MAYO CLINIC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE
The Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science is comprised of five schools.

- Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine
- Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
- Mayo Clinic School of Continuous Professional Development
- Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education
- Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

Academic degrees are granted by the Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the deans and the faculty of Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. The faculty is drawn from the clinical and scientific staff of Mayo Clinic and is augmented by area physicians. Faculty members participating in this graduation ceremony represent a total faculty of approximately 3,700.
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine (MCASOM) matriculated its first class in 1972. For 50 years, world-class faculty has educated aspiring physicians in Mayo Clinic’s unsurpassed model of team-based, patient-centered care. Our faculty work with students to develop the skills to be highly successful care providers as well as the compassionate hearts and inquisitive minds that change lives and innovate health care for generations to come.

Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine holds the distinction of being one national medical school with three unique campuses – the original campus in Rochester, Minnesota; a four-year campus at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona; and a third- and fourth-year program on Mayo Clinic’s Jacksonville, Florida campus. Our novel school configuration provides our students with a depth and breadth of learning experiences unlike any other institution.

We are proud that Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine is a top-ranked medical school with a stellar national and international reputation. Our integrated approach to clinical and research training means our students are instilled with an unrelenting quest to find and apply medical answers where none have been found before. We are constantly innovating curriculum so our students will be well-prepared to handle the challenges of the nation’s evolving health care environment.

The Class of 2022 will be part of the prestigious alumni of Mayo Clinic. Selected from 7,392 applicants, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine Class of 2022 consists of 49 women and 45 men.

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In providing unprecedented philanthropic support, Jay Alix pledged to help Mayo Clinic “recruit the best of future generations of talented students and create an innovative curriculum that enables them to achieve dramatic advances in medical science, technology and patient care.” To recognize his vision and generosity, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine is named in his honor.

As a business professional, member of the Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees and grateful patient, Mr. Alix remains inspired by Mayo’s commitment to solving the world’s most serious and complex medical challenges — one patient at a time.

A devoted advocate for Mayo Clinic, Mr. Alix works alongside Mayo leaders, driving transformational change rooted in Mayo Clinic’s vision and core values.

Mr. Alix is a noted philanthropist and founder of the turnaround consulting firm AlixPartners, the global advisory firm and industry standard for providing comprehensive solutions for companies facing complex operating, financial, legal and restructuring challenges. He has led and advised on some of the largest and most complex restructurings and turnarounds of the past four decades, including leading the creation, design and development of the highly successful restructuring and turnaround plan to bring General Motors in and out of bankruptcy in just 40 days. Having sold control of the firm in 2006, today Alix serves as one of 15 board members and a mentor to AlixPartners’ leaders.

In addition to his past consulting work and private equity investment experience, Alix has lectured widely, written many articles on turnaround management and co-authored two books on the financial issues facing companies in reorganization.

Former U.S. President Clinton appointed Alix to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, the only businessperson and non-lawyer to serve on the nine-member commission. He served as a strategic advisor to Dennis Archer as mayor of Detroit. The Turnaround Management Association presented Alix with the 2002 Chairman’s Award in recognition of his “pioneering leadership role” in helping to create and build the turnaround industry. The Japanese Association for Turnaround Professionals honored him as its Inaugural Foreign Member in April 2003.

Alix has also focused on pro bono advisory and creative activities including producing award-winning documentary films, six-time Tony-winning Broadway musicals and plays, Grammy-nominated music and Emmy-nominated television series. He helped restructure the 40,000-student Detroit Public School System and assisted the Norman Rockwell Museum in advancing its mission nationally and internationally.

Alix completed the YPO/Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School. He holds an MBA in accounting from Rutgers University and a bachelor’s degree in finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He began his career as a CPA with PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York.
The mission of the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (MCGSBS) is to develop the next generation of leaders in biomedical science and education. First established in 1915, Mayo’s graduate degrees were initially awarded in partnership with the University of Minnesota. Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences became an independent degree-granting institution in 1983. For the past quarter century, our world-renowned faculty have worked within Mayo Clinic’s unique three-shield environment of the clinic, research and education to recruit, empower and nurture future scientists (M.S. and Ph.D.) and physician scientists (M.S./M.D. and M.D./Ph.D.) to explore the world and innovate in order to rapidly develop cures and solutions that solve unmet health care needs. Integral to the goals of Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is the creation of a diverse workforce that is prepared to improve health equity through discovery and innovation.

Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences has also been a vital part of the expansion of Mayo Clinic into a three-site institution — from the original site in Rochester, Minnesota to major graduate training in Jacksonville, Florida and both Scottsdale and Phoenix, Arizona. This novel configuration and nearly three-decade experience in distance graduate education has been showcased in the challenges presented by the recent COVID pandemic, demonstrating both the global reach and substantive local impact at each campus.

This commencement articulates the critical nature of fundamental research in addressing major societal needs. Each of these graduates from the class of 2022 represents new cutting-edge technology, innovations in health care delivery, public policy, regulatory science and new methods to make innovations more broadly available across the world through entrepreneurship, partnerships and novel ventures.

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Dr. Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, also known as “Dr. Q”, serves as Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery and leads the Brain Tumor Stem Cell Laboratory at Mayo Clinic Florida, where he has been recognized with the distinction of the William J. and Charles H. Mayo Endowed Professorship.

Dr. Quiñones-Hinojosa earned his B.A. in psychology from the University of California–Berkeley and his M.D. from Harvard Medical School, where he graduated cum laude. He completed his neurosurgery residency and a postdoctoral fellowship in developmental and stem cell biology at the University of California, San Francisco. His career as a neurosurgeon started at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he was named Professor of Neurosurgery and Oncology and served as the director of the Brain Tumor Program.

Over the last 15 years, Dr. Quiñones-Hinojosa has mentored more than 300 post-graduate students and neurosurgery residents, who are currently working in prestigious institutions of the United States such as Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MD Anderson and UCSF as well as other institutions around the world in Mexico, Spain, Panama, England and many others.

