

American Medical Women's Association

2023 AWARDS



Presidential Award – Janine Clayton, MD

Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO, was appointed Associate Director for Research on Women's Health and Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the NIH in 2012. Dr. Clayton has strengthened NIH support for research on disease, disorders, and conditions that affect women. She is the architect of the NIH policy requiring scientists to consider sex as a biological variable across the research spectrum, a part of NIH's initiative to enhance reproducibility, rigor, and transparency. As co-chair of the NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers with the NIH Director, Dr. Clayton also leads NIH's efforts to advance women in science careers. In 2021, Dr. Clayton was elected to the Board of Directors for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Dr. Clayton received her undergraduate degree with honors from Johns Hopkins University and her medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine.



Elizabeth Blackwell Award – Nancy D. Spector, MD

Nancy Spector, MD, is a Professor of Pediatrics and serves at Drexel University College of Medicine (DUCOM) as Executive Director of the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM) program, a year-long, national leadership fellowship program for women in academic medicine, dentistry, public health, and pharmacy and as Executive Director of the Executive Leadership in Health Care (ELH) program for women leaders in health care systems. She also serves as Senior Vice Dean for Faculty, the Betty A. Cohen Chair in Women's Health, Executive Director of the Lynn Yeakel Institute for Women's Health and Leadership (IWHL), Chair of the I-PASS Study Group, and founder of the I-PASS Patient Safety Institute. Dr. Spector is a national leader in gender equity in academic medicine. Her contributions to academic medicine and graduate medical education are in mentoring and sponsorship, leadership skills development, professional development, patient safety and curriculum development and implementation.



Bertha Van Hoosen Award – Nicole P. Sandhu, MD, PhD, FACP, FAMWA

Nicole P. Sandhu, MD, PhD, FACP, FAMWA is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN where she practices Internal Medicine and specializes in breast health and diseases including breast cancer and the care of patients at increased risk of breast cancer. She has previously served as the Women's Health and General Internal Medicine Fellowship Director at Mayo. Her academic interests include the cardiovascular effects of breast cancer therapy. Dr. Sandhu was the 2020-2021 AMWA President, and currently serves as the Chair of the AMWA Governance Committee, Co-Chair of the AMWA Leadership Council, and is the founding Chair of the AMWA Antiracism Committee. She has previously served on the AMWA Board of Directors and as Chair of the Membership Committee and Co-Chair of the AMWA Breast Cancer Task Force. She is the very proud mom of two amazing daughters who are also AMWA members.



Lila Wallis Women's Health Award – Sandra Milligan, MD, JD

Sandy Milligan, M.D., is the Head of Research and Development (R&D) at Organon. In her role, Sandy is responsible for all phases of pre-clinical and clinical development, global regulatory affairs, medical affairs and safety. Sandy partners closely with Corporate Business Development to identify and bring into the pipeline assets for collaboration, licensing or acquisition. Sandy serves as one of the key corporate spokespeople for Organon, in advocating for innovation, information, choice and access in Women's Health. Sandy is a graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine, and Georgetown University Law Center, and proudly served as a General Medical Officer in the U.S. Army, during the first Gulf War. Prior to entering industry, Sandy practiced general medicine in Virginia and California. She practiced business and healthcare law in California, which served as her launchpad into industry.



Woman in Science Award – Betty S. Pace, MD

Dr. Betty Pace is a Professor of Pediatrics and Francis J. Tedesco Distinguished Chair of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Augusta University. Dr. Pace received her MD degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1981 and trained in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. In 2010, Dr. Pace joined the faculty at Augusta University where she leads a NIH-funded basic/translational research laboratory, focused on the drug discovery for treatment of sickle cell disease. She served as Director of the Pediatric Sickle Cell Program until 2021, providing medical services for 600 children. In addition, Dr. Pace has personally trained over 100 young scientists and she directs a NHLBI-funded training opportunity, Program to Increase Diversity for Individuals Engaged in Health-Related Research (PRIDE). Over 112 junior faculty members from 50 institutions have completed the PRIDE program to expand diversity of the US biomedical science workforce.

**Early Career Woman in Science Award – CS Tse, MD**

Chung Sang Tse, MD, is a board-certified Gastroenterologist and Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Tse is an academic clinician-scientist with a clinical focus on inflammatory bowel diseases, specifically Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Her research is focused on addressing the non-inflammatory drivers of disease burden in inflammatory bowel diseases, including areas intersecting with healthcare delivery, healthcare utilization, health disparities, interdisciplinary care, and psychosocial health. Dr. Tse obtained her medical degree from the Yale School of Medicine and thereafter completed her residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic, fellowships in gastroenterology and women's gastroenterological health at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and Advanced Inflammatory

Bowel Diseases Preceptorship at the University of California, San Diego.

