



VCU

School of Medicine



Kinloch Nelson M.D. Student Honors Day

May 8, 2025

*Hermes A. Kontos Medical Sciences
Building Auditorium*



Today's program

- *Pre-Clinical Awards*
- *Clinical Awards*
- *Scholarship Awards*
- *Peer-Selected Awards*
- *Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*
- *Gold Humanism Honor Society*
- *Office of Research Awards*

About Kinloch Nelson Student Honors Day

In 1969, 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 for their academic excellence in courses or clerkships. It also highlights recipients of spring semester scholarships, Medical Student Government (MSG) awards, and other notable achievements and recognitions.

Scientific Foundations of Disease Awards - Class of 2028

Molecular Basis of Health and Disease Award

Laura Madler

Principles of Physiology Award

Megan Cislo

Principles of Autonomics and Pharmacology Award

Thomas Walker

Immunity and Infection - Aubrey H. Straus Award

Joshua Webb Thibeault

Foundations of Disease Award

Alexander Goldman

A.D. Williams Award

John Kothmann

James D. Popp Summer Research Fellowship Award

Akhila Kunuthuru
Krithika Senthil

Applied Medical Sciences Awards - Class of 2027

Behavioral Sciences Award

Megan Mc Caughey
Shivam Patel
Kealani Unkel

Cardiovascular Award

Sydney Williams

Endocrine and Metabolism Award

Adarsh Mallepally

Gastrointestinal Award

Charlotte Burch

Marrow Award

Anna La Raffa

Movement Award

William Schroeder

Neuroscience Award

William Schroeder

Pulmonary Award

William Schroeder

Renal Award

Kerry Lee

Reproduction Award

William Schroeder

Longitudinal Curriculum - Population Health and Evidence-Based Medicine Award

(cumulative of all 3 semesters)

Aadi Sharma

Longitudinal Curriculum - Practice of Clinical Medicine Award

(cumulative of all 3 semesters)

Noelle Maison

Distinction in the Preclinical Curriculum

Iman Adibi	Raveena Joshi	William Schroeder
Bahira Ahmed	Tobi Kamoru	Aadi Sharma
Abigail Andrade	Cameron Kelly	William Shuford
Evan Arents	Aubrey King	Katherine Stombres
Charlotte Burch	Kerry Lee	Jay Tarashi
Victoria Calvert	Brigitte Lieu	Michael Taylor
Meredith Christian	Noelle Maison	Allison Tegner
Laura Clark	Adarsh Mallepally	William Treene
Tyler Costa	Megan Mc Caughey	Kealani Unkel
Baird Cotsakis	Konrad McKalip	Benjamin Vanderkwaak
Katie Cox	Marisa Mihori	Avani Venkatesh
Justin Dare	Amala Nayak	Sydney Williams
Olaoluwa Dinakin	Ryan Nguyen	Kai-Kan Yeung
Evan Drake	Konstantino Oikonomou	Dean Zhang
Sarah Durisek	Kevin O'Reilly	
Kareem Elhigzi	Shivam Patel	
Alexandra Erling	Nathan Paull	
Rachel Fry	Charles Payne	
Manna Haile	William Perrine	
Madison Hood	Paula Petersen	
Angelica Johnson	Devika Puri	
Noelle Johnson	Kaila Ross	

A.D. Williams Award

William Schroeder

M3 Awards - Class of 2025

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Medical Student Excellence Award

Michael Bly

Family Medicine Excellence Award

Brady Simpson

Internal Medicine - William Branch Porter Award

Kevin Han

Neurology Award

Augustus White

Obstetrics and Gynecology - Daniel Crooks Award

Marissa B. Glick

Obstetrics and Gynecology - Eric Schelin Award

Jessica S. Kiernan

Pediatrics - Elizabeth Joanne Harbison Memorial Award

Amy Doody

Pediatrics - Lee Sutton Award

Chloe Hall-Cooper

Psychiatry Award

Benjamin Henson

Surgery Award

Taylor Harrold

Ambulatory Award

Madeline Eller

Honors in the M3 Year

Rianna Banerjee
Natalie Cohen
Peter Daniels
Amy Doody
Sarah Edwards
Krishna Gandhi
Marissa Glick
Chloe Hall-Cooper
Yi Wei Hang
Taylor Harrold

