

Baylor
College of
Medicine

ALUMNI

Alumni Awards Winners
Through 2024

ALUMNI AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

The BCM Alumni Association Awards Program recognizes alumni, faculty, and students of Baylor College of Medicine for excellence in achievement and service. Award categories and criteria are established by the Executive Committee of the BCM Alumni Association.

Definitions:

Alumnus: An alumnus is any individual who has successfully pursued an educational or training program at BCM.

Faculty: A faculty member is any individual who holds a current faculty appointment at BCM.

Distinguished Alumnus Award: The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to alumni who make outstanding contributions to biomedical and/or medical science through clinical service, research, education, and/or administrative leadership. Distinguished Alumnus Awards are presented in three categories: medical; graduate; and, allied health sciences. Up to two awards in each category may be presented annually.

Young Alumnus Award: The Young Alumnus Award is presented to alumni who make outstanding contributions to biomedical and/or medical science through clinical service, research, education, and/or administrative leadership and who, at the time the award will be presented, will not yet have reached their 46th birthday. Young Alumnus Awards are presented in three categories: medical; graduate; and, allied health sciences. One award in each category may be presented annually.

Distinguished Faculty Award: The Distinguished Faculty Award is presented to BCM faculty who make outstanding contributions through clinical service, research, education, and/or administrative leadership. Up to two awards may be presented annually.

Distinguished Service Award: The Distinguished Service Award is presented to alumni for outstanding service to BCM and/or the BCM Alumni Association. Up to two awards may be presented annually.

Humanitarian Award: The Humanitarian Award is presented to alumni for outstanding service to mankind including humanitarian, public and/or government service. Up to two awards may be presented annually.

Lifetime Achievement Award: The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to alumni whose lifelong pursuits have achieved the zenith of accomplishment and serve as an inspiration to others. Up to two awards may be presented annually.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS DESCRIPTIONS – GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Carolyn L. Smith, Ph.D., Fel. '94

Outstanding Alumni from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will have used their scientific training obtained at BCM to launch a career that has led to substantial advances in scientific knowledge or application of knowledge to advance healthcare, biomedical research and/or education of the next generation of biomedical scientists. Scientific achievement as evidenced by publications (high impact science, top tier journals), invited lectureships, patent awards,

Leadership in science or science-related field: Academic leadership such as department chair, deans, institutes, CEO of biotech/start-up company, major leadership in pharmaceutical company, leadership of research consortiums

Leadership in Education: Deans, Provost, academic institution and their achievements in advancing education.

Major Service: Leadership of national academic/educational/professional societies, leadership of national effort to shape education and biomedical training

National Awards: Major named awards from professional societies, major research prizes, honorary degrees

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS DESCRIPTIONS – SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Physician Assistant Program – *Carl Emil Fasser, B.A., PA*

All attain national board certification and state licensure following graduation before taking positions in clinical practice, education, industry, or the uniformed services. They can be further differentiated by certificates of added qualification (CAQs) in emergency medicine, hospital medicine, Nephrology, Orthopedic surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, pediatrics and psychiatry. Some obtain added certification as diabetes educators and health educators. The newest certification possible through the ACLM is lifestyle medicine to be implemented in February 2017. These credentials apply mostly to those in the clinical setting.

Achievement in the academic setting is measured by advancement in faculty rank, the receipt of grant awards, scholarly publications, research, and achievement awards such as a Fulbright & Jaworski or the Barbara and Corbin Robertson Presidential Award. At the national level, it would be a Master Teacher Award or a Distinguished Service Faculty Award. Invited lectureships are another way in which to recognize the PA scholar.

Achievement as a scientist, such as Antone Opekun, also occurs in the academic setting but has markers that go beyond promotion and scholarship. For the few in this setting the markers are NIH and NSF funded awards, publications in the top science journals, novel ideas and patents, and the mentorship of junior faculty and graduate students.

Within industry the accolades come in a much different fashion. They involve appointment to key positions, a reputation as a thoughtful leader, and the receipt of distinguished awards given by the respective organizations.

There are two other markers that can be used to recognize the distinguished PA Alumna in any of these categories that include being selected as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the distinguished alum of the PA Program.

Other distinguishing markers include much of the elements Jim Walker indicated to include appointment to influential committees, nomination, and selection for key leadership positions, and serving in public office.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS DESCRIPTIONS – SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Orthotics and Prosthetics Program – *Jared Howell, M.S., CPO, LPO, FAAOP*

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- Scholarly Contribution
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- Reputation Educational
- Outreach/Commitment
- National/Professional
- Involvement

Criteria for these things can often be very subjective. These awards are often by recommendation or application based on the graduate's work or influence following graduation.

