

AMWA 2019 AWARDS



Presidential Award – Jennifer Hunt, MD

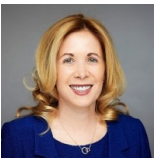
Dr. Jennifer Hunt is Chair of Pathology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She has served in a number of different leadership roles both at her institution and nationally, including Chief of Staff for her hospital, an elected member of the Board of Governors for the College of American Pathologists, and President of the Association for Molecular Pathology and President of the College of American Pathologists Foundation. She also maintains a practice as an Executive Leadership Coach which focuses on current and emerging leaders in healthcare. Her passion is increasing the number of women leaders in healthcare. She runs a very popular leadership development program for women to address the impostor syndrome in medicine called “Unlocking the Authentic Self.”



Elizabeth Blackwell Award – Darilyn Moyer, MD, FACP, FRCP, FIDSA

Dr. Darilyn Moyer is the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases, Dr. Moyer has been a Fellow of ACP (FACP) since 1995, an honorary designation that recognizes ongoing individual service and contributions to the practice of medicine.

Dr. Moyer was a Professor of Medicine, Executive Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Medicine, Internal Medicine Residency Program Director and Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education at Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in the Biological Basis of Behavior, Biology and Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and attended medical school at Temple University School of Medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency at Temple University Hospital and went on to complete an Infectious Diseases Fellowship at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.



Bertha Van Hoosen Award – Connie B. Newman, MD, FACP, FAMWA

Dr. Connie Newman is an endocrinologist and Adjunct Professor of Medicine, New York University School of Medicine. As AMWA President in 2018-2019, Dr. Newman led the development of a 3-year Strategic Plan that re-focused AMWA and its mission on professional development of women in medicine, advocacy, and excellence in healthcare. She co-chairs the AMWA Fellowship Committee, and AMWA Opioid Addiction in Women Task Force, which she founded in 2018. She previously co-chaired the AMWA Preventive Medicine Task Force. Dr. Newman’s expertise is in lipids, diabetes, obesity, statin safety, and large randomized trials. She chaired the Writing Committee for the 2019 AHA Scientific Statement on Statin Safety. She is a member of the FDA Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee. Dr. Newman is a co-editor of the first textbook on application of sex and gender differences to clinical practice, to be published by Elsevier in 2020.



Lila Wallis Women’s Health Award – Janice L Werbinski, MD, NCMP

Dr. Janice Werbinski is a staunch advocate for education that must change the way healthcare is delivered to women, taking into consideration the many ways in which women's health, physiology, and needs differ from men’s. Board-certified in OB GYN, and a Certified Menopause Provider, she practiced Gynecology for 40 years, retiring from clinical practice in 2014. She received her M.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin (1975). Author of several publications in Sex and Gender Based Medicine, she also wrote a curriculum for the Women’s Health Track in Michigan State University’s Internal Medicine Residency program .

As Clinical Associate Professor Emerita at Western Michigan University Homer R. Stryker School of Medicine, she currently teaches Sex and Gender Specific Medicine, and has written an iBook on that topic. She is Executive Director of the Sex and Gender Health Collaborative of AMWA, designed to inform students, faculty, and clinicians in sex and gender-appropriate medicine.



Ester Pohl Lovejoy Award – Shobha S. Krishnan, MD, FAAFP

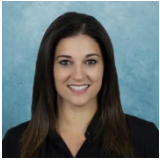
Dr. Shobha S. Krishnan is the Founder and President of the Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer (GIAHC). She is a board-certified family physician and gynecologist with special interest in the field of HPV and cervical cancer, both nationally and internationally. Dr. Krishnan is on the Board of Directors of the American Medical Women’s Association. She is also the chair of the HPV and Cervical Cancer Task Force at AMWA, Vice Chair of the HPV Working group at MWIA, and on the Medical Advisory Board of the National Cervical Cancer Coalition. She is the author of the national and international award-winning

book, *The HPV Vaccine Controversy: Sex, Cancer, God and Politics* (Praeger 2008). Her greatest joy and pride are working with young leaders in the global elimination of cervical cancer and she welcomes all to join this exciting movement.



