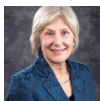


AMWA 2016 AWARDS



Presidential Recognition Award - Molly Carnes, MD, MS

Dr. Molly Carnes is the Jean Manchester Biddick Professor of Women's Health Research and Director of the Center for Women's Health Research at the UW. Additionally, she is the Director of the VA Women's Health Program and Co-Director of the Women in Science and Engineering Leadership Institute (WISELI) in the College of Engineering. Dr. Carnes received her medical degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and completed her residency, geriatric fellowship, and master's in epidemiology at the UW-Madison. Dr. Carnes's research focuses on how cultural stereotypes influence judgments and decision-making in ways that constrain opportunities for careers in academic medicine, science, and engineering for women and individuals from other groups that have not historically been well represented in these areas -- particularly at the leadership level. Dr. Carnes has published over 125 articles and has received a number of awards including an NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Award, an NIH Director's Pathfinder Award for Research to Promote Scientific Workforce Diversity and, most recently, an NIH Transformative R01 to Explore the Science of Scientific Review.



Presidential Recognition Award - Atul Gawande, MD, MPH

Atul Gawande MD, MPH, is a surgeon, writer, and public health researcher. He practices general and endocrine surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and is professor in both the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Department of Surgery at Harvard Medical School. He is Executive Director of Ariadne Labs, a joint center for health systems innovation, and also chairman of Lifebox, a nonprofit making surgery safer globally. Dr. Gawande has been a staff writer for *The New Yorker* magazine since 1998 and has written four *New York Times* bestsellers: *Complications*, a finalist for the National Book Award in 2002; *Better*, one of the 10 best books of 2007 by Amazon.com; *The Checklist Manifesto* in 2009 and his most recent book, is *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, released in October 2014. He has won two National Magazine Awards, AcademyHealth's Impact Award for highest research impact on healthcare, a MacArthur Fellowship and the Lewis Thomas Award for Writing about Science.



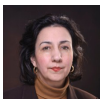
Presidential Recognition Award - Farzanna Haffizulla, MD, FACP, FAMWA

Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla is the immediate Past President of AMWA, anchor and medical correspondent for Mission Critical Health, and a nationally recognized speaker on work/life balance. She founded many AMWA programs, including the Preventive Medicine Task Force, fellowship program, and affiliate membership program. Dr. Haffizulla is also an Honors Organic Chemistry teacher at American Heritage School, Affiliate Clinical Assistant Professor of Biomedical Science at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University, Voluntary Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Miami, primary scientific board member for Shulman Institutional Review Board, Florida Delegate for Vision 2020, Physician Ambassador for Broward County's Department of Health, and Medical Director of Haven Home Health in Broward County. She is the author of two books, *Harmony of the Spheres: Career, Family and Community* and *Lead with your Heart: A Doctor's Rx for Personal and Professional Success*. She founded and runs a work/life balance site www.BusyMomMD.com and opened her own concierge, internal medicine hybrid private practice. She is a graduate of University of Central Florida (summa cum laude, University Honors) and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.



Elizabeth Blackwell Award - Padmini Murthy, MD, MPH, MS

Dr. Padmini (Mini) Murthy is Associate Professor and Global Health Director at New York Medical College. Dr. Murthy is a physician (a trained obstetrician and gynecologist) and an activist who did her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has practiced medicine and public health for the past 28 years in various countries. She has a MPH and a MS in Management from New York University. She serves as the Medical Women's International Association NGO alt representative to the United Nations, and also serves as a member of the Executive Council of the NGO CSW Committee of NY at the United Nations. Dr. Murthy is widely published and is the author and editor of *Women's Global Health and Human Rights* (Jones and Bartlett) which is used as a text book worldwide. She has made over 100 presentations on women's and children's health in national and international conferences and in the United Nations. She has been working to promote safe motherhood and other health initiatives focused on improving women's health in India, Malawi, Nepal and Grenada. Dr. Murthy has been the recipient of numerous awards including The Sojourner Truth Pin. She is married to a physician and has a daughter who works in international development.



Women in Science Award - Neelum Aggarwal, MD

Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD, is a population health neurologist and clinical researcher in the field of longevity and aging. She is an Associate Professor and Faculty member in the Departments of Neurological Sciences and the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. She is the Chief Diversity Officer for the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA), a Founding Member of the Women Against Alzheimer's Disease Network, and Steering Committee member for the American Medical Association (AMA) - Commission to End Health Disparities. Her research has focused on the role of social determinants and cardiovascular risk factors to predicting cognitive decline, and dementia in older adults. Dr. Aggarwal completed her medical degree from the Rosalind Franklin University - Chicago Medical School, her neurology residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and fellowship in aging and neurodegenerative disorders at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center.