Nurse Anesthesia Program – *James R. Walker, DNP, CRNA, FNAP, FAAN*

I think about this from a professional impact perspective. There are a number of ways that an alum could have a distinguished (i.e., above average) impact. Things I believe would demonstrate impact are: 1) holding a faculty position with a reputable university, 2) awards from students/faculty/institutions, 3) publications, 4) recognized researcher, 5) professional organization leadership/awards/recognition (state, national, international), 6) service on influential committees leading to practice improvement/development/education/accreditation, 7) program development, 8) clinical leadership positions (e.g., chair, chief, director, etc.), 9) organizational leadership (e.g., president, vice president, chief nursing executive/officer, director positions, etc.), and 10) health policy involvement (e.g., committees, task forces, running for or serving in a public office in city/county/state/national governments). I'm sure there are other ways to demonstrate impact, but this is a start for the conversation the awards committee may have.

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PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Distinguished Alumnus - School of Medicine

- 1964 Richard L. Bohannon, M.D. '32*
1964 Milford O. Rouse, M.D. '27*
1965 Hannibal L. Jaworski, M.D. '26*
1966 Justin J. Stein, M.D. '33*
1967 Thomas J. Reeves, M.D. '46*
1968 O.W. English, M.D. '26*
1970 Russell L. Deter, M.D. '39*
1971 John J. Hinchey, M.D. '40*
1973 Joe T. Nelson, M.D. '51*
1974 Edward C. Hinds, M.D. '45*
1975 James E. Goodnight, M.D. '30*
1976 Robert S. Sparkman, M.D. '35*
1977 L. S. Thompson, Jr. M.D. '48*
1978 Herman D. Suit, M.D. '52
1979 John S. Bagwell, Jr., M.D. '36*
1980 Dan G. McNamara, M.D. '46*
1981 Vida C. McLeod, M.D. '19*
1982 Edward T. Smith, M.D. '29*
1983 Lewis Barbato, M.D. '30*
1984 John C. Haley, M.D. '27*
1985 Reba Michels Hill, M.D. '55*
1986 C. Eugene Carlton, M.D. '55
1987 E. Burke Evans, M.D. '47*
1988 Betty P. Stephenson, M.D. '53*
1989 George G. Alexander, M.D. '51*
1990 Milton Giles Fort, M.D. '50
1990 Wana Ann Gibson-Fort, M.D. '49
1991 Bobby A. Alford, M.D. '56
1991 Nathan Libby, M.D. '36
1992 Jimmie C. Holland, M.D. '52
1992 George J. Merriman, M.D. '40
1993 Lazar J. Greenfield, M.D. '58
1993 Y. Alan Lambert, M.D. '52
1994 Thomas P. Kennerly, M.D. '38*
1994 Laurance N. Nickey, M.D. '55
1995 Hugh S. Tullos, M.D. '60*
1995 Lloyd J. Gregory, Jr., M.D. '47
1996 James R. Schofield, M.D. '47*
1996 Harold M. Koenig, M.D. '66
1997 Paxton H. Howard, Jr., M.D. '62
1997 Byron C. Pevehouse, M.D. '52*
1998 Scott M. Grundy, M.D., Ph.D. '60
1998 James T. Willerson, M.D. '65
1999 Judith L. Craven, M.D. '74
1999 Kenneth L. Mattox, M.D. '64
2000 William T. Creasman, M.D. '60
2000 Larry H. Taber, M.D. '60
2001 William W. O'Donnell, M.D. '52*
2001 Taylor McKenzie, M.D. '58*
2002 David Y. Graham, M.D. '66
2002 Joe C. Smith, M.D. '51
2003 Grady L. Hallman, M.D. '54
2003 C. Robert Smith, M.D. '47*
2004 Clarence P. Alfrey, M.D. '55, Ph.D.
2004 John W. Herndon, M.D. '53*
2005 Thomas S. Riles, M.D. '69
2005 Robert I. White, Jr., M.D. '63
2006 James E. Key II, M.D. '70
2006 Charles T. Stephenson, M.D. '53
2007 George P. Noon, M.D. '60
2008 Carol J. Baker, M.D. '68
2008 O. Howard Frazier, M.D. '67
2009 Wayne M. Meyers, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc. '59
2009 Thomas M. Wheeler, M.D. '77
2010 C. Wayne Bardin, M.S., M.D. '62
2010 John R. Kelsey, Jr., M.D. '45*
2011 William L. Henrich, M.D. '72
2011 Richard L. Harper, M.D. '71
2012 David L. Callender, M.D., '95
2012 Margaret K. Hostetter, M.D., '75
2013 Charles H. McCollum, III M.D.
2013 D. Lynn Loriaux, M.D. '67, Ph.D. '68
2014 Barton Haynes, M.D. '73
2014 Stuart Yudofsky, M.D. '70
2015 G. Ralph Corey, M.D. '73
2016 David P. Green, M.D. '62
2017 Brendan Lee, M.D., Ph.D. Res. '95
2017 Walter R. Wilson, M.D. '67
2018 Gary L. Freed, M.D. '87, M.P.H.
2018 Phillip N. Tschlis, M.D., Res. '74
2019 A. Bennett Jenson, M.D. '66, Res. '70
2019 Martin M. Matzuk, M.D., Ph.D., Res. '93
2020 Christie M. Ballantyne, M.D. '82
2020 John M. Oldham, M.S. '66, M.D. '67
2021 Susan M. Cox, M.D. '82
2021 Stanley T. Crooke, Ph.D. '71, M.D. '74
2022 Victor M. Rivera, M.D. '69
2023 Marc L. Boom M.D '92, MBA, FACP, FACHE
2024 Benjamin Frankfort, M.D. Ph.D. '05
2025 Dimitrios P. Kontoyiannis, M.D., Sc.D., Ph.D.
(Hon.), Res. '94