**Esther Pohl Lovejoy Award – Satty Gill Keswani, MD**

Dr. Satty Keswani arrived in the USA from New Delhi, India, in the late 1950s to find that no surgical residencies were available and that women were not welcome in the field. Instead, she chose obstetrics and gynecology as a specialty and after delivering over 1000 babies became intrigued by the problem of women who were unable to conceive. By 1967, she had found her life's work and had established a practice specializing in treating infertility. In private practice in Livingston, NJ for over 55 years, Dr. Keswani has successfully treated hundreds of couples for infertility while developing new methods to treat the problem. A strong advocate for women in medicine, Dr. Keswani has served as a non-governmental organization delegate to the United Nations previously she represented MWIA and currently represents AMWA as NGO representative to

the United Nations. She has been the recipient of several national and international awards.

**Larry Zaroff Man of Good Conscience Award – David L. Coleman, MD**

David Coleman is an ID specialist and physician scientist with 33 years of experience leading academic divisions and departments in three different academic health systems and medical schools. He most recently served for 16 years as the Chair of Medicine at BU School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center. He has served on non-profit boards in several professional organizations and has developed leadership programs for faculty, as well as served as a mentor and sponsor for academic and health system leaders. He has had particularly meaningful experiences working with individuals of diverse backgrounds and lived experiences. Dr. Coleman's scholarship has focused on basic immunology and interdisciplinary approaches to developing research, clinical, and educational programs. He has received multiple teaching

awards, the Humanitarian Award from Catholic Charities of Connecticut, and the Robert Williams Distinguished Chair of Medicine Award from the Association of Professors of Medicine.

**Larry Zaroff Man of Good Conscience Award – Ted Johnson, MD, MPH**

Ted Johnson, MD, MPH graduated from the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine and the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. At Emory University, he is Chair of the Family and Preventive Medicine department, and the Paul W. Seavey Chief of the General Internal Medicine division. Ted holds academic appointments in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, Epidemiology, and Urology. Ted directs Georgia Gear, a HRSA funded Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program, that works to help aging Georgians live their best lives. He serves Veterans as a VA Staff Physician and GRECC Investigator in the Atlanta to help them Veterans address bladder dysfunction. At Emory, he works as a supporting physician for the nurse practitioner-led Integrated Memory Care program providing primary care to patients living with dementia.

**Camille Mermod Award – Katherine Jeffreys, BA**

Katharine Jeffreys was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. She graduated from UChicago in 2019. After college, she found her passion for addressing health disparities as a Research Assistant on a study examining the effects of stress on pregnancy outcomes in low-income African-American women. After seeing the importance of representation in medicine, she decided to pursue her passion for reducing health disparities as a physician. In 2021, she graduated from the UPenn Pre-Health Specialized Studies Program. She currently serves as the Assistant Director of the American Medical Women's Association.

Personally affected by the issues of gun violence and domestic violence, Katharine advocates for policies and practices that reduce violence. She serves as the Administrative Director of AMWA's Gun Violence Solutions Committee and Co-Chair of AMWA's Domestic Violence Prevention Committee. Katharine is also the co-creator of the podcast, Unloading: Community Solutions for Gun Violence.

**Anne C. Carter Student Leadership Award – Michaela Juels**

Michaela Juels was born in Orange, California, and is a graduate of UC San Diego. As a recipient of the Geffen Scholarship, she is completing her medical training at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Here, she is actively involved in leadership, research, and the advancement of women. Michaela is a member of the student council as a well-being representative increasing mental health care for her peers. In research, Michaela is leading a novel study examining the impact of health literacy on treatment outcomes for pediatric orthopaedic cerebral palsy patients. As President of AMWA at DGSOM, she spearheaded the first ever "Mini-Medical School" for local under-served high school women in September

2022. In this interactive retreat, thirty-five high school women rotated through medical workshops, designed a health-based project, discussed social determinants of health with a physician panel, and discussed the obstacles and strengths of women in medicine.