Dr. Quiñones-Hinojosa has received many honors and awards in recognition of his work. He has been named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in 2008, was the recipient of the Gary Lichtenstein Humanitarian Award and Neurosurgeon of the Year in 2014 and was named one of Mexico’s most brilliant minds in the world by Forbes Magazine in 2015. In 2021, Dr. Quiñones-Hinojosa received the prestigious Charles B. Wilson Award granted by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) due to his meritorious career in neurosurgery, and he also serves as the current International Vice-chair of the AANS/CNS Tumor Section. Dr. Quiñones-Hinojosa has received multiple honoris causa degrees from several institutions around the globe, including Southern Vermont College, Lackawanna College, Dominican University, University of Notre Dame, Loyola University and other countries like Mexico, Ecuador and Peru. Apart from his clinical and research activities he is the co-founder and president of the non-profit organization Mission:BRAIN and a member of the executive committee of Voices Against Brain Cancer. He has also founded three companies to extend the reach of his discoveries to more patients and has filed more than 25 patents with the same purpose.

“Within its walls all classes of people, the poor as well as the rich, without regard to color or creed, shall be cared for without discrimination.”

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FAREWELL & THANK YOU FROM MAYO CLINIC ALIX SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN FLORIDA

The Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, Jacksonville, Florida Class of 2022 would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible individuals that made our medical school experience humbling, rewarding and unforgettable.

First, to the patients of Mayo Clinic, UF Jacksonville, Naples Community Hospital, Wolfson and Nemours who have graciously invited us to learn from their experience: As physicians, we have the unique opportunity to be welcomed into people’s lives during some of their most difficult times. With every patient, we learned to appreciate not only the symptom or the etiology of the disease but — most importantly — the story and essence of each unique individual. May we never forget our first patients.

Second, to the Mayo Clinic staff, who have given so much time and attention to the behind-the-scenes details that ensure smooth learning: We are so thankful for our remarkable faculty who have fiercely advocated for us every step of the way. Their investment in us not only as future physicians but also as people made our small class a family, and we learned what “the needs of the patient come first” truly means. Thank you for allowing us to learn from our mistakes and supporting us as we grow. We have felt so cared for and blessed at Mayo Clinic Florida, where our needs as students were always heard and respected.

Next, to our fellow students across all campuses, who have accompanied us along the way with their support, understanding and laughter: We could not have gotten through this experience without each other. Our medical school experience has been enriched by the relationships we’ve made along the way. To those who graduated before us — thank you for the perspective and guidance when planning for the future. To those who graduate in the future — we look forward to having the opportunity to serve as mentors.

Last but certainly not least, we are most thankful for our families and friends. Thank you for being so patient with us. Medical school is a wild journey with many ups and downs as we struggle to find our way. Even when you haven’t fully understood what we were going through, you were always there for us as a source of encouragement. We are very grateful for your unwavering belief in us, even on days when we questioned ourselves. We would not be here without you.

You have shown us that we are never alone, and it is because of your support, patience and encouragement that we graduate together. Congratulations not only to the class of 2022 but to all those who helped us along the way. Today we become compassionate doctors because of you.

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URSULA BURNS

Ursula Burns has extensive international experience leading large companies facing technology sea changes within their industries.

Burns rose from an intern at Xerox Corporation to Chief Executive Officer from 2009 to 2016 and Chairman of the Board from 2010 to 2017. During her tenure as CEO, Burns helped the company transform from a global leader in document technology to the world’s most diversified business services company serving enterprises and governments of all sizes. After her retirement from Xerox, Burns was appointed CEO and Chairman of VEON, Ltd. from 2018 to 2020. During her tenure at VEON, Ltd., Burns successfully steered the company through various compliance and restructuring changes.

Burns is a member of the Exxon Mobil, Uber Technologies, Inc., Endeavor Group Holdings, Inc. and IHS Holdings Boards of Directors. She is also a founding partner of Integrum Holdings, Non-Executive Chairman of Teneo Holdings LLC and the Executive Chairman of Plum Acquisition Corp I. In addition, she is on several private company boards, including Mayo Clinic, Waystar and Hear.com, while also providing leadership counsel to non-profits including the Ford Foundation, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Corporation and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

U.S. President Barack Obama appointed Burns to lead the White House national program on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math from 2009 to 2016, and Burns served as Chair of the President’s Export Council from 2015 to 2016. In February 2022, Burns joined the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Advisory Council on Supply Chain Competitiveness.

Burns holds a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University and a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Polytechnic Institute of New York University. She is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the G7 Gender Equity Advisory Council.

“The best interest of the patient is the only interest to be considered, and in order that the sick may have the benefit of advancing knowledge, union of forces is necessary.”

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To the patients of Mayo Clinic – thank you for being so gracious in allowing us to learn from you and with you during your most vulnerable moments. With each and every patient, we learned to appreciate not only the symptoms and etiology of disease but, more importantly, to appreciate individual stories and gain a glimpse into the very essence of what makes us all human.

To the Mayo Clinic faculty and staff – thank you for selflessly sacrificing your time for the sole benefit of our learning and for being examples who model compassionate, patient-centered care. Thank you for being the mentors who have shaped our early clinical knowledge and have guided us throughout medical school.

To the benefactors of Mayo Clinic – thank you for your generosity which has allowed us to receive an unparalleled education with the finest medical resources. Your donations have given us the opportunities to fill our learning with meaningful service.

To our fellow students – thank you for accompanying us on this journey and filling it with unconditional support, understanding and laughter.

To those who graduated before us – thank you for your perspective and guidance in planning for the future.

“Knowledge of the past gave the foundation upon which has been built the present, and upon which we predict the future.”

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To those who will graduate after us – thank you for the opportunity to be your mentors and friends.

Last but certainly not least, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to our families and friends. Thank you for being so patient with us. You all have made many sacrifices to be with us, to be available for us and to encourage us through all the ups and downs. We could not have done this without you. Through your support, patience and encouragement, today we graduate together. Today we become compassionate physicians because of you, and we look forward to embarking on this next chapter of residency with the support of all who have invested in us.