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Distinguished Alumnus - The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

2001 Stanley T. Crooke, Ph.D. '71, M.D. '74	2013 Donald McDonnell, Ph.D. '88
2002 Janet S. Butel, Ph.D. '66	2014 Nelson Spruston, Ph.D. '91
2003 Joan S. Brugge, Ph.D. '75	2015 James F. Young, Ph.D. '79
2004 Edwin M. Stone, Ph.D. '83, M.D. '85	2015 Craig Powell, M.D. '97, Ph.D. '94
2005 Arthur Sands, Ph.D. '90, M.D. '92	2016 J. Fielding Hejtmancik, M.D. '78, Ph.D. '76
2006 Katrina L. Kelner, Ph.D. '81	2017 Janet S. Butel, Ph.D. '66
2008 Ramon Diaz-Arrastia, M.D., Ph.D. '88	2017 Robert E. Lanford, Ph.D. '79, Fel. '82
2009 Evan E. Eichler, Ph.D. '95	2018 Sean E. McGuire, M.D., Ph.D. '03
2010 Todd P. Primm, Ph.D. '97	2018 Warren E. Zimmer, Ph.D. '85
2010 James Versalovic, Ph.D. '94, M.D. '96	2019 Dane M. Chetkovich, M.D. '94, Ph.D. '92
2011 J. Troy Littleton, Ph.D. '94, M.D. '97	2020 C. Frank Bennett, Ph.D. '85
2012 P. Michael Conn, Ph.D. '76	2023 Lawrence R. Reiter, Ph.D. '97
2012 Wylie W. Vale, Jr., Ph.D. '68*	2024 Joseph Petrosino, Ph.D. '98
2013 Jose' Esparza, M.D., Ph.D. '74	2025 Tamara N. Alliston, Ph.D. '98

Distinguished Alumnus - School of Health Professions

1991 Sherri .L Stuart, PA-C '82	2010 James R. Walker, M.S., CRNA '92, DNP '09
1992 Barbara Lyons, M.Ed., PA-C '79	2010 Raymond Rudolph, P.A. '76, M.D.
1993 Carmel Dyer, M.D. '88	2012 Debra A. Barber CRNA, M.S. '92
1995 Chetram Parboo, PA-C '73	2012 Grace P. Landel, PA-C. '84
1996 Jill Hoffman, PA-C '75	2014 Vicki Waters, M.S., P.A.-C. '97
2000 Granville Collins, PA-C '74	2015 Holly Green, P.A. '87
2001 Antone Opekun, PA-C '81	2016 Cynthia Dukes, P.A.-C., '83
2003 Lurie McAdow, PA-C '83	2018 Dwight M. Deter, PA-C '76
2008 Gordon G. Eggers, Jr., PA-C, MPH '76	2023 Elissa L. Love, M.S., PA-C '96
	2025 Jessica S. LaCross, M.S. '02, PA-C

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Young Alumnus – School of Medicine