Association Partner Award - American College of Physicians



Point of Light Volunteer Service Award – Mary Rorro, DO

Dr. Mary Rorro is a Harvard trained psychiatrist and completed her Addictions Psychiatry fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is a musician, songwriter and poet, and has composed Anthems for international organizations, and composed the AMWA Centennial theme song. As Chair of the Music and Medicine and Co-Chair of the Humanities Cmtes of AMWA, She has spearheaded a variety of videos of her music to honor healthcare providers and involving public health messaging and the "Humanities and Healing

Journal: An Arts in Medicine Journal.

Exceptional Mentor Award Recipients

Leslie Coker Appiah, MD
Englewood, CO

Gretchen Purcell Jackson, MD, PhD, FACS, FACMI, FAMIA
Kingston Springs, TN

Arlene E. Chung, MHA, MMCI, FAMIA
Durham, NC

Amanda L. Scott, DO
Philadelphia, PA

Shermeeka Hogans-Mathews, MD
Tallahassee, FL

Judy Tung, MD
New York, NY

Melissa A. Hullinger, MD
Bloomington, IN

Resident Division Awards



Charlotte Edwards Maguire, MD Outstanding Resident Mentor Award – Crystal Ashlyn Joseph, MD

Crystal Joseph is a PGY-1 Transitional Year resident who will be doing her anesthesiology residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Originally from New Jersey, she went to Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA and graduated with a B.S in Biological Sciences. She recently graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine and is currently doing her transitional year at St. Luke's University Health Network prior to her anesthesiology residency training. When she isn't studying or working, Crystal loves dancing and choreographs dance pieces. She is passionate about mentorship and DEI, currently serving as a diversity and equity committee resident representative for the Women in Anesthesiology-Medical Student Component. According to recent literature, the anesthesiology workforce is currently about 25% female, and within anesthesiology residency programs, only 33% of residents are women. These percentages have not changed significantly since 2006. With this in mind, Crystal focuses on mentorship to invest in the future of anesthesiology for women.



Susan L. Ivey, MD Courage to Lead Award – Thulasee Jose, MD

Thulasee (Tulsi) Jose, MD, is an Internal Medicine resident at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas in Beaumont, Texas, and research faculty at Mayo Clinic Rochester. She currently serves as the president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) student interest group in the residency program and recipient of the 2021-2022 Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas Resident Research Award. Prior to residency training, Dr. Jose completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at Mayo Clinic, Rochester where she was the recipient of the Yale University-Mayo Clinic Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation (CERSI) Award and served as the Mayo chapter representative for the Women in Engineering and Science Research (WISER) Group. Dr. Jose is actively involved in AMWA initiatives, particularly the recruitment of new members and connecting residents with research opportunities. Consecutively for two years, Dr. Jose is the recipient of the 2021 and 2022 Young Achiever Merit Awards from the American College of Physicians (ACP) for being selected as a national finalist in the clinical research poster category. Currently, she continues to serve as a mentor for interns and co-residents on clinical and quality improvement research projects and hopes to advance women in medicine through grassroots advocacy work focused on promoting women leadership in Academia. After residency training, Dr. Jose plans to pursue clinical training in Hematology-Oncology.



Susan Love Writing Contest – Krystal Mills, MD

Dr. Krystal Mills has explored scientific writing through scholarly activities but has loved creative writing as well as the creative and performing arts since a young age. Her clinical and research interests include health disparities and gastrointestinal metaplasia. She will begin her fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota after completing this year as chief resident at Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Mills is grateful for the opportunity to share her passion through the Susan Love Writing Competition

Medical Student Division Awards



Haffizulla Family Scholarship and Education Scholarship and Medical Education Cycle 1 Scholarship – Nazineen Kandahari

Nazineen Kandahari is an Afghan refugee and fourth-year medical student at the UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program. Because of her demonstrated commitment to serving marginalized populations, Nazineen is one of four students simultaneously enrolled in the UCSF Program in Medical Education for the Urban Underserved (PRIME-US). From UC Berkeley, she graduated with honors in Molecular & Cell Biology and Public Health and completed her Master of Science in Health & Medical Science. Nazineen centers her research, public health work, and community service on health and educational equity, community engagement, and immigrant health. She has conducted years of research across the bench to bedside spectrum at UC Berkeley, UCSF, Kaiser Permanente, Highland Hospital, and Dillin Lab of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Nazineen

received the Human Rights Center and Albert Schweitzer Fellowships for a novel project to promote health and healthcare access among Afghan refugees. Through her work, she founded and now directs a public health initiative for forcibly displaced Afghan immigrants by the name of Afghan Clinic (found at AfghanClinic.com). She has been invited to give Grand Rounds at the Baylor College of Medicine and UCSF School of Medicine, and to speak on the NPR podcast *Our Body Politic*. Nazineen is an aspiring academic otolaryngologist.