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Reading of the Physician’s Pledge
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Recessional

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“Our father recognized certain definite social obligations. He believed ... that the important thing in life is not to accomplish for one’s self alone, but for each to carry his share of collective responsibility.”

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As we transition beyond graduate school, we pause to truly thank those who have supported us along this journey.

We hail our families and friends who have provided a lifetime of love and support during our growth as scientists. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we navigated this busy and wild journey.

We are forever indebted to our mentors who are champions of education, beacons of optimism in the face of disappointment and brilliant examples of what we hope to become. We appreciate our lab mates and classmates who rode the roller coaster with us and the administrators and graduate school leadership who helped us to stay on track.

We also thank our gracious benefactors for their continued financial support for our truly unique educational opportunity. Without the support and encouragement from all of you, it would have been very difficult to get through this challenging and important phase in our lives, especially during a pandemic. The global circumstances that we faced during our training definitely proved that “it takes a village” to be successful and achieve our goals. Thank you so much for believing in us, even when sometimes the uncertainty during a global pandemic made us doubt ourselves. This achievement is for all of you as well!

Our genuine and deep gratitude is extended to all who have helped us through the remarkable Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences experience. Please join us in celebration of this important time of transition. We did it!

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“I look through a half opened door into the future, full of interest, intriguing beyond my power to describe...”

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The Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine Class of 2022 would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many individuals who have shaped and supported us during this stage of our medical training.

First, to the patients of Mayo Clinic who have graciously allowed us to learn from and with them. Our medical education would not be possible without them. We give special thanks to the patients who generously repeated their histories, underwent additional physical exams and volunteered to spend extra time with medical students. We greatly appreciate their contributions to our education.

Second, to the faculty members, preceptors, fellows and residents who have guided our development from medical students into doctors. We thank the basic science faculty who equipped us to understand the basis of disease and treatment. We appreciate their dedication to promoting our learning and answering our questions (and also ensuring we passed Step 1). We thank our clinical preceptors who have guided us through the (sometimes awkward) transition into clinical medicine, and we appreciate the ways that they have helped us to grow in skills, experience and confidence. Our clinical faculty have shown us what “the needs of the patient come first” truly means, and we will carry these lessons and examples with us into residency.

Next, to the MCASOM deans, staff and administrators who have given so much time and attention to the behind-the-scenes details that ensure smooth learning. Although we may never know the extent of their work on our behalf, we appreciate all of the medical school staff who cared about us as people first and medical students second. Our experience would not be the same without them.

We also thank our friends, family and fellow students who have supported us so well during our medical education. We thank our friends and family for strengthening us through challenging times and for responding graciously when we were anxious, stressed, short of time, or unable to be present. We thank our fellow students who have fundamentally shaped our medical education, who have shared our successes and failures and who have continued to laugh at our increasingly obscure medical jokes.

Finally, we thank the generous benefactors of Mayo Clinic who help ensure that MCASOM has the resources to offer a world-class education. We appreciate their generosity and commitment.

Because of all of your support, patience and encouragement, today we graduate. Today we become physicians. Thank you.

Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine
Minnesota Class of 2022

“The glory of medicine is that it is constantly moving forward, that there is always more to learn.”

WILLIAM J. MAYO, M.D.
2022 Awards

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ABOUT THE AWARDS
Dean’s Recognition Awards
Dean’s Recognition Award recipients are chosen by the leadership of Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Recipients exemplify exceptional service to graduate school education.

Teacher of the Year Awards
Each year the graduate students select faculty members to receive Teacher of the Year Awards. The awards are given to faculty members who have made significant contributions to graduate student education.

Outstanding Mentor Award
Outstanding Mentor Award recipients are chosen by the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences predoctoral students to recognize effective mentors. Mentorship refers to the facilitation of individual student success and independence by providing appropriate tools and promoting skill learning in a mutually respectful environment with open communication. Effective mentors advise and help the mentee develop the numerous skills they need to be scientific leaders.

DEAN’S RECOGNITION AWARD
Jason D. Doles, Ph.D.
Richard E. Hayden, M.D.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
John R. Hawse, Ph.D.
Patricia Devaux, Ph.D.

OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARD
John D. Fryer, Ph.D.
DEAN’S RECOGNITION AWARD
Jason D. Doles, Ph.D.
Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dr. Jason Doles received a B.A. in both Political Science and Biology from Brown University in 2003 and a Ph.D. in Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2010. Following postdoctoral fellowships at the Center for Genomic Regulation (Centre de Regulacio Genomica) in Barcelona Spain and the University of Colorado-Boulder, Dr. Doles joined Mayo Clinic in 2016, where he leads a basic science research lab focused on stem cells, tissue regeneration and multi-organ wasting. In addition to research, he is an advocate for diversity in STEM and is currently serving as the Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion within the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. His dedication to the support and recruitment of underrepresented graduate students has been outstanding, resulting in the highest percentage of diverse applicants and appointees in 2021.

DEAN’S RECOGNITION AWARD
Richard E. Hayden, M.D.
Dr. Richard Hayden was born in Woodstock, New Brunswick in Canada. He received a B.S. in Biology from Mount Allison University in 1968 and an M.S. in Neurophysiology from Edinburgh University in 1970. After receiving an M.D.C.M. from McGill University in 1974, he completed a surgery internship at the Montreal General Hospital, completed an Otolaryngology residency and chief residency at the University of Toronto, was a Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology fellow at the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston and was a Radiation Oncology fellow at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Dr. Hayden joined Mayo Clinic as a consultant in 2002. Current roles at Mayo include Medical Director for the Postgraduate Physician Assistant Fellowship; Professor of Otolaryngology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science; and Director of Education for Mayo Clinic Center for Regenerative Medicine. He has full faculty privileges in Regenerative Sciences with the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, where he has played a significant role in the development of the Regeneratives Sciences Ph.D. training program as well as the new Master’s program that will begin in the summer of 2022.
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Patricia Devaux, Ph.D.