Bertha Van Hoosen Award - Eliza Lo Chin, MD, MPH

Dr. Eliza Chin is the Executive Director and a Past President of AMWA. She has been actively involved in AMWA's national leadership for over a decade, serving as President during AMWA's 95th anniversary year. She has been an integral part of many of AMWA's programs and initiatives over the past decade and has a particular interest in the history and stories of women in medicine. In 2002, she published the anthology, *This Side of Doctoring: Reflections from Women in Medicine*, and in 2003, she was featured in the National Library of Medicine's Exhibition, *Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians*. Dr. Chin is a graduate of UC Berkeley, Harvard Medical School, and Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health. She completed a primary care residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She was Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Columbia University before relocating to California where she is now Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF. She is also a past Visiting Scholar of the Women's Leadership Institute at Mills College and one of the state delegates for Vision2020: Equality in Sight. She is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and AMWA.

**Lila Wallis Women's Health Award - Norma Jo Waxman, MD**

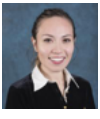
Norma Jo Waxman, MD is an Associate Professor of Family and Community at UCSF and a thought leader in Family Planning and Women's Health. She is a renowned national speaker, teacher and mentor, is an invited medical journal reviewer, recruited for scientific advisory boards and co-author of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Her health policy/advocacy efforts include expanding contraception insurance coverage, preventing restriction to abortion access and defeating California Parental Notification initiatives. Clinically, Dr. Waxman has focused on vulnerable and underserved populations. After residency she was a Child and Adolescent Sexual Abuse Examiner for the City of San Francisco and Adolescent Medicine faculty for Children's Hospital Oakland. From 1998-2011, she was core-faculty in the Family Medicine Residency at UCSF/SFGH, co-directed CME for UCSF Dept of Family and Community Medicine, and helped create the TEACH Project-integrating IUD insertion and "opt-out" abortion training into Family Medicine Residencies. In 2008, she joined the UCSF OB/GYN Bixby Center, as faculty and an initial co-investigator of the LARC (Long acting reversible contraception) Project. From 2011-2014, she provided comprehensive family medicine, including abortion, in private practice. Currently she is Medical Director for Treasure Island Job Corp's clinic, consults for HealthTap telemedicine and HEAL in-home medical visits, and performs procedures for Whole Women's Health in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

**Esther Pohl Lovejoy Award - Holly Atkinson, MD**

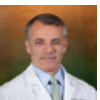
Dr. Holly Atkinson is Program Director for Human Rights in the Arnhold Institute for Global Health at Mount Sinai; Co-Director of the Advancing Idealism in Medicine Program in the Department of Medicine; and Assistant Professor of Medical Education at the Icahn School of Medicine in New York. She is co-director of the Mount Sinai Human Rights Clinic, where asylum seekers who have suffered torture, trafficking and other human rights violations are medically and psychologically evaluated. Dr. Atkinson has a broad background in human rights, having served on the board of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning organization Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) for over 16 years, including four years as President. She is currently an expert medical advisor to PHR and a member of the asylum network. Dr. Atkinson also co-chairs AMWA's Physicians Against Human Trafficking (PATH) initiative and sits on the board of directors of HEAL Trafficking. Dr. Atkinson graduated Phi Beta Kappa with Honors in Biology from Colgate University. She has an MD from the University of Rochester and an MS from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and AMWA and a member of the AOA Honor Medical Society, the American Public Health Association, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

**Camille Mermod Award and AMWA's Resident Division Susan Ivey Courage to Lead Award - Amanda Xi, MD, MSE**

Amanda Xi, MD is a Transitional Year Resident at Henry Ford Hospital and will be continuing her graduate medical education in Anesthesiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is a graduate of the Inaugural Class of 2015 at the Oakland University William Beaumont (OUWB) School of Medicine. She started her journey with AMWA as the Founding President of the OUWB branch from 2011-2013. Under her leadership, the AMWA at OUWB branch was recognized with the Heller Outstanding Branch Award for two consecutive years. Amanda joined the Student Division National leadership as a Student Division Conference Co-Chair for the 99th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC then went on to become a Centennial Program Committee Co-Chair. She has also been the Student and Resident Division Treasurer. This year she has continued to focus her efforts on improving the Annual Meeting as a Program Co-Director. Prior to medical school, Amanda completed her Associate degree at Bard College at Simon's Rock before transferring to the University of Michigan to obtain her Bachelor and Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering. In her free time, Amanda enjoys blogging (blog.amandaxi.com) and graphic design (mddet.etsy.com).

