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AMWA Glasgow-Rubin Citation for Academic Achievement

(Glasgow-Rubin Awards, formerly Janet Glasgow Award)

For many years, AMWA has awarded the Glasgow-Rubin Citation for Academic Achievement to women who graduate in the top ten percent of their medical school graduating classes. We also award a separate Certificate of Commendation for any woman who graduates first in her medical school class.

Dr. Maude Glasgow was a pioneer in preventive medicine and public health. Born in Ireland, she attended Marlborough Street College in Dublin, Ireland. She came to New York and received her degree in nursing from the Mount Sinai Training School for Nurses. She then decided to study medicine and received her degree in 1901 from Cornell University Medical College.

During her professional career, she served as medical inspector in the Department of Health (New York) and chief woman physician of the New York Telephone Company. Her work involved public health education and employee physical examinations. She later received a degree in public health from New York University and Bellevue Medical College in 1921. She published a number of books, including *Life and Law* (GP Putnam's Sons), *The Scotch-Irish*, *The Subjection of Woman*, and *Problems of Sex*. The last book shows that women were the first doctors; that in the earliest civilizations, women were rulers; and that during the time they ruled, more than a thousand years, there were no wars.

Dr. Glasgow was an honorary member of the International Mark Twain Society and of the Eugene Field Society. She worked valiantly to promote better health conditions in New York. She kept up her interest in the welfare of women all her life, and spent much time in research and in writing books for their benefit. She gave generously to the American Medical Women's Association to support young women studying medicine.

AMWA's Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Award is given to the woman who graduates first in her class. The Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citations recognize female

students who graduate in the top 10% of their class. Dr. Glasgow established this award in honor of her sister Janet, who unselfishly gave of her time and resources to see that Dr. Glasgow completed her medical education.

In early 2000, Roberta Rubin, MD donated funds to keep the Janet Glasgow Award going. Dr. Rubin, a graduate of Downstate Medical School, was one of 13 women in a class of 130 and graduated in 1958. A pathologist, she was active in AMWA and chair of the Finance Committee and felt that women medical students should be recognized. At her request the award was changed to add Rubin to the name in honor of her mother, Mrs. Pearl B Rubin.

Each March we ask academic departments to complete an Excel file and return it to AMWA with the following guidelines:

- 1. Please give us at least (3) weeks before the date of your ceremony to process and mail your certificates to your school.*
- 2. Please include the date of your graduation ceremony.*
- 3. Please double check the spelling of each student's name, to ensure accuracy.*
- 4. Please be sure to include the degree that your recipients are receiving... i.e. MD or DO, and note if the recipient is receiving a joint degree and specify the degree.*
- 5. Please be sure to include the complete school name.*
- 6. Please be sure to include a contact name and mailing address for your schools' certificates.*
- 7. If a recipient is graduating first in her class, please make a note of it so we can provide her with a special certificate.*

Once printed, the certificates are mailed to the department contacts in time for their award or graduation ceremony. Who you choose to define as women is left up to the school. AMWA's definition of women is not exclusionary.

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