

**ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA
ROBERT J. GLASER
DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARDS**

2008 Call for Nominations and Selection Criteria

In 1988, the Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) Honor Medical Society established two awards for outstanding accomplishments in the teaching of medical students. These awards are now known as the Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards. Their purpose is to help catalyze stronger efforts to recognize the significant contributions to medical education made by gifted teachers.

For 2008, the program will provide up to four awards. Each awardee will receive a \$10,000 grant; each awardee's nominating institution will receive \$2,500 for teaching activities; and each awardee's AΩA chapter participating in the nomination process will receive an award of \$1,000 for its activities. Each medical school in the United States and Canada may nominate one faculty member; the nomination is made by the Dean. Award recipients for 2007 were:

Robert M. Klein, Ph.D.
University of Kansas
School of Medicine

John Nolte, Ph.D.
University of Arizona
College of Medicine

Richard M. Schwartzstein, M.D.
Harvard Medical School

James L. Sebastian, M.D.
Medical College of Wisconsin

Recipients of the awards are selected by members of a committee appointed jointly by Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The 2008 awards will be presented during the 118th AAMC Annual Meeting Awards Banquet in San Antonio, Texas. The enclosed nomination form must be returned to the AAMC no later than **5:00 pm on Friday, May 30, 2008.**

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I. 2008 Selection Criteria for All Awards

- Nominees must hold the rank of Assistant Professor or higher in either a tenure or non-tenure track.
- Nominees' educational accomplishments should be principally in medical student education. Nominees' accomplishments in medical student education will include innovative work and products in the support and delivery of the educational program (e.g., technological enhancements to assist medical students in the learning process).
- Nominees should have received prior recognition as outstanding teachers, either from their institution, another institution, or state, regional, or national organizations.
- Nominees who have published in the field of medical education and whose educational materials have been adopted by other institutions will be especially considered.
- An institutional system for selecting candidates that provides for broad student participation and the peer judgment of faculty colleagues will be favored.
- Previous nominees may be nominated again.
- Nominations for posthumous awards cannot be considered.

II. Instructions

- Each medical school in the United States and Canada may nominate one candidate each year. The school must designate whether the nomination is for the basic science or clinical science category.
- The nomination must be submitted on the enclosed seven-page form or on the electronic version of the form, which can be accessed at: www.aamc.org/about/awards/aoa.htm. The nominee's curriculum vitae and a copy of his/her complete bibliography should accompany the form. Letters in support of a nomination will not be considered by the selection committee.
- The nomination form must be signed by the Dean of the medical school.
- Completed nomination forms must be received at the AAMC by **5:00 pm on Friday, May 30, 2008**.

- Nominations should be sent to:

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