Linda Brodsky MD Essay Award – Anagha Lokhande

Anagha Lokhande is a second-year medical student at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Since earning her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Brown University, she has served as an intern for the health policy team of the United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and as a member of the student leadership board of Clínica Esperanza, a free clinic in Providence, Rhode Island. Her research interests include health economics and artificial intelligence for ophthalmology. She is currently engaged in work on health policy recommendations for peritoneal dialysis reimbursement and on applications of deep learning to optical coherence tomography and visual field testing. In her free time, Anagha enjoys reading contemporary literature and rollerblading.



Underrepresented Students in Medicine Award – Raquel Valdes

Raquel Valdes is a third-year medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin Milwaukee campus. She was born in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico and graduated from Pomona College with a major in Neuroscience and a minor in Latin-American studies. After graduating, she spent two years doing research in kidney tubular transport in Mexico City. During her time at MCW she has been part of multiple organizations and has had diverse leadership roles in community engagement including Vulnerable Populations Chair for the American Medical Women's Association and Community Outreach Chair for the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA). Currently, she serves as Fundraising and Scholarship Chair of the LMSA Midwest Region. She is passionate about working with communities of color and addressing health disparities, especially in regard to maternal mortality and women's health.



Underrepresented Students in Medicine Award – Anamaria Ancheta

Anamaria Ancheta is a first-year medical student at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Cell Biology from UC San Diego in 2021 and is passionate about increasing educational and mentorship opportunities for other Latinas through her involvement as a college mentor for MANA de San Diego and outreach committee member in the Association of Women in Science and Technology (AWIS) in San Diego. As the daughter of two farmer workers turned military veterans, she is dedicated to increasing access to healthcare services to those in rural and underserved communities as a future physician. In her free time, Anamaria enjoys capturing memories as a photographer.



Unsung Hero Award – Haley Catherine Cropper

Haley Cropper is third-year MD/PhD student at University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. Before joining UIC-COM, she received her Bachelor of Science in Biopsychology Cognition Neuroscience at the University of Michigan, and she spent 2 years doing neuro-radiology research at Stanford University. Currently, she is working towards her PhD in the Loeb Lab studying the interplay between genetics and environment in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Through her training, Haley hopes to improve the lives of people with neurological diseases by becoming a physician-scientist that treats and studies neurodegeneration. Haley is also passionate about advocating for gender equality and supporting women in medicine. She served as the President of the UIC AMWA chapter from January 2020-2021, where their group organized events under the theme of Intersectional Feminism. She then served as the Student Chair of AMWA's Gun Violence Solutions Committee from 2021-2022, where she advocated for equity in gun safety education and research. In

her spare time, Haley loves to bake, hike, and complete crossword puzzles!



Unsung Hero Award – Ana Victoria Guimarães

Ana Victoria Guimarães is a second year medical student at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University and member of the Patient Care and Population Medicine Program. She is interested in maternal-child health, palliative care, and medical education. She has received a grant to create a medical education initiative that increases preclinical students' exposure to working with birthing parents with substance use disorders from a humanistic approach, with the goal of increasing awareness and decreasing stigma amongst future clinicians. Other projects include a pilot study aimed at understanding the potential use of social media to provide health information to pregnant patients and parents in Rhode Island. She has also been involved with many student groups on campus, including as the secretary for Brown's AMWA chapter. However, she finds most joy in engaging with the community, such as through her work with BrownMed by SexEd, Pathways to Medicine, and Brown Students at the Bedside. In her free time, she enjoys cooking and eating, appreciating nature, and salsa dancing.



Shobha S. Krishnan HPV and Cervical Cancer Champion Award – Elise Vance

Elise Vance is the current Chair of GIAHC Young Leaders and the Co-Chair of the AMWA Cervical Cancer Task Force, and has been involved in these efforts since 2019. She graduated from Case Western Reserve University with her Master's in Medical Physiology, and is a current medical student at the University of Louisville. She served as a speaker at the 2021 and 2022 Us vs HPV Webinars and as the moderator for a St. Jude Webinar about using social media in HPV vaccination awareness. She is passionate about working towards health equity in her advocacy efforts and hopes to continue to utilize social media outreach and the Cervical Cancer Champion program to inspire young leaders and students to be the generation to eliminate cervical cancer.