**Anne C. Carter Leadership Award - Samia Osman**

Samia Osman, a MD/MPP '17 Candidate at Harvard Medical School and Harvard Kennedy School of Government, is the AMWA National Student President-Elect. Graduating with Honors from the University of Arizona, she triple-majored in International Development, Molecular and Cellular Biology, and Psychology. As the Founder and President of Arizona's United Nations Children's Fund, she started a gyro sandwich business on campus that fundraised for education and health causes for children and women in war-torn areas. During that time, she also co-founded the Tucson Free Clinic, and she was known for driving around town to bring homeless people to the clinic for healthcare. Upon graduation, she taught high school biology in her hometown, Mesa, Arizona, motivating students from underserved communities to pursue higher education. In 2011, Samia was a Fulbright Scholar in Taiwan, where she served as a cultural ambassador, researched on the universal healthcare system, and wrote travel and food articles to promote cross-cultural dialogues. Samia is also a Health Consultant for the United Nations Work and Relief Agency. At Harvard, Samia is a former co-chair of the American Medical Association chapter, Student Representative to the Financial Aid Committee, and a Governing Councilwoman to the Massachusetts Medical Society. She is also a mother of a two-year-old, Ariya.

Local Hero Awards

Pascal J. Goldschmidt, MD - Pascal J. Goldschmidt, MD, an internationally renowned cardiologist and cardiovascular researcher, is Dean of the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. He also has served as Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs for the University of Miami and as founding Chief Executive Officer of UHealth - the University of Miami Health System, which includes three hospitals and more than one dozen outpatient facilities in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Collier counties, with more than 1,200 physicians and 9,000 staff. He joined the University of Miami in 2006.



Felicia Knaul, PhD - Dr. Felicia Knaul is the Director of the Miami Institute for the Americas at the University of Miami College of Arts & Sciences, which focuses on policy analysis in all sectors, including the humanities, the arts, and social and economic development. She is also a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Miami Miller School Of Medicine. Since 2014, Dr. Knaul is Chair of the Lancet Commission on Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Control. Before joining the University of Miami faculty in 2015, she was Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School and Director of the Harvard Global Equity Initiative. Dr. Knaul is also Honorary Research Professor of Medical Sciences at the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico and Senior Economist at the Mexican Health Foundation. As a result of her breast cancer experience, in 2008 she founded Cáncer de Mama: Tómatelo a Pecho, a non-profit agency in Mexico that promotes research, advocacy, awareness, and early detection throughout Latin America. Dr. Knaul has produced more than 170 academic and policy publications, authored and lead-edited academic books, and serves on the advisory board or editorial board of several medical and health care publishers. She received her Ph.D and M.A. in economics from Harvard University.



Claudia Mason, MD - A native New Yorker, Dr. Mason attended CCNY. She obtained her medical degree from the Universidad de Zaragoza Facultad de Medicina with residency training was at UMKC where she met and married her first husband and had two sons, Adam and Timothy. She had a private practice (OB/GYN) in Stillwater Oklahoma where she began her journey in Medical Quality at the local hospital. She received a Master of Science in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas and eventually relocated to Santa Fe, New Mexico where she had a clinical practice and was a hospital medical director for Presbyterian Healthcare. Following widowhood, she retired from obstetrics and relocated this time to Florida to take a position at Cleveland Clinic Florida in West Palm Beach. Working in quality structure, she is now the Regional Quality Officer for Cleveland Clinic Florida and endeavors to help her colleagues untangle ACOs, big data, analytics and evidence based practice. She enjoys the sunshine, easy living in Florida, reading and beading and a good personal challenge.



