



VCU School of Medicine

KINLOCH NELSON, M.D.

Student Honors Day

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Recognizing the academic
and
personal achievement
of our students . . .



Welcome

Presentation of
Pre-Clinical Awards

Presentation of
Clinical Awards

Presentation of
Scholarships

Presentation of
Specialty Awards

Presentation of
Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Inductees

Presentation of
Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Inductees

Presentation of
Department Student Awards

Presentation of
Office of Research Awards



SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATIONS OF DISEASE AWARDS CLASS OF 2027

Molecular Basis of Health and Disease Award

Adarsh Mallepally

Principles of Physiology Award

Cotsakis Baird

Principles of Autonomics and Pharmacology Award

Kevin O'Reilly

Immunity and Infection - Aubrey H. Straus Award

Benjamin Vanderkwaak

Foundations of Disease Award

Charlotte Burch

Coleman Brantley Scholarship Award

Charlotte Burch

A.D. Williams Award

Charlotte Burch

Pathology Honor Society Inductees

Laura Clark

Tyler Costa

Baird Cotsakis

Katie Cox

Madison Hood

Ayana Jackson

Noelle Johnson

Luke Johnson

Dylan Kelley

Aubrey Scott King

Brigitte Lieu

Konrad McKalip

Marisa Mihori

Devika Puri

Brandon Rinkavage

William Schroeder

Aadi Sharm

Kealani Unkel

Pathology Honor Society Inductees cont.

Katherine Vaughn

Sydney Williams

Samuel Wolfe

James D. Popp Summer Research Fellowship

Jennifer Wang

Mallika Datta

APPLIED MEDICAL SCIENCES AWARDS CLASS OF 2026

Behavioral Sciences Award

Ariel Rosa

Cardiovascular Award

Chelsea Levi

**Edith E. and Hugo R. Seibel Award for Excellence
in Gross Anatomy Award**

Marcus Thomas

Endocrine and Metabolism Award

Luc Mortemousque

Gastrointestinal Award

Luc Mortemousque

Marrow Award

Falen Woldelassie

Movement Award

Dana Dabson

Neuroscience Award

Dana Dabson

Pulmonary Award

Dana Dabson

Renal Award

Luc Mortemousque

Reproduction Award

Luc Mortemousque

**Longitudinal Curriculum - Population Health and
Evidence-Based Medicine Award (cumulative of all 3 semesters)**

Aashish Batheja

**Longitudinal Curriculum - Practice of Clinical Medicine
(cumulative of all 3 semesters)**

Taylor Schaefer Hallet

A.D. Williams Award

Dana Dabson

M3 AWARDS FOR CLASS OF 2024

**Emergency Medicine Society for Academic Emergency
Medicine Medical Student Excellence Award**

Jessica Lauren Wimberly

Family Medicine Excellence Award

Benjamin Andre

Internal Medicine – William Branch Porter Award

Alison Joy Verster

Neurology Award

Nadine El Fawal

Obstetrics & Gynecology – Daniel Crooks Award

Gracia Luoma-Overstreet

Obstetrics & Gynecology – Eric Schelin Award

Anna Kikut

Pediatrics – Elizabeth Joanne Harbison Memorial Award

Glydel Lopez

Pediatrics – Lee Sutton Award

Robert E. Scott

Psychiatry Award

Sarah Ann Martin

Surgery Award

Benjamin Eric Andre

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M3 AWARDS FOR CLASS OF 2024 Cont.

Ambulatory Award

Madeline Donnelly

Jessica Lauren Wimberly

Honors in the M3 Year

Abbas Ali Khan

Benjamin Eric Andre

Anna Danielle Broshkevitch

Benjamin Patrick Cassidy

Meghan Colleen Ellwood

Christopher Monglin Liu

Gracia Luoma-Overstreet

Lauren Blythe Miller

Graham Maxwell Pingree

Jackson Lance Rankin

Dustin Parker Sneed

Alexandra Michaela Vagonis

Alison Joy Verster

Jessica Lauren Wimberly

A.D. Williams Award

Christopher Monglin Liu

M4 AWARDS FOR CLASS OF 2024

I2CRP Recognition for Excellence in the Completion of I2CRP Capstone Scholarly Project