Dr. Larry Zaroff Man of Good Conscience Award – Paul Kirchgraber, MD, MBA

Dr. Paul Kirchgraber is Senior Vice President and Business Unit Head for Covance Central Laboratories since 2015, he joined Covance in 2007. In 2009 he became Vice President of Global Laboratory Operations and Medical Affairs, responsible for laboratories in the United States, Switzerland, Singapore, China and Japan. In 2012, he took on additional responsibilities as the General Manager for the Americas. He worked at Quintiles Transnational as Global Medical Director for the Central Laboratory. He is Board Certified in Anatomic, Clinical and Cytopathology Dr. Kirchgraber was the 2013 recipient of the “We’re All in Sales” Award recognizing his contributions to Covance’s commercial efforts. After graduating from Cornell University Medical School, he interned in Internal Medicine at Case Western Reserve/University Hospitals and completed Pathology residency and fellowship at the Institute of Pathology. He received his Master of Business Administration from SUNY Binghamton. Having been promoted through several roles of increasing responsibility to his current role as Senior Vice President and Business Unit Head for Covance Central Laboratory Services, he is an exceptional business leader. He is a mentor, diversity ambassador, health and wellness advocate, and patient champion.

**Camille Mermod Award – Michelle Benedict**

Michelle Benedict is an MD Candidate at the University of Michigan Medical School (Class of 2023). A non-traditional student, Michelle has a Business degree and over a decade of experience in the high-tech industry, most recently as an Engineering Project Manager at Apple, Inc. in the Applied Machine Learning department before medical school commencement. Her passion for medicine has evolved through her (published) international medical mission work and artificial intelligence work in health technology. She has used her diverse background and skill sets as AMWA's Director of Research and Development to contribute to AMWA's Strategic Planning, Mentorship Committee, National Liaison Committee, Membership Committee, AWHs, Web/Communications/Marketing, and Social Media. She aims to leverage her technology background in her future medical career with biomedical innovations and to empower AMWA members to lead change in such an era of possibility.

**Anne C. Carter Student Leadership Award – Anna Cassell**

Anna Cassell is an MD/MBA student at the University of Utah. She has been involved in numerous AMWA positions including being president of her local chapter and is currently serving as president-elect of the national student division. She is passionate about leadership development for medical students and has helped lead local and national initiatives that promote leadership development for students. She has served in numerous leadership roles at her medical school including Class Co-President, Member of the Diversity and Professionalism Committee, and Co-Director of a local community clinic. She intends to pursue a career in hospital medicine and hopes to combine her medical and business interests to improve healthcare affordability. Outside of medicine Anna plays college ultimate frisbee and enjoys mountain biking, skiing, and backpacking.

Exceptional Mentor Award Recipients**Adebisi (Bisi) Alli, DO, MS**

Dr. Alli is a practicing primary care physician at Mayo Clinic Arizona.

Tatjana Calvano, DO, FACO, FUDSA

Dr. Calvano is an infectious disease specialist in Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Major in the US Army in San Antonio, Texas.

Chwen-Yuen Angie Chen, MD

Dr. Chen is Clinical Associate Professor, Medicine - Primary Care and Population Health at Stanford University.

Charlene Dewey, MD, M.Ed, MACP

Dr. Dewey is Assistant Dean for Educator Development and Co-Director of the Center for Professional Health at Vanderbilt University.

Sandra Fryhofer, MD, MACP, FRCP

Dr. Fryhofer is Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine.

Roberta Gebhard, DO, FAMWA

Dr. Gebhard is President of AMWA and founder of AMWA's Gender Equity Task Force. She is a family practitioner and educator.

Mary Goldstein, MD, MS-HSR, FACMI

Dr. Goldstein is Chief of the Medical Service at VA Palo Alto Health Care System and Vice-Chair for Veteran's Affairs, Department of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine.

Susan Hingle, MD, FRCP, MACP

Dr. Hingle, a new AMWA Board member, is Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for the Center for Human and Organizational Potential and Director of Faculty Development at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Amy Hise, MD

Dr. Hise, an AMWA Board member, is Associate Professor of Pathology and International Health and a Physician and Researcher at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

Janet Jokela, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA

Dr. Jokela is the Acting Regional Dean of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana.

Bridgette Jones, MD, MSCR

Dr. Jones is Assistant Academic Dean within the Office of Student Affairs at the UMKC School of Medicine.

Kajal Khana, MD, JD

Dr. Khana is a pediatric emergency medicine physician and an attorney at Stanford University.

Tammy Lin, MD

Dr. Lin is an internal medicine and integrative health specialist practicing in San Diego, CA.