Lanalee Sam, MD - Dr. Lanalee Araba Sam is the Founder of Elite Obstetrics & Gynecology a boutique practice in Fort Lauderdale as well as the Director of Gynecologic Robotic Surgery at West Boca Medical Center, the Director of Women's Health Services at Florida Medical Center, Public Relations Co-Chair of the American Medical Woman's Association, the Past Chairwoman of the Broward County Medical Association Women's Physicians Section. A loving mother of one 11 year old son, world traveler and triathlete, Dr. Sam also volunteers on the Boards of several community organizations including Women in Distress, the Broward YMCA, and the Darcy J. Foundation. Dr. Sam completed an undergraduate double major in Psychology and English at the University of Toronto, medical school at the University of Pennsylvania and her OB/GYN residency at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Most recently Dr. Sam summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania March 2015 as the team physician of The Freedom Challenge Corporate Climb, an organization dedicated to ending global human trafficking. They raised over one million dollars with Dr. Sam receiving two International humanitarian awards in London and Amsterdam from Women4Africa and The Voice Magazine respectively for her efforts.



Adriana Rodriguez, MD - Dr. Adriana Rodriguez is a neurologist at the Cleveland Clinic Florida and the program director for the Neurology Residency Program. She is a member of the Women's Professional Staff Association, and in 2015 won the coveted Teacher of the Year award as voted by the medical students from Florida International University. Her work as a member of the executive committee of the Cleveland Clinic Florida (CCF) is laudable, especially her support of the CCF women and dedication to women's issues. Dr. Rodriguez is a graduate of University of Iowa and the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. She completed her residency in neurology at Loyola University Medical Center and a Fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at Loyola University Medical Center-Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital.

Exceptional Mentor Award



Yoon-Soo Cindy Bae, MD - Dr. Yoon-Soo Cindy Bae, received her BS from the University of California, Los Angeles, graduating as a UC Presidential Scholar. She earned her MD from Boston University School of Medicine and completed a surgical internship at Weill Cornell New York Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Bae completed her dermatology residency at BU and her fellowship at the Laser & Skin Surgery Center of New York. She has received numerous awards and grants, including the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Cutting Edge Research Grant 2011 to investigate the role of collagenase in keloids, the ASDS Young Investigators Writing Competition Award to study perioperative antibiotic use in dermatologic surgery, an American Acne and Rosacea Society grant to explore perceptions of isotretinoin use, and the La Roche Posay North American Foundation Research Grant to evaluate self perceptions of skin aging and skin cancer risk after facial skin analysis. Dr. Bae has authored several book chapters on various topics, including laser surgery and scar revision. Her work has been published in numerous peer reviewed journals. She has been a mentor and positive role model to students and residents, and she takes global health trips to provide free care for impoverished patients abroad.



Susan Clare, PhD, MD - Dr. Susan Clare received both her PhD in Chemistry and MD from Northwestern University. Following completion of training in general surgery at Northwestern, Dr. Clare was a postdoctoral fellow at the NCI. She returned to Northwestern as a member of the Surgery Faculty in 1998. In 2003, Dr. Clare was recruited to Indiana University by Dr. Keith Lillemoe. After nearly a decade at IU, Dr. Clare returned to Northwestern in 2013. Dr. Clare's current laboratory research interests include a) The utilization cells of the immune system to deliver therapeutics to primary and metastatic breast cancer, b) The development of the normal breast, and c) The mechanisms by which DNA becomes mutated. Over the years her research activities have been supported by the NIH, The US Department of Defense, Susan G. Komen, Oracle Giving, and The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and The Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation. She is the recipient of The Compassionate Care Award of the Robert Lurie Cancer Center, the Society of Surgical Oncology's James Ewing Oncology Fellowship for Basic Research, The Executive Women in Health Care's Excellence in Leadership Award and the Excellence in Teaching Award given by the IU Department of Surgery.



Ann Rogers, MD - Dr. Ann Rogers is Professor of Surgery at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine and Director of the Penn State Surgical Weight Loss Program. She has been a medical educator for 23 years, as a bariatric fellowship director, a General Surgery residency program director, and a medical student clerkship director. Dr. Rogers has published extensively in the fields of Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgery, endoscopic surgery, surgical outcomes and complications. She is a frequent invited speaker at international and national meetings. Dr. Rogers is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), serves on their Committee on Applicants, and is a state councilor for their Health Policy and Advocacy Committee. She is a fellow of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), co-chair of their Clinical Issues Committee, and state access to care representative (STAR) for their Access to Care Committee. She is a founding member of the Pennsylvania Society for Bariatric Surgery. She sits on the Metabolic and Bariatric Committee of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), and has recently won their prestigious annual Brandeis Award for the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management.