Born in Lyon, France, Dr. Patricia Devaux received a B.S. (Maîtrise Degree) in Biology from the Université de Lyon I in 1993 and an M.S. (Diplôme d’études approfondies) in Microbiology and Fundamental Virology from the Institut Pasteur in Paris in 1994. She then received a Ph.D. from the Université de Paris VII in 1998, which was followed by a research fellowship in Immunology at the Austin Research Institute in Heidelberg, Australia and research and senior research fellowships in Molecular Medicine at the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (MCGSBS) in Rochester. She became an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science in 2009, received full faculty privileges in Virology and Gene Therapy at MCGSBS in 2012 and received full faculty privileges in Regenerative Sciences at MCGSBS in 2020. Dr. Devaux is highly valued as a mentor and instructor at MCGSBS. As one mentee says, students are “privileged to experience her enthusiasm, commitment and—above all—patience towards educating the next generation of scientists on a day-to-day basis...She has not only been an exceptional scientific mentor to [students] but has also been [an exceptional] life coach in general. Despite her busy schedule, she always makes time to tutor each student individually.”

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

John R. Hawse, Ph.D.

Dr. John Hawse was born in Orange, Virginia, and he graduated magna cum laude from West Virginia University with a B.S. in Biology in 2001. After receiving a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from WVU in 2004, Dr. Hawse went on to complete a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. In 2012, he received full faculty privileges in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. He currently serves as track director for the BMB track, professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; and course director for Cancer I and II, Hormones in Cancer and the BMB journal club. Students say that as track director, “Dr. Hawse ensures that our voices and opinions are heard by encouraging us to serve in various research and planning committees, which has not only served to provide a better and solid educational structure but [has also provided the] experience we need for our future careers. He continues to advocate for students’ welfare and push for programs and initiatives that are instrumental in our paths to becoming scientists. As a teacher, he encourages discussions that are very helpful in our projects and future careers. As a mentor, he is very approachable, dependable and reliable. Interestingly, he still performs experiments in the lab, which is truly inspirational.”
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OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARD
John D. Fryer, Ph.D.

Dr. Fryer received a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of Arizona, Tucson and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Washington University in St. Louis. He obtained his postdoctoral training at the Baylor College of Medicine. His lab studies the pathogenesis of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias as well as the long-term consequences of sepsis and critical illness on the brain. He began his service to Mayo Clinic in Florida in 2011, where he was a consultant, assistant dean for MCGSBS in Jacksonville, associate program director for the Neuroscience track and a member of the Florida Executive Education Committee. Dr. Fryer has been a source of guidance for many learners during his time at Mayo, including visiting scholars, undergraduate students and graduate students. He is currently mentoring both Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students in his lab, and he has served on numerous Ph.D. thesis advisory committees, work groups and task forces. Upon relocating his laboratory to Arizona, he helped to develop the vision for MCGSBS-AZ’s education programs and initiatives, which he continues to do in his current role as associate dean for the MCGSBS Ph.D. students and as the inaugural director for the M.D.-Ph.D. program in AZ. Dr. Fryer also works with local and regional educational institutions to build relationships that help foster external affiliations and collaborations with the MCGSBS.
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Inaugural Distinguished Teacher Awards
The Distinguished Teacher Awards are presented to faculty who made significant contributions to excellence in MCASOM education, demonstrated knowledge and use of effective student centric learning experiences, received student-nominated awards three or more times (e.g. Teacher of the Year Award) and enhanced the school’s mission over many years as determined by the Dean.

Dean’s Recognition Awards
Dean’s Recognition Awards recipients are chosen for each school by leadership of Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine. Recipients exemplify exceptional service to medical education.

Distinguished Service Award
Chosen by Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine leadership, the Distinguished Service Award recipient is a Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine educator or leader who has exemplified exceptional education and service to the medical school over the course of their career.

Dean’s Diversity and Inclusion Awards
Diversity and Inclusion is a strategic priority at Mayo Clinic as we seek to produce the medical and biomedical workforces of the future. Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine is committed to creating an environment that embraces diversity and inclusion for our students and faculty. The recipients of the Dean’s Recognition Award for Diversity and Inclusion exemplify exceptional service to the medical school for efforts related to diversity and inclusion.

Teacher of the Year Award
Each year, graduating medical students on each campus select two faculty members to receive Teacher of the Year Awards. The awards are given in recognition of outstanding contributions to undergraduate medical education at Mayo Clinic.

Golden Stethoscope Awards
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine third- and fourth-year students select up to four residents or fellow educators to receive the Golden Stethoscope Award. Recipients are chosen from all Mayo Clinic campuses. Students recognize these residents and fellows for their outstanding commitment to medical student education and for going above and beyond expectations during the students’ clinical experiences.

Mayo Brothers Awards
Given in memory of William and Charles Mayo’s service to the Army, this prestigious award is presented to graduating medical school students who embody the values of Mayo Clinic as well as the values of the United States Armed Forces medicine: academic performance, leadership, service, integrity, dutifulness and dedication to the patients. Recipients of this award have honorable military service and are chosen by Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine leadership.

Inaugural BranKIND Awards
In Brandon Ghislain’s (they/them or he/him) three years at the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, their numerous talents and keen intelligence earned the respect of peers and faculty alike. Yet what their friends often remarked on was Bran’s humility. They habitually lifted up those around them and harbored a genuine desire to see others succeed. In addition to speaking of Bran’s genius, humor, hard-work and talent, those who knew Bran speak above all of their kindness. As their core value, kindness exuded from Bran’s every thought and action. This call to kindness was what drew Bran to Mayo Clinic, particularly Mayo’s emphasis on a collaborative and compassionate approach to patient care. Bran firmly believed that patient care is not about individual triumphs, instead being about collaborative growth—learning from, uplifting and helping one another. The inaugural BranKIND Award recipients have been chosen by fellow MCASOM graduates, recognizing in one of their peers Bran’s unforgettable qualities of kindness, humility, respect and inclusivity.
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DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD
Joseph P. Grande, M.D., Ph.D.
Born in South Bend, Indiana, Dr. Joseph Grande graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1979 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He went on to receive an M.D. and a Ph.D. in Pathology from the University of Chicago. He completed his residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at Mayo Clinic, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Grande joined Mayo Clinic in 1994 as a consultant for the Division of Anatomic Pathology in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. He joined the faculty of the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine in 1991 and the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 1999.

