

About the Duke Medical Alumni Association Awards

Established in 1968, the Duke Medical Alumni Association Awards recognize those who have made important contributions to the establishment and growth of the School of Medicine and honor alumni and friends whose careers have been distinguished by significant accomplishments in academic medicine, medical research or clinical practice, or through extraordinary service to patients, students, and communities, especially the underserved. Through their character and accomplishments, these individuals bring honor to themselves and to Duke University School of Medicine. The Duke Medical Alumni Association's Distinguished Awards recognizes outstanding Duke trained physicians, current faculty, and friends of Duke Medicine in the following eight categories.

Award Categories

Distinguished Alumni

This award honors alumni who have made significant contributions to medical education, research and practice through professional achievements and/or dedicated service. Criteria for selection include contributions to the medical profession demonstrated through quality of publications, significant discoveries, or practice improvements that have been widely adopted, community and national leadership in the profession, and by careers that have garnered national and international recognition in ways that bring honor to the medical profession and Duke University School of Medicine.

Eligibility: Awarded annually to School of Medicine and/or house staff alumni.
Nominations accepted from alumni and faculty.

Distinguished Faculty

This award honors those faculty members who have brought distinction to themselves, credit to the school and university, and benefit to their communities through their vocation. Awards recognize excellence in teaching medical students in the basic sciences or clinical medicine and/or longstanding achievements, contributions, and leadership in research or academic programs of Duke University School of Medicine.

Eligibility: Awarded annually to current School of Medicine faculty.
Nominations accepted from alumni, faculty, and students.

Distinguished Service

This award recognizes outstanding volunteer work and/or fundraising efforts on behalf of the School of Medicine and/or University, as well as efforts made to ensure the welfare of the institution. The award may also recognize individual who consistently demonstrate selfless service to the university and school.

Eligibility: Awarded on occasion to School of Medicine and/or house staff alumni, School of Medicine faculty, or friends of the School of Medicine.
Nominations accepted from alumni and faculty.

Honorary Alumni

This award recognizes outstanding individuals, who while not graduates of the School of Medicine, have made significant contributions to its educational mission. Honorees demonstrate support of medical education and residency/fellowship training; the desire to leave their own legacy at Duke University and the School of Medicine; and serve as models of physician responsibility to patients, students, colleagues and community members.

Eligibility: Nominations accepted from alumni and faculty.

Emerging Leader

This award honors School of Medicine and/or house staff alumni, or School of Medicine faculty who are early in their career for achievement through leadership, education, scholarship, or service in his or her professional or volunteer life.

Eligibility: Awarded on occasion to School of Medicine and/or house staff alumni, or School of Medicine faculty.
Nominations accepted from alumni and faculty.

Humanitarian

This award recognizes lifelong service to society or to humankind and honors those who have provided extraordinary service to their community, demonstrating leadership through global or local service. The award honors alumni and faculty who have fulfilled the obligations of their education through creative citizenship and exemplary service leadership in ways that benefit society and bring credit to the institution.

Eligibility: Awarded on occasion to School of Medicine and/or house staff alumni, or School of Medicine faculty. Nominations accepted from alumni and faculty.

Transformational Leadership Award

This award recognizes those whose research, education, clinical care, community service, or other initiatives demonstrate transformative leadership in health. The intent of this award is to honor those whose work leads directly to the creation or significant expansion of initiatives focused on the school's core values of respect for and inclusion of people from all backgrounds and identities; solving real world problems; and demonstrating a sense of urgency transforming discoveries into improved human health. The criteria is intentionally broad in scope and strives to honor those who demonstrate a significant commitment to innovation and change.

Eligibility: Awarded on occasion to School of Medicine and/or house staff alumni, or School of Medicine faculty or Duke University School of Medicine individuals, teams, or programs. Nominations accepted from alumni and faculty.

William G. Anlyan, MD Lifetime Achievement

This award recognizes achievement of an exceptional nature in any field, vocational or voluntary, covering an entire career. The award recognizes School of Medicine and/or house staff alumni, or School of Medicine faculty for extraordinary leadership and accomplishment in the field of medicine at the national level. It is the highest honor the Alumni Association bestows

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Awardee Nomination and Selection Process

Nomination Requirements

1. Completed nomination form.
2. Candidate's current curriculum vitae and/or bio-sketch (if applicable).
3. Minimum of three letters of support.

Selection

- All nominees are considered by the Awards Committee, comprised of School of Medicine alumni and faculty.
- Nominations received by September 1 are considered for the following year's award and remain active for a minimum of three years.
Note: It is atypical for an awardee to be selected during their first year of nomination.
- Awards are presented during Medical Alumni Weekend, held annually in the fall.

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