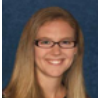
Manveen Saluja, MD - Dr. Manveen Saluja is a rheumatologist in Michigan, faculty member at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, and Clinical Associate Professor at Wayne State University. Recognized for her diagnostic skills and commitment to clinical excellence, she is a frequently invited CME speaker. She co-authored a landmark study on membranous lupus nephritis with Dr. Joseph McCunne from University of Michigan. Dr. Saluja has a passion for imparting medical knowledge and is an effective, compassionate educator and mentor. Her philosophy is to instill a culture of respect, dignity and compassion for patients and professionals while working to improve the quality health care for all patients. She serves on the AMWA Board and Publications Committee and is a board member of the Oakland County Medical Society. She is also active in the Arthritis Foundation Education Committee, the Michigan State Medical Society Pain Task Force, Health Care Quality and Safety and the Human Investigating Committee at William Beaumont Hospital. Dr. Saluja has advised start-up companies, volunteered for non-profits and been recognized by the Michigan Congressional Award. She is a motivational speaker with a passion for teaching spiritual and cultural competency and is writing a book on living with chronic illness particularly as it pertains to rheumatology patients.



Roy Soto, MD - Roy Soto is an anesthesiologist who currently serves as the director of education and anesthesiology residency program director for the Beaumont Health System and Professor of Anesthesiology at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. Prior to coming to Beaumont and southeast Michigan, Roy completed his undergraduate training at the University of Florida, his medical training at the at Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, MD, and then served as a Flight Surgeon and general practitioner with the Air Force in Texas and California. Following his military commitment, Dr. Soto completed anesthesia training at UCLA, and then joined the faculty of the University of South Florida in Tampa, followed by a faculty appointment at Stony Brook University on Long Island prior to his move to Michigan. He is interested in patient safety, quality, and education, and his research interests include perioperative patient optimization and standardization to improve surgical outcomes. He has led and been actively involved in pain safety initiatives with the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, anesthesia safety initiatives with the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative, and national surgery quality improvement projects with NSQIP. He has lectured nationally on patient safety topics, and has developed a new national opioid safety scoring system.

2016 RESIDENT DIVISION AWARD WINNERS

Susan Ivey Courage to Lead Award - Amanda Xi (see above)



Elinor Christiansen Altruism Award - Angela Jarman, MD

Angela initially became interested in Gender as an undergraduate at Duke University, where she majored in Women's Studies before deciding to pursue a career in Medicine. She graduated from the University Of Kentucky College Of Medicine and during her time there worked extensively with administration to increase representation of women among the College's graduates. In 2013, Angela moved to Salt Lake City to pursue residency training in Emergency Medicine at the University of Utah, where she is currently a Chief Resident. Angela was recently awarded a fellowship position at Brown University in International Emergency Medicine. At Brown, Angela will continue her work with a focus on gender as a determinant of health in the developing world and will obtain a Masters in Public Health degree while splitting her time between Providence and Kigali, Rwanda.



Outstanding Mentor Award - Parin Patel, MD

Parin is a second year OB/GYN resident at UTMB in Galveston, Texas and has been a dedicated AMWA member since medical school. Over the years, she's assisted with position statements, helped with conference planning, worked to increase membership as the Undergraduate Recruitment Chair and the Resident Division Recruitment Chair, and strived to improve health care with the Preventive Medicine Task Force. She is passionate about women's health and advocates for better healthcare locally and nationally. One of her favorite parts of AMWA is the opportunity to work with inspiring individuals and bring about change. In addition to professional endeavors, Parin is an active member of the BAPS Hindu religious organization. In her free time she likes to do yoga, cook, and read.



Susan Love Writing Competition - Preethi Raghu, MD

The Force of Positivity: Managing Stress in Residency

Preethi Raghu, MD was born in South India and raised in the U.S. She started writing poetry and prose in middle school, and grew to love the intensity of translating emotions and stories onto paper. During medical school, she was involved in AMWA as Region 2 director and later as national program chair. Dr. Raghu combined her love for writing and for AMWA during intern year by serving as editor of the AMWA Resident Quarterly. She continues to be involved in AMWA during residency as national secretary for the residency division. Dr. Raghu is grateful to be a two-time winner of the Susan Love writing competition, as it has supported her passion for becoming a physician-writer. She is currently completing her residency in diagnostic radiology.