Dr. Grande has had an extramurally funded research program for over 25 years and has mentored over 70 learners, including medical students, visiting scholars, postdoctoral research fellows, Ph.D. candidates and high school students. He has more than 300 peer-reviewed publications related to basic/translational science and medical education, many of which are co-authored by students and trainees. His current education roles at Mayo Clinic include Course Director in Immunology and Cell Biology & Pathology for the Medical School and Course Co-Director in Molecular Mechanisms of Human Disease for the Graduate School. Dr. Grande also serves on review committees for the National Board of Medical Examiners and the National Institutes of Health.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD
James R. Gregoire, M.D.
Dr. James Gregoire grew up in Bemidji, Minnesota, and completed his undergraduate studies at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, where he majored in Chemistry. He first came to Mayo in 1982 for medical school and he has been here at Mayo ever since. He joined the staff at Mayo as a nephrologist in 1992—which was one of only three jobs he has had in his life (the other two being summer jobs in both a hardware store and as a camp counselor). Dr. Gregoire’s teaching ethos is based on his own struggles from his time as a medical student and resident, particularly regarding the relevance of clinical findings and evaluating their importance. When he teaches, he strives to help students understand the relevance of kidney conditions, how they affect the patients and how doctors must manage those problems. As a medical student and resident at Mayo, Dr. Gregoire was fortunate to have physician role models who were naturally kind and welcoming with patients and learners alike. He endeavors to model this same hospitality in his teaching, and his greatest joy is watching his students form therapeutic relationships with patients and knowing this model of care will continue throughout their medical careers. His advice for graduates as they officially become doctors is not to worry if you’re still unsure of your ultimate role in medicine, because your day will certainly come.
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DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD
James R. Munis, M.D., Ph.D.

Born in Philipsburg, Montana, Dr. James Munis attended college and medical school at the University of Chicago (where he also met his wife Lisa). After graduating medical school, Dr. Munis completed graduate school in Physiology at UCSD in La Jolla, California; interned at Boston City Hospital; a residency and chief residency in Anesthesiology at MGH in Boston; and a postdoctoral research fellowship in Neurosciences at Johns Hopkins. He later served as an anesthesiologist and Chair of Neuroanesthesia at the Cleveland Clinic from 1995 until 2001, when he joined the staff at Mayo Clinic. This past December, Dr. Munis retired from Mayo after serving as a neuroanesthesiologist for 20 years and division chair for eight. In addition to hands-on patient care, his professional love has been for faith-based humanitarian work overseas and for teaching Physiology here at home. Sometimes, as in the case of Mosul in 2017 and Ukraine this year, those two passions were joined together in war zone tent hospitals. Eager students are one of his greatest joys, and he hopes that they will pass the baton and carry on the tradition.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD
Wojciech Pawlina, M.D.

Dr. Wojciech Pawlina is a Professor of Anatomy and Medical Education and past Chair of the Department of Anatomy at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science in Rochester. He served as the Assistant Dean for Curriculum Development and Innovation at Mayo Medical School and was the Medical Director of Procedural Skills Laboratory. Dr. Pawlina teaches Gross Anatomy, Embryology and Histology to medical students, residents, fellows and other health care professionals. His research interest in medical education is directed towards strategies of implementing innovative teaching methodologies in anatomical sciences education such as inclusion of ultrasound, postmortem CTs, professionalism, leadership, teamwork and professional identity formation curriculum in early medical education. Dr. Pawlina received his M.D. from the Nicolaus Copernicus Medical School (presently known as Jagiellonian University Faculty of Medicine) in Krakow, Poland, where he was appointed as instructor in the Department of Descriptive and Topographical Anatomy, and he completed a Gynecology and Obstetrics residency in Krakow. He was a postdoctoral associate and faculty member in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville. He is an author of several histology and anatomy textbooks and atlases and serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Anatomical Sciences Education journal. Dr. Pawlina received numerous teaching awards from both the University of Florida and Mayo Clinic including Distinguished Mayo Educator Award. He is also recipient of Henry Gray Distinguished Educator Award from the American Association of Anatomists.
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DEAN’S RECOGNITION AWARD
Natalie R. Langley, Ph.D.

Born and raised in Louisiana to a family with strong Cajun roots, Dr. Natalie Langley grew up with a love of science, the human body and helping others in need. This dual love of science and humanity led her to study Anthropology at Louisiana State University, where—as a first-generation college student—she received a B.A. and an M.A. in Anthropology (and also became a die-hard LSU fan). Dr. Langley then moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, where she studied Forensic Anthropology at the famous “Body Farm,” receiving a Ph.D. in 2009. Dr. Langley came to Mayo Clinic in 2016, where she joined the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine (MCASOM) as the anatomy course leader in Arizona. Current roles with Mayo Clinic also include leading a National Institute of Justice-funded research lab in Arizona, serving on the MCASOM Admissions Committee, serving as Director of Educational Assessment with OASES and acting as Vice Chair of the Scientific Foundations curriculum. Dr. Langley enjoys the creative process and finds fulfillment in working with passionate and dedicated learners and colleagues. By being an educator at MCASOM she can pair both of these interests, and she is grateful for the collaborations, friendships, insight and rich experiences from which she has benefited during her time at Mayo. Dr. Langley balances her work life with a vibrant personal life, which includes baking, aerial arts, paddleboard yoga, football, beloved pets and spending time with her husband, Mark.

DEAN’S RECOGNITION AWARD
Suzanne M. Norby, M.D.