Dakota Harvey
Matthew Jones
Michael McWilliams
Helen Query
Charles Reiter
Sierra Rouse
Steven Summers
Morgan Villa
Phillip Wyatt
Jackie Zhu

A.D. Williams Award

Michael McWilliams

M4 Awards - Class of 2025

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

Linh Duc Luong: Trajectories of incarceration over six years among people with mental illness and experiences of homelessness: Predictive factors among participants in a randomized trial of Housing First

Elyse Nguyen: Racial inequalities in smoking cessation: A retrospective analysis utilizing the Epic Cosmos database

Julie Vu: Understanding condom accessibility at the consumer level: A qualitative characterization of condoms in retail stores and implications for community-level STI rates

I2CRP Recognition for Overall Excellence Serving Medically Underserved Populations

Austin Barnhardt
Angela O'rion Caldwell
Cerelia Donald

Merck Manual Award for Academic Excellence

Rianna Banerjee
Chloe Hall-Cooper
Dakota Harvey
Michael McWilliams

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

Christopher Lee
Helen Query

Practice of Clinical Medicine M4 Co-Leader Award for the Class of 2025

Erin Kelly Freeman
Kevin Kim

Robert C. Bryan Prize in Pathology

Madeline Eller

American Medical Women's Association 2025 Glasgow-Rubin Awards

Rianna Banerjee
Natalie Cohen
Amy Doody
Sarah Edwards
Krishna Gandhi
Marissa Beth Glick
Chloe Hall-Cooper
Helen Query
Sierra Rouse
Jackie Jiayi Zhu

Competency-Based Graduation

Emily Clark

Ron Clark M.D. Distinguished Service Award

Terry Everett

Scholarship Awards

2025 Excellence in Public Health Award Presented by the U.S. Public Health Service Physician Professional Advisory Committee

Kavin Selvan

Dr. Sidney B. Barham Scholarship

Dakota Harvey
Matthew Jones
Hongyi Ren

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

Hyun Seung Shin

Freeman-Gayles Scholarship

Ryan Mecaskey

Michael M. Kannan Pediatrician Teaching Award

Jeana Mosley

Dr. Nancy B. King Memorial Fund

Connor McKee

Dr. Henry Clay Smith Memorial Award

Christopher Lee

Frank S. Trani Memorial School of Medicine Scholarship Fund

Naushin Ali

Dr. Elbert P. Whited Scholarship

Jeremy Allred
Louisa Boswell

William Winston, M.D. Scholarship

Chloe Hall-Cooper

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

Ji Sung Seo

Charles S. and Millicent P. Brown Family Foundation Physician-Scientist Endowment Fund

Sevval Ercan

Peer-Nominated Awards

Inspiration Award

Mariam Hammad

Staff Excellence Award

Risham Qureshi

Staff Excellence Nominees

Geovany Chavarria
Jasmine Cousins
Risham Qureshi
Ken Simon
Marta Vicente

Student Leadership Award

Jacob Mikesell

Student Leadership Award Nominees

Skye Coffey
Rebecca Doan
Pranavi Gopanapalli
Lindsay Irwin
Yonatan Kaplan
Avni Malik
Falen Mehari
Jacob Mikesell
Helen Query
Kiana Rahimi
Claire Simpson
Tess Weidenkopf

Best Student Interest Group of the Year

Student Family Medical Association

Best Student Interest Group of the Year Nominees

AMA/MSV @ VCU
Christian Medical & Dental Association
Student Family Medical Association
Student National Medical Association
Women in Medicine Student Organization

Outstanding Peer Assisted Learning (PALs) Tutors

Kevin Babu
Rianna Banerjee
Michael Costa
Rebecca Deitch
Chloe Hall-Cooper
Jayasri Narasimhan
Helen Query
Sierra Rouse
Allen Sheih

Arnold P. Gold Foundation Gold Humanism

Class of 2025

Mohamed Abdelrahman
Waleed Ahmad
Alwiya Ali
Naushin Ali
Kevin Babu
Mihai Bentan
Michael Bly
Romy Chu
Ogechi Nkem "NK" Gbujie
Miriam Hammad
Yi Wei Hang
Kayla Harley
Ashley Le-Pham