Iris Liou, MD

Dr. Liou is a physician at the Liver Tumor Clinic at the University of Washington Medical Center.

Joan Lo, MD

Dr. Lo is Assistant Program Director and Graduate Medical Education Research Director at Kaiser Permanente Oakland Center Internal Medicine Residency Program.

Elizabeth Lowenthal, MD, MSCE, FAAP, AAHIVS

Dr. Lowenthal is an Attending Physician in the Special Immunology Family Care Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and lead research physician for CHOP Global Health.

Rosalia Misseri, MD

Dr. Misseri is a pediatric urologist based at Riley Hospital for Children.

Brittane Parker, MD

Dr. Parker is Associate Program Director for the Transitional Year Residency Program at Mayo Clinic Arizona.

Sima Pendharkar, MD, MPH, FACP

Dr. Pendharkar is Chief of Hospital Medicine at The Brooklyn Hospital Center and Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program.

Shak Rehman, MD, CSH, FACP, FACH

Dr. Rehman is Professor of Informatics at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix.

Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD, FACP

Dr. Rohr-Kirchgraber, a past president of AMWA, is the Executive Director of the IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and Chief Physician Executive of COE/Med/Peds Outpatient Care Center at Eskenazi Health.

Lipika Samal, MD, MPH

Dr. Samal is a clinician-researcher and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Katherine M. Sharkey, MD, PhD

Dr. Sharkey is Assistant Dean for Women in Medicine and Science, Associate Professor of Medicine, and Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Cynthia (Daisy) Smith, MD, FACP

Dr. Smith is Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine and Vice President, Clinical Education, Medical Education Division at the American College of Physicians.

Jasmine Smith, MD, MBA

Dr. Smith is an attending physician in internal medicine-pediatrics at Keck Medicine of USC and Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

V. Fan Tait, MD, FAAP

Dr. Tait is the Chief Medical Officer for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Julie Welch, MD

Dr. Welch is Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Indiana University.

Emily Young, DO

Dr. Young is a family medicine specialist and the faculty advisor for the AMWA Chapter at the University of Virginia.

Donna Zulman, MD, MS

Dr. Zulman is Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at Stanford University and Palo Alto VA Health Care System.

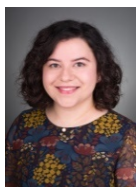
Resident Division Awards

**Charlotte Edwards Maguire, MD Outstanding Resident Mentor Award – Brette Harding, MD**

Dr. Brette Harding is currently a PGY3 surgical resident training in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Missouri. She is currently the Advocacy Chair of the Resident Division of AMWA. She plans to pursue a fellowship in Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery and Microvascular Reconstruction. Her interests include HPV-related head and neck cancer treatment and prevention. In addition to this, she enjoys working with medical students and encouraging them to pursue their goals, especially surgical careers.

**Susan L. Ivey, MD Courage to Lead Award – Anne M. Kuwabara, MD**

Dr. Anne Kuwabara is currently a Physical Medicine Rehabilitation (PM&R) resident at Stanford University and a passionate advocate for the field of PM&R. She is a Resident Section Editor of The American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, ambassador of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Junior Resident Liaison of the Stanford PM&R Residency program, and resident leader of the PM&R medical student interest group at Stanford. She completed her undergraduate studies in molecular cell biology and public policy at University of California-Berkeley and medical degree at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

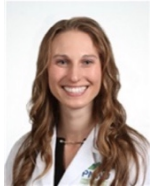
**Elinor T. Christiansen, MD Altruism Award – Katharina Perlin, MD**

Dr. Katharina Perlin is a first year Psychiatry resident at the University of Louisville. Advocacy, particularly related to reproductive health and establishing a national single-payer health program, has been integral to her medical career thus far, and she is excited to continue to work with patients and colleagues to bring about meaningful change in healthcare. Her professional areas of interest include women's mental health, child and adolescent psychiatry, and geriatric psychiatry. In her free time she writes poetry and goes hiking with her dog, Lentil.

**Susan Love Writing Contest – Tara Shrout, MD, MSc**

Dr. Tara Shrout is a first-generation college student from Frankfort, Kentucky. She developed an early fascination for medical research through summer camps and STEM volunteer programs in rural Kentucky during middle school and high school. She graduated Vanderbilt University with a double-major in molecular biology and political science and returned to Kentucky for medical school. During medical school, she was elected AMA State Delegate and helped create the Kentucky Medical Student Outreach and Leadership Program. She also received a NIH TL1 award to support one year of cardiovascular research. Dr. Shrout is completing her internal medicine residency at Boston Medical Center and working with the Framingham Research Study and AMA-RFS MA Governing Council. She is grateful to a running friend who recently connected her with AMWA and looks forward to learning more.