2012 Brendan Lee, M.D., Ph.D., Res. '95	2022 David A. Turner, M.D. '01
2014 Patrick Conway, M.D. '02	2023 Daniel C. Chelius, M.D. '05, Int. '06, Res. '10, FAAP, FACS
2015 Bobby Kapur, M.D. '98, M.P.H.	2023 Prathit A. Kulkarni, M.D. '09, Res. '14, Fel. '18, FACP
2016 Sanjeev A. Vasudevan, M.D., Res. '09	2024 Atul Maheshwari, M.D. '06
2017 Lawrence M. Simon, M.D. '03, Res. '08	2025 Ronald T. Cotton, M.D. '06, Res. '13, Fel. '15
2018 Jennifer E. Dietrich, M.D., Res. '04	2025 N. Thao N. Galván, M.D., MPH, Res. '15, Fel. '17, FACS
2019 Ricardo E. Nuila, M.D. '06, Res. '10	
2020 Stacey R. Rose, M.D. '07, Res. '10	
2021 Eric J. Silberfein, M.D. '08	

Young Alumnus – Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

2009 Sean E. McGuire, M.D., Ph.D. '04
2012 David M. Eagleman, Ph.D. '98
2013 Timothy Hughes, Ph.D. '98
2023 Shinya Yamamoto, D.V.M., Ph.D. '12
2024 Jacques E. Zaneveld Ph.D. '15
2024 Smriti Agrawal, Ph.D. '18
2025 Pengfei Liu, Ph.D. '12, Fel. '15

Young Alumnus – School of Health Professions

2012 Maura N. Polansky, PA-C '94
2018 Elizabeth P. Elliott, PA-C '06
2019 Steven H. Wei, PA-C '99
2020 Kristina P. Marsack, M.S., PA-C '04
2021 Emilie L. Miesner, M.S., PA-C '14
2022 Sheena D. Bhavsar, PA-C '10
2023 Rachel C. Davis, D.N.P '13, M.S. '08, CRNA, CHSE
2024 Aimee Langley, DNP '11
2025 Megan Bullerwell, DNP '13, CRNA, CHSE

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Distinguished Faculty

1971 Robert A. Liebelt, M.D. '58
1972 Russell Blattner, M.D.*
1973 Michael E. DeBaKey, M.D.*
1974 Hebbel E. Hoff, M.D.*
1975 John C. Haley, M.D. '27*
1976 Murdina M. Desmond, M.D.*
1977 Robert Hettig, M.D.*
1978 Donald Chapman, M.D.*
1979 Daniel E. Jenkins, M.D.
1980 Herbert Harris, M.D. '29*
1981 George L. Jordan, Jr., M.D.*
1982 Harris Busch, M.D.*
1983 Joseph L. Melnick, Ph.D.*
1984 John C. Haley, M.D. '27*
1985 Fred M. Taylor, M.D.*
1986 Martha Dukes Yow, M.D.*
1987 Vernon Knight, M.D.
1988 Raymond H. Kaufman, M.D. *
1989 S. Donald Greenberg, M.D. '54*
1990 Montague Lane, M.D.*
1991 Peter Kellaway, M.D.*
1991 S. Carl Harvey, Ph.D.*
1992 Donald J. Fernbach, M.D.
1992 Edward C. Lynch, M.D.
1993 William T. Butler, M.D.
1993 C. Thomas Caskey, M.D.
1994 Ralph D. Feigin, M.D.*
1994 Carlos Vallbona, M.D.*
1995 Melvin Spira, M.D.
1995 Katharine Hsu, M.D.*
1995 Arnold J. Rudolph, M.D.*
1996 Dan B. Jones, M.D.
1996 Bert W. O'Malley, M.D.
1997 James K. Alexander, M.D.*
1997 A. Aaron Mintz, M.D.
1998 Major W. Bradshaw, M.D. '67
1998 Temple W. Williams, M.D. '59
1999 L. Leighton Hill, M.D.
1999 Stephen B. Greenberg, M.D.
2000 Cassius B. Bordelon, Ph.D. '72
2000 Rebecca T. Kirkland, M.D. '73
2001 Arthur Beaudet, M.D.
2001 John H. Wilson, Ph.D.
2002 Garrett Rush Lynch, M.D. '74
2002 Edward B. Singleton, M.D.
2003 Lynn C. Yeoman, Ph.D.
2003 Huda Y. Zoghbi, M.D. '85
2004 Stanley H. Appel, M.D.
2004 Martin I. Lorin, M.D.
2005 Stuart C. Yudofsky, M.D. '70
2005 David C. Poplack, M.D.
2006 Donald T. Donovan, M.D. '76
2006 Richard W. Goodgame, M.D.
2007 Mark W. Kline, M.D. '81
2007 Daniel M. Musher, M.D.
2008 James M. Adams, Jr., M.D. '70
2008 Richard A. Lewis, M.D.
2009 Mary K. Estes, Ph.D.
2009 James W. Lomax II, M.D. '71
2010 Lawrence Chan, M.D., D.Sc.
2010 Joseph Jankovic, M.D.
2011 Rachelle S. Doody, M.D. '83, Ph.D.
2011 Richard Gibbs, Ph.D.
2012 Carl E. Fasser, P.A.
2012 Salih J. Wakil, Ph.D.
2013 William Brinkley, Ph.D.
2013 Wah Chiu, Ph.D.
2014 Frank Kretzer, Ph.D. *
2015 Donald P. Griffith, M.D. '63
2015 James R. Lupski, M.D., Ph.D.
2017 Susan M. Blaney, M.D.
2017 James R. Walker, DNP, CRNA '92
2018 Ellen M. Friedman, M.D.
2018 James L. Phillips, M.D.
2019 Malcolm K. Brenner, M.D., Ph.D.
2019 Peter J. Hotez, M.D., Ph.D.
2020 Biykem Bozkurt, M.D., Ph.D. '09, Res. '93, Fel. '96
2020 Ignatia B. Van den Veyver, M.D., Fel. '93, '96
2021 Michael A. Belfort, M.D., Res.'93, Fel. '95, Ph.D.
2021 David E. Wesson, M.D.
2022 Joslyn W. Fisher, M.D. '95
2023 George J. Hutton, M.D. Int. '97, Res. '00, Fel. '01
2024 Mark M. Udden, M.D. '80
2025 William Fisher, M.D., FACS