Dr. Suzanne Norby was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She received a B.S. in French and Molecular Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison followed by an M.D. from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She then completed both an Internal Medicine residency and a Nephrology fellowship at Mayo Clinic. It was as a Nephrology fellow that she was given the opportunity to serve as co-director of the Renal Pathophysiology course, which led to her lifelong passion for medical education. In 2001, Dr. Norby joined the staff at Mayo Clinic in the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension and currently serves as the division’s vice chair and medical director of the hemodialysis unit in Fairmont, MN. She is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science and Assistant Dean of Student Competency and Professional Standards at the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine. Dr. Norby’s favorite parts about working in the medical school are witnessing the progress of each remarkably talented group of students and working with an amazing faculty and staff.
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DEAN’S RECOGNITION AWARD
Shelby L. Strain
Born and raised in Rochester, Minnesota, Shelby Strain received a B.S. in Service Management from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She has been at Mayo Clinic for 11 years and the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine for seven years. In her current role as Education Specialist for Student Affairs, her primary responsibilities are partnering with the Deans of Student Affairs and Operations Managers to oversee all student affairs programming and processes. She plays an essential role in supporting students through orientation, specialty career exploration, residency preparation, Match Day and Commencement. Her greatest fulfillment in her current role is the connection she forms with each student through their educational journey. From sharing in the thrill of the first day on campus to the exhilaration of opening Match Day envelopes and discovering residency locations – the students’ joy is her joy, and she takes great pride in her role in helping future generations of physicians and scientists. Outside of Mayo Clinic, Shelby keeps busy with her husband of eight years, Jim, their two sons Kyson (7) and Bowen (5), and their shared love of sports, traveling and family time.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Mary H. Hopper, M.A.
A native of Minnesota, Mary Hopper grew up in Herman, a small farming community of about 600 people. She received a B.S. in Medical Technology (known today as Clinical Laboratory Science) from the University of Minnesota in 1976, and she received an M.A. in Health and Human Services from Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota in 1995. She joined the Mayo Clinic family in 1976 and has a combined total of 45 years across the practice, research and education shields. In her current role as Operations Manager for Education, she is responsible for the effective oversight of accreditation programs, where her professionalism, attention to detail and follow-through are noticed by peers and supervisors alike. The highlight of Mary’s day-to-day work is her collaboration with colleagues, who create a respectful and fun work environment that always keeps the students’ best interests in mind. She is proud to be a part of one of the best medical education programs in the nation — a program that helps form the best of the nation’s future doctors.
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DEAN’S DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD
John M. Knudsen, M.D.

Dr. John Knudsen was raised in central Texas. Upon graduating high school, he attended the University of Texas where he received a B.A. in Business Administration in 1982. He then attended Texas A&M University where he received an M.S. in Medicine and an M.D. After graduating medical school, Dr. Knudsen came to Mayo Clinic to complete a residency in Diagnostic Radiology. He joined the Mayo Clinic Department of Radiology staff in Florida in 1991 and later relocated to Rochester in 2000. In 2013, Dr. Knudsen became the Medical Director for the Mayo Clinic Office of Health Equity and Inclusion and served in that role until his retirement in 2021. Equity and inclusion are extremely important to Dr. Knudsen, and one of his greatest joys is working with MCASOM and its LGBTQ+ students. He hasn’t forgotten the challenges and uncertainties of navigating and advancing his own medical education as a closeted gay man. It was his own experience that led him to commit to doing everything in his power and influence to ensure a supportive and inclusive climate for Mayo’s sexual and gender minority students. As a recently retired emeritus staff, Dr. Knudsen is using his retirement to further his commitment around LGBTQ+ health advocacy and education at the local and national level. Retirement has also allowed Dr. Knudsen to enjoy his first warm winter in 22 years, which he spent in Palm Springs with his husband – and he is looking forward to a change of scenery this summer at their lake cabin in Wisconsin.

DEAN’S DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD
Olajumoke (Yemi) Sokumbi, M.D., FAAD

Dr. Olajumoke (Yemi) Sokumbi is an Associate Professor of Dermatology and Laboratory Medicine & Pathology in the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine. She is board-certified in dermatology and dermatopathology. She received her medical degree from Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota, where she also completed her preliminary year in Internal Medicine, completed her residency in Dermatology and served as chief resident in her final year. Following residency, she completed a fellowship in Dermatopathology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Sokumbi currently serves as Associate Medical Director for the Department of Business Development, which advances Mayo Clinic’s mission through proactive business partnerships and the commercialization of Mayo Clinic technologies for the benefit of patients worldwide while generating revenue to support clinical practice, research and education at Mayo Clinic. She is Chair of the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council, Associate Program Director of the Dermatology residency program and the Director of Clinical Practice in the Department of Dermatology. Her clinical and research interests include health care disparities in dermatology, clinical-pathologic correlation of complex inflammatory skin disorders, quality improvement in dermatopathology, hidradenitis suppurativa, cutaneous lymphoproliferative disorders and the development and assessment of deep neural network algorithms for diagnosis and image classification in dermatology and dermatopathology. She has presented nationally and internationally and has developed programs focused on leveraging the value of diversity in innovation and organizational leadership.
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ARIZONA–CLINICAL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Douglas E. Rappaport, M.D.

Dr. Douglas Rappaport is a consultant in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. He joined Mayo Clinic in 2017 and holds the academic rank of Assistant Professor in Emergency Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. Dr. Rappaport attended the University of Massachusetts for his undergraduate studies and earned an M.D. at the University of Arizona. He completed his residency training at the Harvard Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency program at Beth Israel Deaconess. His academic interests include medical education and global health.

ARIZONA–PRE-CLINICAL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Mira T. Keddis, M.D.

Dr. Mira Keddis received her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and completed her Internal Medicine residency training and chief year followed by a Nephrology fellowship training at Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Medical Education in Rochester. She is an associate professor of medicine at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science and a consultant in the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension in the Department of Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. Dr. Keddis’s commitment to teaching and furthering the next generation of medical students’ careers can be seen in her most recent student-driven award—one of 2020’s Teachers of the Year for the medical school.
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FLORIDA–CLINICAL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Dana Herrigel, M.D.
Dr. Dana Herrigel currently serves as the Director of Clinical Education for the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine at the Florida Campus. Prior to her arrival at Mayo in 2016, she spent thirteen years working as a chemical engineer for Merck and completing medical school, residency, chief residency and faculty positions as a Course Director and Associate Program Director at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Her current roles include assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Hospital Internal Medicine, mom to three kids and wife to one husband. Dr. Herrigel’s primary career objective is to pursue two goals. One of these goals is to teach early physicians how to frame and solve difficult problems. The second goal—and what she considers to be the most important—is to teach kindness. She believes the joy of teaching is only surpassed by the joy of learning, and this curiosity leads her to many adventures she would otherwise miss.