Christine Lee
Michael McWilliams
Parshva Mehta
Ikesinachi "Ike" Osuorah
Elizaberth Ransone
Sierra Rouse
Miriam Samuel
Sheel Shah
Vaani Shah
Jewel Washington
Isabelle Williams
Jackie Zhu

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Kamelia Zolfaghari

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society

Brown Sequard Chapter

AOA President: Natalie Cohen
AOA Vice President: Dakota Harvey

Class of 2025

Waleed Ahmad
Alexis Antonucci
Kevin Babu
Ben Bane
Rianna Banerjee
Meron Begashaw
Mihai Bentan
Demitra Chavez
Mathew Ciurash
Natalie Cohen
Peter Daniels
Rebecca Deitch
Amy Doody
Sarah Edwards
Erin Kelly Freeman
Krishna Gandhi
Marissa Glick

Chloe Hall-Cooper
Dakota Harvey
Benjamin Henson
Matthew Jones
Andrew Kaler
Caellaigh Kimpston
Elizabeth Mastoloni
Jashanjeet Singh Matharoo
Cody McIntire
Michael McWilliams
Vy Nguyen
Helen Query
Elizabeth Ransone
Charles Reiter
Sierra Rouse
Mariam Samuel
Divya Shan
Steven Summers
Morgan Villa
Phillip Wyatt
Jackie Zhu

Office of Research Awards

Sarah Abouassali	Kean Farhani
Yekeen Abu-Shiraz	Rachel Fry
Amanda Adolfo	Sushma Gandham
Tayyab Ahmad	Naomi Ghahrai
Amina Ahmed	Tania Gupta
Yasmin Alamdeen Shahzada	Manna Haile
Omar Al-Dulaimi	Reyna Han
Rebecca Alemu	Matthew Harris
Abigail Andrade	Rachel Heinzman
Alexandra Armengol	Reafa Hossain
Shanmitha Arun	Cameron Hughes
Aashish Batheja	Jaren Jackson
Nancy Marie Beinlich	Shilpa Jasti
Andrew Belilos	Luke Johnson
Peter Burbach	Angelica Johnson
Charlotte Burch	Noelle Johnson
Holly Caboti-Jones	Pratiik Kaushik
Victoria Calvert	Michael Keller
Jialin Chen	Faizaan Khan
Jeffrey Chen	Ellen Kim
Eileen Chen	Michelle Kim
Alexis Cherry	Andrew Kisin
Meredith Christian	Sriya Kongala
Samantha Chung	Drosoula Kountouris
Laura Clark	Christopher Kwon
Baird Cotsakis	Allison Ladetto
Ethan Crawford	Alan Lai
Dana Dabson	Joanna Le Galloudec
Pamela Dang	Joanna Lee
Natasha Deo	Matthew Joong H Lee
Mayra Diaz	Kerry Lee
Sarah Durisek	Chelsea Levi
Kareem Elhigzi	Brigitte Lieu
Alexandra Erling	Nicole Lulkin

Office of Research Awards (cont.)

Noelle Maison	Kaila Ross
Adarsh Mallepally	Yashnoor Sandhu
Amalendu Manoj	Aarya Sapre
Sarah Martey	Priyanka Saraf
Megan Mc Caughey	Raghav Saravanan
Konrad McKalip	Taneesha Sardana
Falen Mehari	Kush Savsani
Marisa Mihori	William Schroeder
Nuhamu Mulugeta	Karishma Setia
Shreya Muscu	Swati Sharma
Kellen Nani	Aadi Sharma
Susan Nguyen	Lauren Sterlin
Ryan Nguyen	Jared Stewart
Deaquann Nichols	Allison Tegner
Konstantinos Oikonomou	William Treene
Careniena Opem	Charanya Uppalapati
Stephanie Pan	Benjamin Vanderkwaak
David Park	Katherine Vaughn
Andrew Park	Suhas Rao Velichala
Rachel Park	Avani Venkatesh
Satya Paruchuri	Jennifer Wang
Nicki Patel	Zachary Whong
Aaroh Patel	Sydney Williams
Charles Payne	Edward Wu
Paula Petersen	Victoria Wu
Devika Puri	Nolan Yano
Yumna Rahman	Kai-Kan Japheth Yeung
Vidhushan Ramakrishnan	Jessica Yin
Vidhur Raveendran	Mehruha Zaman
Andrew Rehak	Dean Zhang
Spencer Rice	David Zhu



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