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2010 ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Introduction - The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award, administered through the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR), annually honors a medical school faculty physician (MD or DO degree) who exemplifies the qualities of a caring and compassionate mentor in the teaching and advising of medical students. The nominee must also possess the desirable personal qualities necessary to the practice of patient-centered medicine by teaching ethics, empathy, and service by example.

The goal of the award is to emphasize, reinforce, and enhance the importance of humanistic qualities among medical school students and faculty. The presence of a caring, compassionate, and collaborative learning environment serves as positive reinforcement to prospective physicians of the desirability of such qualities in the doctor-patient relationship.

Selection Criteria - The criteria employed in the selection of the award recipient will include the assessment of his/her professional and personal skills, personal attributes, and professional and academic activities that provide evidence of the following qualities and characteristics:

- Positive mentoring skills
- Involvement in community service
- Compassion/Sensitivity
- Collaboration with students and patients

Written nominations must provide evidence and documentation of the nominee's embodiment of these qualities and characteristics. Nominations should also include academic, mentoring, advising, and counseling activities as well as specific examples of modeling ethics of the profession in addition to community service that demonstrate the nominee's effectiveness in role modeling the importance of these qualities to students, patients, and faculty.

The Nomination and Selection Process - Each medical school will have the opportunity to nominate one physician faculty member (MD or DO degree). The nomination process will be conducted and supervised by the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) in each medical school. The OSR representative will be responsible for distributing information to students within his/her institution by announcing the nomination process and describing the selection criteria. The OSR representative will appoint an institutional selection committee composed of medical student representatives of each of the four years of medical study. Upon completion of the selection process, the Dean of Student Affairs will be required to sign off on the institution's nominee. The OSR representative will notify the nominee of the award nomination. The award selection committee is comprised of a maximum of six OSR Administrative Board members; AAMC-OSR staff advise the selection committee. The selection committee will meet during the summer to select the national award recipient.

The Calendar

- Institutional nominations will be due for submission (sent via regular mail, FedEx, UPS, etc. or e-mail) no later than close of business (5PM EST) Monday, May 3, 2010.
- Faxed nominations will not be accepted.
- The selection process will be completed by August 2010.
- The award recipient will be notified at the time of selection.
- All nominees for the award will be notified of status prior to the AAMC Annual Meeting.
- The 2010 award recipient will be honored during the 2010 AAMC Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

The Award - The recipient of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award will be honored at an awards dinner held during the 2010 AAMC Annual Meeting and will be invited to speak to the Organization of Student Representatives about the importance of humanism in medicine. The award recipient will receive a crystal award piece and a grant of \$5,000; \$1,000 will be donated to the nominating institution's OSR interest group in support of OSR-related activities.

ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees must have a MD or DO degree and should be actively involved in the medical student education process and have demonstrated their possession of the primary qualities and characteristics outlined below:

- Positive mentoring skills
- Involvement in community service
- Compassion/Sensitivity
- Collaboration with students and patients

For more information: www.aamc.org/members/osr/humanism/criteria_addition.htm

INSTRUCTIONS: Each primary OSR representative in a U.S. AAMC member medical school may nominate one candidate each year. Institutions may resubmit the name of a previously nominated candidate, although the written nomination should be rewritten and not duplicated from the previous year.

- Nominees must be a physician (MD or DO degree) member of the school's clinical faculty either in a tenure or non-tenure track.
- The institutional selection process will be coordinated and supervised by the OSR primary representative and should include an organized institutional nomination and selection process involving all medical students.
- The nomination must be submitted on the form provided.
- The OSR **primary** representative and the Dean of Student Affairs of the medical school must sign each nomination packet, on the contact page.
- The signed and completed form must be submitted via mail or e-mail.
- Faxed nominations will not be accepted.
- The OSR representative must notify the institution's nominee of the award nomination at the time of submission.
- Please do not include nominees' curriculum vitae or resumes. These materials will NOT be considered in the selection process and will not be provided to the selection committee for consideration.
- The entire nomination packet (including the contact sheet) must not exceed ten pages in length. Please type the nomination, using a 12-point font. Do not use italics.
- For each of the categories, please provide one typed page, 4,500-character limit, including spaces.
- Nominations with less than two paragraphs of text per category will not be eligible.
- Text describing the candidate must not exceed six typed pages. Nominations exceeding the ten-page maximum, not using 12-point font, or hand-written, will not be accepted.
- Nominations must be received via regular mail or e-mail at the AAMC by 5:00 PM, Eastern Standard Time, Monday, May 3, 2010.
- Nominations received after the deadline date will not be considered for the award; no exceptions.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Describe the process for selecting your school's nominee.
- Convey how students feel about the nominee.
- Provide quotes and anecdotes (listing who they are from: students, peers, patients, etc.) describing the nominee's qualities.
- Give specific examples and accomplishments that exhibit the nominee's humanistic characteristics.
- Relay how all sections impact students.
- Provide specific examples of humanism and compassion.
- Demonstrate a 360 degree view of the nominee in many environments.
- The nomination should be written well.