Medical Student Division Awards



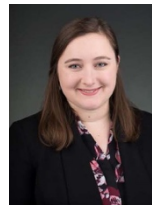
Eliza Lo Chin Unsung Hero Award – Victoria Sefcsik

Victoria Sefcsik is a first-year osteopathic medical student at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Yakima, Washington. She's a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Air Force and will serve as an active duty physician after residency. Victoria has been a part of AMWA since college, with involvement in the pre-medicine club hosting several medical school panels and events to prepare students for interviews. She is also involved with the American Women Physicians in World War I Traveling Exhibition hosted by AMWA and is one of the coordinators for its travel across the country. She currently volunteers at the Union Gospel Mission free clinic near her school and is interested in family and internal medicine.



Eliza Lo Chin Unsung Hero Award – Joanna Georgakas

Joanna Georgakas is a third year medical student at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She is a graduate of Middlebury College, where she double majored in Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies and Neuroscience. Joanna wrote her undergraduate thesis on Feminist Science Studies, focusing on the leaky pipeline of women in STEM and self-published her Zine series "scigrrrr!" to help promote women in STEM. At Brown, she helped found her local AMWA chapter, served as a class representative to the senate, organized a high school mentor program, and helped implement a formal LGBTQ+ curriculum for first year students. For AMWA National, Joanna has served as student co-chair for the Gender Equity Task Force and is currently working on a podcast series, "Doctor and ____: Multidimensional Women in Medicine."



Linda Brodsky MD Essay Award – Alyssa Brown

Alyssa Brown grew up in Chattanooga, TN. She majored in Biology and History at Centre College in Kentucky where she played NCAA Division III Golf. She joined AMWA at the University of Louisville Medical School where she became branch president and started a monthly mentorship happy hour for students to meet residents and physicians. Funds raised were donated to a women's shelter. After third year, she moved to Rochester, MN to pursue a PhD in Biomedical Engineering and Physiology at Mayo Clinic. Her research focuses on inflammation's effect on motor neuron function and congenital diaphragmatic hernia. Alyssa chairs AMWA's Social Media/Branding Committee and helped grow AMWA's Instagram to 12.1k followers this past year. When not working on her research or AMWA projects, she is baking sweets, going to concerts, or shadowing in the pediatric OR.



Women in Academic Orthopaedics Research Internship – Alyssa Thorman

Alyssa Thorman is a second year medical student at the University of Utah. She completed her undergraduate at the University of Utah in biochemistry with an emphasis in cell and molecular biology. Her research interests include pediatric orthopaedics specifically involving medically fragile and neurologically impaired patients. She is the founder and president of her medical school's community garden and is currently working to address food insecurity among medical students. In her free time she enjoys swimming and coaching a local high school team as well as running with her dog.



Heller Outstanding Branch Award – Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Pre-medical Student Division Awards



Student of the Year Award – Pooja Butani

Pooja Butani graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor's degree in Molecular and Cell Biology with an emphasis on Neurobiology. She has been active in AMWA both locally and nationally. She also loves to mentor underserved elementary school children at Sylvia Mendez Elementary School in Berkeley, for whom she hopes to become a role model and a source of support along their educational path. Pooja also promotes the importance of mental health not only in AMWA but in all of her work. She serves veterans in the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, where she engages in research to help professionals provide the best care to patients with available resources. For her, mentorship means everything, and she strives to provide students and members the resources that will allow them to achieve both their future goals and lifelong health.



Premedical Branch Member of the Year Award – Brittany Nguyen

Brittany Nguyen is a sophomore at Rice University majoring in Cognitive Sciences with minors in Biochemistry and Business. She is a research intern at Baylor College of Medicine and a certified emergency medical technician. This spring, she spearheaded a 3-day immersion project for premedical students to explore medicine through nonprofit volunteerism, CPR certification, lectures, and more. She also implemented a volunteer program with social workers and Rice University student

organizations to serve the homeless and worked on the Development Committee for the Camp Kesem chapter at Rice to raise \$95,000 for the summer camp. Brittany volunteers at Texas Medical Center hospitals and scribes for ophthalmologist Dr. Petros Carvounis. In her free time, she enjoys a friendly game of chess (and bughouse!), swimming, badminton, and exploring Houston.