Helena Feldman

Grace Le

Taylor Walters

I2CRP Recognition for Overall Excellence Serving Medically Underserved Populations

Jared Dunlap

Helena Feldman

Grace Le

Bari Scott

Inspiration Award

Zein Aburish

Merck Manual Award for Academic Excellence

Benjamin Patrick Cassidy

Christopher Monglin Liu

Jackson Lance Rankin

Dustin Parker Sneed

Practice of Clinical Medicine M4 Co-Leader Teaching Award Co-Teaching Award for the Class of 2026

Viraj Sharma

Practice of Clinical Medicine M4 Co-Leader Teaching Award Co-Teaching Award for the Class of 2027

Anna Broshkevitch

Robert C. Bryan Prize in Pathology

Lauren Carroll

Women's Association 2024 Glasgow-Rubin Awards

Anna Broshkevitch

Anna Kikut Caldwell

Brenna Cook

Meghan Ellwood

Christina Kontzias

Gracia Luoma-Overstreet

Sarah Ann Martin

Lauren Blythe Miller

Namita Raghavan

Alexandra Vagonis

Alison Joy Verster

Jessica Wimberly

Elizabeth Zhang

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

2024 Excellence in Public Health Award
Presented by the U.S. Public Health Service Physician Professional Advisory Committee

David Zhu

Dr. Sidney B. Barham Scholarship

Elizabeth Grace Le

**Dr. Rosemarie Teresa Greyson-Fleg and
Dr. Jerome Louis Fleg Fund**

Alana Porat

Freeman-Gayles Scholarship

Justin Davis

**Michael M. Kannan Pediatrician Teaching Award & Student
Scholarship**

Yasmin John

Dr. Nancy B. King Memorial Fund

Cynthia Ong

Henry Clay Smith, M.D. Memorial Award

Dung Nguyentran

Frank S. Trani Memorial School of Medicine Scholarship Fund

Galaisha Goodhope

Dr. Elbert P. Whited Scholarship

Brandon Yeatts

William Winston, M.D. Scholarship

Alison Verster

Jessica K. Lewis, M.D. Scholarship (I2CRP)

Namita Raghavan

SPECIALTY AWARDS

VIPBG Pre Doc

Mallory Stephenson

VIPBG Post Doc

Luis Araujo

SAEM Medical Student Excellence Award

Jessica Lauren Wimberly

Ron Clark MD Distinguished Service Award

Emily Dunbar



ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY (Brown Sequard Chapter)

AOA Councilor: Nicole Deiori, MD

AOA President: Brenna Michelle Cook

AOA Vice President: Gracia Luoma-Overstreet

Class of 2024

Waleed Ahmad

Abbas Ali Khan

Abdulaziz Alsumait

Benjamin Eric Andre

Alexis Antonucci

Lauren Carroll

Benjamin Cassidy

Brenna Michelle Cook

Eric Raymond Donley

Emily Dunbar

Meghan Colleen Ellwood

Madeline Helwig

Anna Ida Kikut

Christina Lila Kontzias

Sneha Krish

Kendall Kruszewski

Jenna Brooke Langbein

Grace Le

Christopher Monglin Liu

Gracia Luoma-Overstreet

Sarah Ann Martin

Carolyn May

Audrey McMurtrie

Lauren Blythe Miller



ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY
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Class of 2024 Cont.

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Peter Tamura
Alexandra Michaela Vagonis

Alison Joy Verster
Taylor Walters
Christine Wei
Jonathan Widmeyer
Jessica Lauren Wimberly
Elizabeth Zhang

ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION
GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

Arnold P. Gold Foundation Gold Humanism

Class of 2024

Abdulaziz Alsumait
Zshonel Auma
Renu Bansal
Shanté Barnes
Christian Blue
Justin Davis
Ali Ebadi
Ashwin Ghadiyaram
Ateeya Hessami
Logan Laubach
Gracia Luoma-Overstreet
Yuchi Ma
Carolyn May