Medical Education Cycle 1 Scholarship – Natalia Correa

Natalia Correa is a fourth year medical student at Florida State University College of Medicine. Prior to attending medical school, she completed Bachelor's in Exercise Physiology at Florida State University and Master's in Medical Sciences at the University of South Florida. She was born and raised in Miami, Florida and both of her parents are from Bogota, Colombia. Natalia applied into general surgery and will become the first surgeon in her family. Her most cherished accomplishments are sharing her journey as a Latina medical student to inspire the next generation and support the diversification of the medical field. As a surgeon, Natalia aspires to remain involved with medical education, serve as a mentor for future surgeons, and start her own scholarship program in the future! She has interests in trauma and acute care surgery, but she wants to keep an open mind as she continues her journey! In her free time she enjoys traveling, exploring new cuisines, spending time with her loved ones, running in local races, and connecting with others on social media.



Medical Education Cycle 2 Scholarship – Sai Kurapati

As a medical student passionate about patient advocacy, health equity and ethics, and the intersection of the arts and medicine, Sai Kurapati loves combining her many interests through community projects and research. She aspires to enter a surgical subspecialty, where she can continue pursuing these passions in her local community and globally. The overlap in AMWA's missions and Sai's interests in advancing diversity in medicine for historically underrepresented groups has inspired her to be an active member of this organization since she was a pre-medical student. As a recipient of this year's AMWA scholarship, Sai is grateful for the resources it offers and is very excited to continue working on efforts to improve diversity in medicine from both the patient and provider perspectives. In her free time, she loves to dance, tutor, and travel with her family and friends!



Medical Education Cycle 2 Scholarship – Emily Marsico

Emily Marsico was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. She attended Youngstown State University and was a part of the graduating class of 2020. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences with Honors Scholar Distinction and Summa Cum Laude Honors. During her time in Undergrad, she worked at the Primary Care Network, which is a Federally Qualified Health Center. During this experience, she learned about the health disparities of those with a lower socioeconomic status. Through this, she was inspired to go to medical school to address these gaps in health care. Emily attends the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). Emily has continued to address health care disparities in Northeast Ohio by holding various leadership positions at the Student Run Free Clinic at NEOMED. She has also been able to implement various programs, such as a dietician and exercise program to help the patients of the Clinic. Research is

another passion she pursues at NEOMED. She is working on a project that seeks to address the gaps of Alzheimer's research when it comes to sex differences. Through this research, she investigates sex-specific inflammatory responses in AD. She hopes to determine why women exhibit a more advanced AD phenotype. Her involvement with AMWA started with her medical school chapter where she was the President during the 2021-2022 academic year. She is currently the Student Division National Conference Co-chair for the 2022-2024 academic years. She intends to continue her AMWA involvement as she pursues her career in women's health and serving the underserved.



Heller Outstanding Branch Award – AMWA Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Branch

Pre-medical Student Division Awards



Student of the Year Award – Maya Roytman – Maya is a fourth year undergraduate student at Loyola University Chicago, where she recently finished her degree coursework in Neuroscience and Public Health. Since joining AMWA's premedical division, she has co-founded and been co-president of her university's branch, served as co-chair of the Dance, Theater, & Medicine committee, served as the premedical research chair of the Physician Fertility Initiative committee, was the national co-conference chair of the premedical division for 2021-2022, and is currently the national mentorship chair of the premedical division. AMWA has provided her an incredible community throughout her journey as a woman in medicine, and she is very humbled and grateful to receive this award.



Premedical Branch Member of the Year Award – Emma Theisen – Emma is a 2022 graduate of the University of Michigan where she was the former Membership Chair and Professional Development Chair for AMWA. She was also involved in Circle K, a Kiwanis organization, as the Health and Wellness Chair, and was a member of Triota, a Women's Studies honor society. During her undergraduate studies, she completed two degrees, with concentrations in Neuroscience and Gender & Health. Emma is taking two gap years before medical school, and during that time is working as a surgical tech, and serving as the Maternal Health Chair for Community HealthEd, a nonprofit focused on creating and distributing reliable, evidence-based educational materials that contain information about location-specific health resources. Emma is passionate about her work as the Program Development Chair in the Lunar Doula Collective, the first and only abortion doula program in Michigan. During her free time, Emma enjoys volunteering at an equine therapy program, traveling, and tutoring elementary students.