Eliza Lo Chin Unsung Hero Award – Iris Dupanovic

Iris Dupanovic graduated from Tufts University with a BS in Biopsychology and a MS in Biomedical Sciences. She became involved in AMWA as a graduate student and served as the 2019-2020 Premedical Region 1 Director and co-coordinator for AMWA's American Women Physicians in WWI Traveling Exhibit. One of the things she loves most about AMWA's WWI exhibit is how it shines a light on women physicians who were courageous enough to advocate for their rights and organize hospitals and units to serve their country, even though they were initially told that they were not needed. Iris has been inspired by their actions, which have helped women physicians get to where they are today. Iris also works as a medical scribe, a volunteer medical advocate, and a volunteer tutor for adults taking the high school equivalency test. In her spare time, Iris likes to bake and take spin classes.



Premedical Education Scholarship – Breanna Thomas

Breanna Thomas is a fourth year Biology major at the University of Florida. She is also minoring in Health Disparities in Society. Breanna's ultimate goal is to become an obstetrician/gynecologist and serve underserved communities as well as women Veterans. She currently serves as Co-Outreach Director for the undergraduate chapter of AMWA at the University of Florida. Breanna is also the Public Relations Director for the University of Florida chapter of LADIES Incorporated, a mentoring organization that focuses on serving the Gainesville community. In her spare time, Breanna enjoys listening to music, cooking, and spending quality time with loved ones.



Premedical Education Scholarship – Fatima Karkoub

Fatima Karkoub is an undergraduate pre medical biology major at the Women's College of Notre Dame of Maryland University and founding president of the Pre-Student of Osteopathic Medical Association Chapter which focuses on educating the community about osteopathic medicine, providing guidance and academic opportunities, and implementing preventive medicine programs throughout our community. She is also an undergraduate research assistant to the School of Pharmacy. Off campus, she is an Emergency Medical Technician at the Middle River Volunteer Fire Department, a local elementary school volunteer, and a tutor for students who may suffer from academic disparities. After graduation, she plans to attend medical school and continue to give back to her community while broadening the spectrum of opportunities for young women in medicine.



AMWA Outstanding Branch Award and Active Branch Award – University of Houston

Established in 2014, the AMWA Branch at the University of Houston is dedicated to promoting the advancement of women in medicine, providing resources to pre-health students, and advocating for women's health. Situated in one of the country's most diverse cities, the branch also works to raise awareness of health disparities within the local community. Accomplishments this year include a scholarship foundation for high school girls in underserved communities, the first student-run health conference at the university, and 388 hours of donated community service in the fall semester. The branch looks to build a community of women in medicine that includes premedical students, physicians and community partners -- a strong group of women to cheer on their members to become accomplished, passionate, and empathetic physicians.



Branch Event Award – University of Pennsylvania

Founded in 2016 and now with over 75 members, the UPenn AMWA branch provides networking opportunities, professional skill development, and premedical guidance. Weekly events feature female leaders in health, with topics ranging from bioethics, surgery, and transgender patient care, to environmental sustainability and period poverty. Speakers have included Dr. Nicole Lurie, former Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response in the Obama administration. Committed to service, the branch has collected 100+ winter clothing items for veterans, organized an Eagles game-watching party for VA Hospital patients, distributed homemade holiday cards, collected over 15,000 lbs of trash from Pennsylvania waterways and baked holiday treats for families of hospice / palliative care patients. The branch also offers free tutoring services for coursework or the MCAT, and held its first Research Symposium last fall.



Humanitarian Branch Award – Louisiana State University of Shreveport

Founded on March 29, 2019 and now with 56 national members, the AMWA branch at Louisiana State University at Shreveport (LSUS) branch is an advocate for women's health both on the LSUS campus and in the Shreveport-Bossier community where they have engaged local non-profit organizations and businesses to make a difference in the field of healthcare. The branch's major service projects include "Care Center Collections," which collects baby product donations for expectant and new mothers, and "Project Period," which collects new feminine hygiene products for local, homeless women. The branch also holds bimonthly awareness events and medical fundraisers, hosts professional healthcare talks, and provides educational resources and mentoring opportunities.