MINNESOTA–CLINICAL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Luke T. Hafdahl, M.D.
Dr. Luke Hafdahl is a consultant who practices primary care in the Division of Community Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Palliative Care. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Minnesota and completed both an Internal Medicine residency and chief residency at Mayo Clinic. In addition to clinical practice, his time is spent largely teaching, including working with precepting learners in both the Internal Medicine (IM) residency continuity clinic and the Internal Medicine resident/student hospital services; providing educational leadership as a Firm Chief for the resident continuity clinic; and serving as IM Clerkship Director for the third-year medical students.
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MINNESOTA—PRE-CLINICAL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Jeffrey B. Geske, M.D.

Dr. Jeffrey Geske is a consultant in the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine at Mayo Clinic. Dr. Geske has a passion for teaching cardiology, and his education roles include serving as the course director for the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine Cardiovascular course, a co-director of the Mayo Clinic Cardiovascular Board Review and a teacher at the Mayo Clinic Echocardiography Board Review and Mayo Clinic Internal Medicine Board Review. He directs the Cardiovascular Medicine selectives for Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine and is involved with medical school physical examination teaching, standardized patient assessment and mock interviews. He has previously been named teacher of the year for the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic Cardiovascular Diseases fellowship and the Mayo Clinic School of Echocardiography. Dr. Geske is trained in multimodality cardiac imaging. His clinical expertise includes hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, valvular heart disease, pericardiocentesis and 3-D echocardiographic guidance of interventions. Dr. Geske’s research focus is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, including multiple ongoing prospective trials, with 150 publications to his name. He serves as an editor for the European Heart Journal and the American Heart Journal and is Social Media Editor for JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging.

ARIZONA FELLOW
GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD
John A. Fanous, M.B.B.S.

Born and raised in the United Arab Emirates, Dr. John Fanous graduated from the University of Sharjah in 2012. In 2018, he came to the United States to begin Internal Medicine residency training at the Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC). Dr. Fanous was drawn to teaching from a very young age, when he was inspired by his mother’s career as a high school biology teacher. Witnessing the fulfillment she received from teaching and interacting with students left a lasting impression and is in no small part why—straight after medical school—his first job for nearly two years was as a clinical skills tutor. Dr. Fanous’s focus on the student experience only grew stronger during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the learning experience itself could be fraught with stress and even heartbreak, and he drew great joy from the daily connections with students and the challenge of teaching complex concepts and critical skills in such unprecedented times.
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ARIZONA RESIDENT GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD

Nikita Chhabra, D.O.
Dr. Nikita Chhabra is a Neurology PGY2 at Mayo Clinic Arizona. Originally from Niagara Falls, Canada, Dr. Chhabra developed a passion for neurology while completing her Honors Bachelor’s in Science at McMaster University. This culminated in a thesis project with a focus on physical activity and neurodegenerative disease. She continues to be active in research and as such has published multiple manuscripts and presented at both national and international conferences on topics in vascular and headache neurology. Dr. Chhabra’s passion for teaching was sparked during her residency, when the joy she found in teaching students lightened what was otherwise a difficult time. Ultimately, her goal is to pursue a career in academic neurology where she may continue to refine her teaching skills, focusing on her main educational interests of clinical reasoning and bedside teaching.

ARIZONA RESIDENT GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD

Aditi Mishra, M.D.
Dr. Aditi Mishra attended medical school at K.S. Hegde Medical Academy in India, where she excelled at both academic and extracurricular activities. She was a student council member and frequently won debates, singing and dancing competitions. At the top of her class, she received many distinctions and awards, including the “Most Outgoing Student” award for the graduating class of 2012. Following graduation, she pursued general surgery training at the prestigious Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, where she found an aptitude for teaching both medical students and junior residents. She subsequently worked in tertiary care hospitals in India before deciding to transition to the United States to further hone her surgical skills. She completed a year of residency at Mayo Clinic in Arizona and is currently a general surgical resident at the University of Iowa.
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FLORIDA FELLOW
GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD
Gregory K. Lewis, M.B.B.S.

Dr. Gregory Lewis was born and raised in Jamaica. He completed his medical degree at the University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences (with honors in Biochemistry and Anatomy), remaining at the University for a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 2016, Dr. Lewis transitioned to the United States. He continued in his passion for women’s health care, and as such completed a second residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Rochester General Hospital in New York—where he would go on to become Administrative Chief Resident. He is the recipient of numerous awards including The Golden Speculum award, the Dr. Samuel Grove Award for Leadership, the Obstetrics Simulation Award and the Best Resident Research Award. Dr. Lewis is currently a Fellow in the Minimally Invasive Gynecology Fellowship at Mayo Clinic Florida, where he continues to develop his clinical and surgical skills in managing patients with complex benign gynecological issues. Teaching and research are integral parts of his fellowship training, and he is committed to continuing this path of adding to the scholarship within the practice space of Women’s Health Care. He has provided mentorship to medical students and residents, engaging them in surgical video presentations, case reports and other educational projects here at Mayo Clinic. His career as an exemplary gynecologic provider, teacher and mentor continues to thrive through his combined passions for surgery, medical education and research.

FLORIDA RESIDENT
GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD
Albert Bui, D.O., Pharm.D.

Dr. Albert Bui is currently a PGY-2 Internal Medicine resident at Mayo Clinic Florida. He is originally from Los Angeles, California and lived in Ohio for nine years, completing pharmacy school at Ohio Northern Raabe College of Pharmacy and medical school at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. He aspires to pursue a career in Nephrology/Critical Care. His hobbies include playing and watching basketball, rollerblading, exploring new restaurants, going to the beach and making people laugh.
**FLORIDA RESIDENT GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD**

Nico R. Del Piccolo, M.D.