2016 STUDENT DIVISION AWARD WINNERS

Linda Brodsky MD Essay Award



First Place: Jessica Churchill, Eastern Virginia Medical School

Physician Mentor: Dr. Teresa Babineau

Jessica is a member of the Eastern Virginia Medical School Class of 2017. She participates actively in community medicine programs and is one of the Co-Directors of the EVMS student-run free clinic, HOPES. She is also the founder and president of the EVMS branch of the American Medical Women's Association. After obtaining her M.D., she plans to pursue a career in orthopaedics.



Second Place: Grace Sun, Brown University

Physician Mentor: Dr. Lisa Lattanza

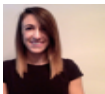
Grace Sun is a student in the combined Baccalaureate-MD program at Brown University. Her passion for medicine grew out of women's health, which she has been involved in since. She believes in the importance of empowering and educating young women about their bodies and well-being. Grace indulges her creative outlets through printmaking, photography and graphic design. She loves collecting and sharing music, hiking mountain trails and tasting new street foods.



Third Place: Meleha Ahmed, NYU School of Medicine

Physician Mentor: Dr. U

Meleha (Mel) Ahmad is an MD/MS dual degree student at NYU School of Medicine, spending a year between her third and fourth years of medical school pursuing an MS in translational research. Originally from Karachi, Pakistan, she received her BS from Brown University in Biomedical Engineering in 2011. She enjoys writing and drawing in her free time and hopes to specialize in ophthalmology after graduation.



Eliza Lo Chin Unsung Hero Award: Lauren Carlozzi, Northeast Ohio Medical University

Lauren is currently a third year medical student at Northeast Ohio Medical University. She entered into a combined BS/MD program out of high school and received both her Bachelors of Science in Biology and Master of Public Health from Youngstown State University. After being her local AMWA Vice President, she joined the National Student Division as the External Relations Chair for the 2015-16 year. She has felt the tremendous support from the AMWA community since joining in her new role and plans to continue being a part of this amazing organization throughout her medical career.



Heller Outstanding Branch Award: The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

The Johns Hopkins AMWA Branch organized a four-part Breast Cancer Awareness series, a two-part Sexual History-Taking series, and provided grants to female medical students conducting urban primary care research. Our Leadership Series workshops taught networking, conflict resolution, and negotiation skills. We also initiated a service partnership with Girl Scouts and continued our successful undergraduate mentoring program. The Vagina Monologues raised funds for community-based-organizations serving survivors of intimate partner violence.



Outstanding Regional Director Award: Caroline Mullis (Region 2), New York Medical College

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Caroline Mullis is a medical student in the New York Medical College's Class of 2017. She attended the College of William and Mary, where she received a B.S. in Neuroscience and Women's Studies. Following her graduation, Caroline worked in an international HIV research laboratory. As a medical student Caroline became an active member in AMWA serving as the 2014-2015 branch co-president and subsequently the AMWA 2015-2016 Region 2 director.



Haffizulla Family Scholarship: Gabriella Reyes, University of Medicine and Health Sciences:

Gabriella M. Reyes is a second year medical student at the University of Medicine and Health Sciences (UMHS), St. Kitts. Gabriella's journey with AMWA began as Founding President of the UMHS Branch in 2014; from 2015-2016 she served as the Student Division Region 5 Director. She hopes to pursue a career in Preventative, Functional, and Integrative Medicine; while inviting others to join her on a path towards health and wellness.]

2016 PREMED DIVISION AWARD WINNERS



Outstanding Branch Award: UC Berkeley



Active Branch Award-Baruch College

Branch Event Award-Kean University



Premedical Education Scholarship: Ramsha Suhail

Ramsha is the founder and president of the AMWA at Baruch. Ramsha hopes to launch an education-based program for the survivors of human trafficking at RestoreNYC, a non-profit. She is developing an AMWA mentorship program with the AMWA at NYUSoM, interning at the Urgent Care Unit of Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), and is a researcher at NYUSOM. In her free time, she is training for the Bridgehampton Half Marathon and working on her upcoming novel.



Student of the Year: Lauren Matsuno

Lauren Matsuno is a current undergraduate studying Molecular Toxicology at University of California, Berkeley. She is the current pre-medical advocacy chair and co-founder of the UC Berkeley branch in which she helped recruit new AMWA members, planned volunteering events, offered mentorship, and coordinated a pre-health symposium networking fair. Aside from creating helpful advocacy resources for her division, she enjoys volunteering at a local emergency room and suitcase clinic which caters to Berkeley's underserved community.