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Distinguished Service

2012 Donald T. Donovan, M.D. '76
2013 Douglas D. Koch, M.D.
2014 James Libby, M.D. '81
2014 Joe Garcia-Prats, M.D.
2015 Garabed Eknoyan, M.D., FACP
2017 Barry H. Goodfriend, M.D., Res. '65
2017 Kenneth L. Andrum, M.D. '54
2018 Joseph S. Coselli, M.D. '82
2019 George P. Noon, M.D. '60
2020 Robert B. Parke, Jr., M.D. '73, Res. '79, M.B.A.
2021 Yvonne Chu, M.D. '99, Res. '03, M.B.A.
2023 Ida Orenge, M.D. '87, Res. '91
2025 John Anderson, M.D. '73†

Humanitarian

2010 Richard G. Gieser, M.D. '63
2010 Walter B. Hull, M.D. '63
2011 Michael E. Berkeley, M.D. '78
2012 M. Cathleen Schanzer, M.D.
2012 George Peach Taylor, Jr., M.D. '78
2013 David S. Buck, M.D. '90, M.P.H.
2016 Marie B. Berkenkamp, M.D. '85
2017 Mary L. Brandt, M.D. '83
2018 Ronald E. Carver, M.D. '67
2018 Edward P. Todd, M.D. '68
2020 Jed G. Nuchtern, M.D., Res. '95
2020 Ami E. Waters, M.D., Res. '14
2021 John M. Sherman, M.D. '63
2021 G. Gary Card, M.D. '71
2022 Coburn H. Allen, M.D. '94
2022 Cynthia Anthis, M.D. '92
2023 Jenny Brockington, D.O., Res. '14
2023 Rachel W. Davis, M.D. '14, Res. '21
2024 Kelli Cohen Fein, M.D. '98
2024 Gioconda Gaudio, M.D. '78
2025 Joslyn W. Fisher, M.D. '95, Res. '98,
MPH, FACP

Lifetime Achievement

2006 Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.*
2007 Y. Alan Lambert, M.D. '52
2007 James R. Schofield, M.D. '47*
2009 Bobby R. Alford, M.D. '56
2012 C. Eugene Carlton, Jr., M.D. '55
2012 Jimmy F. Howell, M.D. '57
2013 Eugene V. Boisubain, M.D.
2013 Wendell D. Erwin, M.D. '66
2014 Edward Carter, M.D.
2016 Hermon D. Suit, M.D. '52, D.Phil
2017 Carol J. Baker, M.D. '68
2017 Charles H. McCollum, M.D., Fel. '66
2019 Kenneth L. Mattox, M.D. '64
2020 David H. Watson, M.D. '57
2021 Major W. Bradshaw, M.D. '67
2022 Joseph S. Coselli, M.D. '82
2023 Stephen B. Greenberg, M.D., Fel.
'74, MACP
2024 O.H "Bud" Frazier, M.D. '67
2025 Stuart Yudofsky, M.D. '70
2025 Matthew J. Wall, M.D. '84, Res. '89,
Res. '91