Prem Minchu
Prattyak Mukhopadhyay
Kush Patel
Riley Payne
Alana Porat
Nihar Raju
Taylor Roach
Krunal Shukla
Phong Truong
T'keyah Vaughan
Jessica Wimberly
Jean Wu

MEDICAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARDS

Staff Excellence Award

Amanda Smith

Student Leadership Award Recipient

Madison Sokol

Student Leadership Award Nominees

Alwiya Ali

Marissa Glick

Hadee Makda

Jake Mikesell

Elizabeth Ransone

Sierra Rouse

Mariam Samuel

Nophar Yarden

Kamelia Zolfaghari

Best Student Interest Group of the Year

American Medical Student Association (AMSA) at VCU

Best Revamped Interest Group of the Year

*Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association
(APAMSA)*

Best New Student Interest Group of the Year

Hooked on Medicine

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AWARDS

Participants in the Annual Student Research Day

Iman Adibi

Yasmin Alamdeen

Aesha Amin

Zainab Aziz

Rianna Banerjee

Sri Vibhaav Bankuru

Aashish Batheja

Sravani Buddhavarapu

Lauren Carroll

Brendan Casola

Benjamin Cassidy

Lily Chang

Emilie Cheng

Jane Choi

Skye Coffey

Natalie Cohen

Sarah Cole

Ethan Crawford

Jessica Dahringer

Peter Daniels

Justin Dare

Justin Davis

Emaan Dawood

Rebecca Deitch

Sharanya Deshmukh

Emily Dunbar

Hayden Dux

Maya Ganeshan

Sammy Gao

Naomi Ghahrai

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AWARDS CONT.

Hayden Dux
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Naomi Ghahrai
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Chloe Hall-Cooper
Taylor Hallet
Farah Hasan
Madeline Helwig
Tiffany Ho
Haleigh Hopper
Lindsay Irwin
Taharah Islam
Ayana Jackson
Gurbani Jolly
Raveena Joshi
Drew Justeson
Clark Kang
Shemariah Kentish
Jamal Khan
Megan Kolbe
Aditya Kumar
Ankit Kumar
Allison Ladetto
Kevin Lam
Jeff Lee
Margaret Lefebvre
Aiden Lefebvre
Brigitte Lieu
Leonard Liu
Emily Loukas
Gracia Luoma-Overstreet
Leila Mabudian
Avni Malik
Sarah Martin
Elizabeth Mastoloni
Kaeden McClintock
Audrey McMurtie
Jake Mikesell

Darya Mirebrahimi
Luc Mortemousque
Prattayak Mukhopadhyay
Rithvik Nalamalapu
Amala Nayak
Deaquan Nichols
Vivian Ouyang
Stephanie Pan
Nicki Patel
Aaroh Patel
Tejal Patki
Charles Payne
Maria Peri
Shreya Raavicharla
Kiana Rahimi
Harikrishnaa Ramaraju
Elizabeth Ransone
William Raynor
Charles Reiter
Spencer Rice
Gevick Safarians
Karishma Setia
Divya Shan
Aadi Sharma
Chengxian Shi
Michael Shields
Lauren Sterlin
Joy Stouffer
Alexis Swift
Ryan Tran
Charanya Uppalapati
Suhas Rao Velichala
Alison Verster
Habeebah Vohra
Sarah Whitaker
Augustus White
Farheen Zaman
Nasim Zeighami
David Zhu
Kamelia Zolfaghari

Student Honors Day

In 1968, Kinloch Nelson, M.D., the Dean of the School of Medicine, combined the programs of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Medical Honor Society with the presentation of honors to students for academic achievement. As part of the program, AMSA encouraged medical students to present the results of research conducted at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) the day before the ceremony. Also, the AOA Medical Honor Society invited The Brown Sequard Lecturer to speak during the induction ceremony honoring the senior and junior students with high academic achievement.

Today, our program honors students in all classes for academic and personal achievement, and the presentation of research is still ongoing. We also honor student scholarship recipients and the generous donors who provide important scholarship support.

This program is a cooperative effort of the School of Medicine Dean's Office and AOA Medical Honor Society.

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