Born and raised in rural Western Colorado, Dr. Nichola Del Piccolo grew up ski racing and playing soccer. His love of soccer in particular led him to the Michigan Technological University to join the soccer team. However, it was at this time that he discovered another love—teaching. A position as a tutor at both the MTU’s biology and chemistry learning centers led to Dr. Del Piccolo being selected as a supervisor of other tutors during his senior year. After graduating in 2013 from MTU, Dr. Del Piccolo attended medical school at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, N.Y., where he continued to tutor. As a med student, he began to gravitate towards surgery, which led him to a General Surgery residency at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

**MINNESOTA FELLOW GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD**

Nischal Ranganath, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Nischal Ranganath is a first-year fellow in Infectious Diseases. He grew up in Toronto, Canada and subsequently achieved an M.D. and Ph.D. at University of Ottawa with research focused on the development of curative strategies for HIV infection. He then pursued an Internal Medicine residency at McMaster University. As chief resident, he was driven by his passion for teaching and curriculum development, a passion that continues today. Dr. Ranganath enjoys the other side of the learning experience as well, and in addition to working with promising medical students, learning from his exceptional colleagues is a highlight of his job. Outside of work, Dr. Ranganath enjoys hiking, biking, cooking (with an aspiration to be a chef as a secondary career) and exploring restaurants and breweries with his wife.
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MINNESOTA RESIDENT GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD
Matthew J. Aizpuru, M.D.

Dr. Matt Aizpuru is a third-year resident in General Surgery at Mayo Clinic Rochester. He grew up in the Twin Cities and attended Amherst College, where he majored in Economics and Spanish. After completing a post-baccalaureate program at Columbia University, he went on to graduate cum laude from Emory University School of Medicine. As a resident, he was awarded the Silver Retractor award for the top intern in the Department of Surgery. He has published several peer reviewed articles including publications on electric scooter injuries, avocado-related knife injuries, hepatobiliary and vascular surgery. He enjoys teaching medical students and gives each student an engaging X-Ray review session focused on evaluating common surgical emergencies, tubes, lines and drains. He is an avid fisherman and spends his free time traveling the world with his beloved wife, Jaimie.

MINNESOTA RESIDENT GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD
Alessandra G. Tomasi, M.D.

Dr. Alessandra (Ale) Tomasi is currently a PGY-2 Internal Medicine resident at Mayo Clinic. She is originally from Chapel Hill, North Carolina and completed medical school at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine prior to moving to Rochester. Following residency, she will be staying on for an extra year as Chief Resident, after which she plans to apply for a fellowship in Nephrology. Her interests and passions in medicine include medical education/mentorship, the kidneys and medical communication. Outside of medicine, she enjoys running and any outdoor activity, especially since becoming a Minnesotan has introduced her to cross-country skiing and boot hockey!
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MAYO BROTHERS AWARD
Hannah C. Roberts

Hannah grew up in southern Delaware and entered the US Naval Academy after graduating high school. Her older brother Nathanael preceded her into military service after September 11th. She attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island before entering the Academy as a midshipman with the class of 2009 in Annapolis, Maryland. She earned a bachelor's degree of science in oceanography. After commissioning in the US Navy, she reported for sea duty out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, aboard the USS HOPPER DDG-70. Her assignments included strike warfare, ship's first lieutenant and damage control assistant. She completed two deployments to the Fifth Fleet with her ship as a surface warfare officer. After completing her active-duty assignments, she decided on medicine as a career after working as a personal trainer. Inspired by the need for greater understanding of physiology to improve health and performance outcomes in her clients, she decided on a career as a doctor. She completed a post-baccalaureate course of pre-medical studies at Seattle University before joining the class of 2022 at Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine in Phoenix, Arizona. She recently matched in a three-year Emergency Medicine residency training program at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

MAYO BROTHERS AWARD
Jason M. Sargent

Growing up in Ashland, Kentucky, Jason joined the Marines immediately after graduating from Boyd County High School in 2006. As an infantry squad leader and scout sniper attached to the 3rd Marine Reconnaissance Battalion, he was deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. The GI Bill later allowed Jason to attend Mercyhurst University, where he received a B.S. in Neuroscience and a B.A. in Russian Studies. Inspired to attend medical school, he was accepted in the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine—his first choice of medical school—in 2018, an opportunity made possible by a tuition scholarship from Thea Berggren. Jason was recently matched to his first choice of residencies at Mayo Clinic for Anesthesiology, along with a transitional year at Gunderson Lutheran Medical Foundation in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
BranKIND AWARD
Johnny Dang
To his fellow classmates, Johnny Dang and kindness go hand in hand. Johnny continuously shows a sincere and active interest in his peers’ lives—if you mention a new interest, even in passing, Johnny’s enthusiasm will match yours. He recognizes the value of simply listening to friends with empathy, offering words of encouragement, sympathy or humor as the situation demands. He is both humble in his own accomplishments and supportive in helping those of his friends and classmates.

BranKIND AWARD
Lillian T. Peng
Lillian Peng has consistently demonstrated kindness to others during her time at Mayo. She is not only always willing to listen to her peers’ troubles, but she is also always able to offer support in a way that is empowering and uplifting. As someone with unshakeable personal and religious beliefs, Lillian is nevertheless eager to discuss other perspectives thoughtfully, respectfully and with a desire to learn. Respectful discourse is integral to her character, and she is the unofficial conflict mediator of her friend and peer groups.

BranKIND AWARD
Timothy P. Lee
Timothy Lee understands that ambition and kindness are not mutually exclusive. While he has big plans for his medical career and his role in the evolution of sleep medicine, he wants to help his peers in their own achievements. One of the ways he does this is by ensuring that everyone feels included. As a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community, Tim always finds a quietly effective way to highlight those who are underrepresented or marginalized.
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