2010 CONTACT SHEET ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Name of Nominee/Degree/Title: _____

Name of AAMC Member Medical School: _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

OSR Primary Representative: _____

Print/Type Name

Signature

OSR Rep's Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Dean of Student Affairs:

Print/Type Name

Signature

Dean's Title: _____

Dean's Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

University Public Relations/ Media Contact: _____

Print/Type Name

Media/PR Title and Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

2010 Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee/Degree: _____
Name of Medical School: _____
Present Faculty Position: _____

I. EDUCATION

Baccalaureate: _____	_____	_____
(Institution)	(Degree)	(Year)
Graduate/Professional (1): _____	_____	_____
(Institution)	(Degree)	(Year)
Graduate/Professional (2): _____	_____	_____
(Institution)	(Degree)	(Year)

Postdoctoral/Residency/Fellowship:

Ph.D. _____	_____	_____
(Discipline)	(Institution)	(Year)
M.D. _____	_____	_____
(Specialty)	(Institution)	(Year)
M.D. _____	_____	_____
(Subspecialty)	(Institution)	(Year)

II. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

First Faculty Position:	_____	_____	_____	_____
	(Rank)	(Discipline or Specialty)	(Institution)	(Year)
First Faculty Position at this Medical School:	_____	_____	_____	_____
	(Rank)	(Discipline or Specialty)	(Institution)	(Year)

Administrative Positions at this Medical School:	_____	_____
	(Title)	(Year)
	_____	_____
	(Title)	(Year)

List of Past Awards

_____	_____	_____
(Title of Award)	(Institution)	(Year)
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(Title of Award)	(Institution)	(Year)
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(Title of Award)	(Institution)	(Year)
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(Title of Award)	(Institution)	(Year)

List of Committees

_____	_____	_____
(Committee)	(Institution)	(Year)
_____	_____	_____
(Committee)	(Institution)	(Year)
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(Committee)	(Institution)	(Year)
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(Committee)	(Institution)	(Year)

Please return nomination forms to:

Monique Mauge
 Administrative Specialist
 Association of American Medical Colleges
 2450 N Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20037-1127
 (202) 862-6006

Nomination Materials must be received via regular mail or e-mail by 5:00 PM, EST, Monday, May 3, 2010

NOTE: The entire nomination packet (including the contact sheet) must not exceed 10 pages.

Narrative descriptions for each of the categories must not exceed one page each, 4,500 character limit, including spaces. Nomination forms should be typed, using a 12-point font, no italics.

Additional information considered:

Positive Mentoring Skills

- Doctor /patient relationship
- Teaching /teaching awards
- Positive attitude
- Topics – death, dying
- Role modeling / leading by example
- Reaching out to other faculty
- Doing for others, not themselves
- How nominee integrates categories into teaching, mentoring, and advising students

Involvement in Community Service

- Local v. international (focusing more on local)
- Level of service, volunteering, running, establishing projects and/or events (heavily involved)
- Non-medical volunteer service; outside scope of core practice
- Government service? If it is unpaid.
- Choice of working environment (community service may be part of the job); service outside of the job, medical school, and/or academic community
- Mentored service – students go out and start clinics under his/her guidance
- Length of service, service over time
- Service that inspires others to want to do more

Compassion / Sensitivity

- Stories about patients/staff
- Choice of specialty not a factor
- Anecdotes from patients and staff are powerful
- Outside realm of patient care – interactions with students and staff
- Compassion shown on a regular basis
- Bedside manner
- Altruism

Collaboration with Students and Patients

- Working with colleagues (in addition to other doctors)
- Working with students and patients as part of a team
- Support/guidance for projects
- Unusual texts and/or publications (publications are generally a part of the job)
- Committees - as a member, leader, and/or creator
- Extended office hours to accommodate patients and students
- Practices patient-centered care
- Involved with rehabilitation, chronic illnesses, etc.

Modeling Ethics of the Profession (should be exhibited throughout the nomination)

- Bioethics committee – examples of models of behavior
- Ethics course
- Bedside manner
- Empowers students/patients
- Shows respect for patients
- Models ethics to students and challenges students to think about and reflect on ethics
- Quality of life issues (dying patients)

III. INTRODUCTION TO THE NOMINEE

Tell us why the nominee is your institution's choice for the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award. Please provide specific anecdotes, stories, and quotes in support of your nominee, especially from students. Please use this section as a place to provide information in addition to the remaining components of the nomination. Please also describe the school's process for selecting the nominee. **(Please provide only one typed page, 4,500-character limit, including spaces).**

IV. DOCUMENTATION OF NOMINEE'S QUALITIES

Please provide examples/evidence of the nominee's primary qualities for the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award. Please provide different examples and stories than those provided in the introduction to the nominee. Please do not repeat any information from the introduction. **(Please provide only one typed page, 4,500-character limit, including spaces for each section).**

1) Positive mentoring skills: (Please provide only one typed page, 4,500-character limit, including spaces).

2) Involvement in community service:
(Please provide only one typed page, 4,500-character limit, including spaces).

3) Compassion/sensitivity:
(Please provide only one typed page, 4,500-character limit, including spaces).

**4) Collaboration with students and patients:
(Please provide only one typed page, 4,500-character limit, including spaces).**