant obstacles to achieve his/her degree.

**The Alpha Omega Alpha Special Recognition Award**

Alpha Omega Alpha, Alpha Chapter of Kentucky, selects a graduating fourth year student to receive the Alpha Omega Alpha Special Recognition Award. This award honors a non-member who demonstrates an admirable blend of academic skills and personal characteristics.

### **The AMWA Glasgow-Rubin Certificates of Commendation for Academic Achievement**

The American Medical Women's Association presents these citations to those women students who graduate in the top 10% or are considered "honor graduates" of their class.

### **The HSC Office of Diversity & Inclusion Health & Social Justice Scholar**

Recipients of this award have shown demonstrable commitment to addressing health disparities in their research, respective professions, and daily life. Scholars went on to either present on their projects at national conferences and or submitted a manuscript to peer-reviewed journals.

### **The Dr. George P. Caldwell Award**

In 1954, Dr. William G. Caldwell, an alumnus of the class of 1943, established an award in honor of his father, Dr. George P. Caldwell. The award is presented to a student who has exhibited special proficiency in the study of medicine.

### **The Tim Lee Carter Award**

This award, given by University of Louisville Medical School Student Senate in honor of Congressman Tim Lee Carter, M.D., is made annually to a fourth year medical student who, during his/her medical studies at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, has made an outstanding contribution in an area of non-academic extracurricular student life.

### **The Dr. Parish B. Cleveland Achievement Award**

This award was established in 1954 in honor of Dr. Parish B. Cleveland, an alumnus of the Class of 1943. It is given to the senior who has shown the greatest improvement by virtue of his/her own efforts during his/her medical career.

### **The Clinical Improvement Award**

This award was established in 2007 by Dr. Mary Coleman and her husband, Steve, to recognize a graduating medical student who has provided leadership in activities that have had an impact on improving patient care. Dr. Coleman was Associate Dean for Curriculum and was dedicated to improving patient care through free clinics and mission work.

### **The Dr. Carl Cooper, Jr. Award**

This award was established by the Kentucky Medical Insurance Company and is presented to the senior student who has exhibited excellence in the area of doctor-patient relations and communication.

### **The School of Medicine Student Diversity Award**

This award is presented to a graduating student to recognize extraordinary contributions to medical education and healthcare of groups underrepresented in medicine.

### **The Dr. Norvin Green Memorial Prize**

In 1919, Miss Susan T. Green established an annual award in memory of her father, Dr. Norvin Green. Dr. Green graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1840.

### **The Dr. Ethel Larosa Scholarship Award**

This award was established by the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation in honor of Dr. Ethel Larosa-Klemens, a physiatrist and champion of innovative pediatric rehabilitation. Dr. Larosa-Klemens was a 1994 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine and was a champion of pediatric rehabilitation in the Louisville community before her death in 2006. This award is presented annually to a female medical student, preferably interested in the field of rehabilitation or pediatrics, for excellence scholastic achievement and service to the community.

### **The Merck Manual Book Awards**

Books are awarded to outstanding seniors who have shown great scholarly interest. Each year the number of recipients is determined by Merck and is based on the number of graduation seniors.

### **The Dr. Presley F. Martin Memorial Award**

Established in memory of Dr. Presley F. Martin, Class of 1957, this award is presented to a graduating senior chosen by his/her peers who possess the traits one would seek in choosing one's own physician. The student should possess and reflect characteristics of a good physician: humor, ethical behavior, leadership and compassion.

### **The Omicron Delta Kappa Award**

The Beta Epsilon Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society for college students, gives a certificate of merit to an outstanding senior student.

### **The Student Affairs Award**

This award is given by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Student Affairs staff to a member of the fourth-year class who has exhibited outstanding cooperation and service to his/her class and the school through joint efforts with the Office of Medical Student Affairs.

### **The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation**

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Awards recognizes a graduating medical student (and faculty member) for excellence in both compassionate patient care and scientific achievement

### **The Dean's Award for Leadership**

**The Dean's Award for Scholarship**

This award is given annually to the graduating senior with the highest four-year record of academic achievement.