Eliza Lo Chin Unsung Hero Award – Iulia Dobrin – Iulia is an undergraduate senior studying public policy with a minor in biochemistry at the University of Michigan. She has served on the National AMWA Pre-Medical Advocacy Committee for the 2022-2023 term. Iulia is interested in how physicians can help reduce healthcare disparities by contributing to public health, health policy, and other advocacy efforts. "I am beyond honored to receive this award, and I hope AMWA's work will inspire other physicians and future physicians to advocate for health equity."



Premedical Education Scholarship – Tyra-Lee Brett -- Tyra-Lee is an immigrant from South Africa. She is a Biomedical Sciences major at The University of South Florida. Her passion is serving the underserved. Tyra is volunteering at the Tampa VA and has an undergraduate research job, where she is currently developing clinical trials to combat the opioid epidemic. Tyra has combined her love for research and advocacy to design projects to enhance access to premedical resources for underprivileged students.



Premedical Education Scholarship – Kiara Langford – Kiara was president of the Pre-medical Branch of AMWA at UAB for 2 terms spanning the years 2020-2022. However, she has been a member of this branch since 2018, its first year on campus, and an executive board member since 2019. "As a future physician, I hope to contribute to health equity and promote diversity in healthcare."



Most Impactful Diversity and Inclusion Advocacy/Initiative – Krupa Patel – Krupa Patel is a 2022 graduate of the University of Michigan where she studied neuroscience and entrepreneurship. She also served as the President of her AMWA chapter and Pre-Surgical Club. Krupa hopes to pursue orthopedic surgery to specialize in spinal care. As an advocate for reproductive justice, she currently serves as the Executive Director of non-profit Lunar Doula Collective, the first and only pregnancy loss doula program in Michigan. In her free time, she writes for her blog, MedMap, which has accumulated over 55K readers!



Mental Health Advocacy Award – Lauren Marie Smith – I am currently a third year undergraduate student who is majoring in Kinesiology with a Pre-Medicine minor. My ultimate goal is to gain admission into medical school after I graduate to become a Medical Doctor. It is too early to tell, but currently I am interested in orthopedics, as I have a special connection to the speciality from a personal procedure I had. My interests include fitness, health and wellness, weight lifting, human anatomy, and mental health!



MCAT Scholarship - Nede Ovbiebo – Nede is a junior at the University of Washington, pursuing degrees in Public Health-Global Health and Biochemistry. She joined AMWA in 2021 and loved the community of individuals dedicated to supporting young women on their medical education journeys. She is currently interested in the relationship between the social determinants of health and chronic disease prevalence. As a student researcher, Nede hopes to continue to understand how biosocial factors influence health outcomes in the global south.



MCAT Scholarship - Fareha Moulana Zada – Fareha is a senior majoring in Molecular and Cell Biology with a minor in Global Poverty and Practice at University of California, Berkeley and is on the pre-med track. She was born and raised in Afghanistan and immigrated to the United States about five years ago. Having lived through social determinants of health, she hopes to make healthcare more accessible for the underserved communities and is interested in promoting women’s health.



MCAT Scholarship – Bismah Shaikh – Bismah is a Public Health co-chair in her AMWA chapter with research interests in the neuroendocrine factors of aggression. “I am always on the lookout for coffee shops around campus and enjoy reading non-fiction in my free time.”



AMWA Outstanding Branch Award – University of Pennsylvania AMWA -“Established in 2016, our branch is predominantly composed of post-baccalaureate, pre-health members at the University of Pennsylvania. We have a strong emphasis on philanthropic and volunteering initiatives that give back to underserved communities within Philadelphia. We are also always curating creative ways to foster community and support our peers as we take on the pre-medical journey together!”



Physician Recruitment Branch Award, Active Branch Award, & Branch Event Award - The American Medical Women’s Association Premedical at the University of Southern California – Established in the Spring of 2020, The American Medical Women's Association at the University of Southern California is committed to providing support and resources to our members to aid in their path into the healthcare field. We currently have around 100 members and host many events and programs throughout the year including shadowing rotations at the Keck Medical Center, our annual Moms in Medicine Panel, and a mentorship partnership with the Women of Radiology Leadership and Diversity (WORLD) physicians.



International Outreach Award & Humanitarian Award - AMWA at University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus – American Medical Women’s Association at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus was founded in 2021, making it the first premedical branch of AMWA in Puerto Rico. The chapter has been highly successful, boasting over 100 members and hosting various conferences featuring distinguished physicians. In addition to their academic pursuits, members of the chapter also engage in community service, partnering with organizations such as the Food Bank of Puerto Rico and Hospital del Niño. In 2021, the chapter was also honored with the AMWA Premedical International Outreach award.