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Medical Education and Rehabilitation and Human Performance

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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Department of Neuroscience

Department of Artificial Intelligence and Human Health

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Assistant Director, Academy for
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Assistant Professor
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Leni and Peter W. May
Department of Medical Education

Georgios Voloudakis, MD, PhD

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Genetics and Genomic Sciences

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Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology,
and Reproductive Science
Professor of Medical Education
System Vice-Chair of Ob-Gyn Education
Director, Ob-Gyn Medical Student
Clerkship and Electives

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Director, Medical Student Education
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Department of Surgery

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Education Program
Co-Director, Patient Oriented Research
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and Genomic Sciences

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Director of the Preclerkship Curriculum

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Department of Medicine

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Health Science and Policy
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Assistant Professor

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STUDENT HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

Dorothy O Adu-Amankwah
Masih A Babagoli
Isabelle Caroline Band
Ashley Brown
Lily Eve Cohen
Rebecca Cohen
Mikayla Bryn Gordon Wexler
Jason Jo
Cecilia Katzenstein
Regina Longley
Alli Morgan

Daniella Rose Nevid
Kaothar Oladoja
Colby Bradford Parsons
Michael Peruggia
Edward Sarfo
Lucy Claire Schultz
Salonee Samir Shah
Tsion Tmariam
Adam Matthew Ushpol

DISTINCTION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE/GLOBAL HEALTH

Dorothy Oye Adu-Amankwah
Zerubbabel Ketema Asfaw
Masih A Babagoli
James Stuart Brooks
Lily Eve Cohen
Zachary Jacob Gallin
Mikayla Bryn Gordon Wexler
DeAnalisa Chanel Jones
Matina Elektra Kakalis
Leore Chana Lavin

Gavin Li
Elizabeth Burns Magill
Rutvij Merchant
Abhishek Reddy Mogili
Colby Bradford Parsons
Adriana Elizabeth Pero
Jeanette Rios
Lucy Claire Schultz
Salonee Samir Shah

DISTINCTION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

Halbert Bai
James Stuart Brooks
Mackenzie Augusta Mitchell
Abhishek Reddy Mogili
Vikram S Vasan

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DISTINCTION IN RESEARCH – MEDICAL EDUCATION

Dorothy O Adu-Amankwah

Aneesh Agarwal

Uchechukwu O Amakiri

Zerubbabel K Asfaw

Kelsey L Auyeung

Masih A Babagoli

Halbert Bai

Isabelle Caroline Band

Peter M Campbell

Christopher Peng Cheng

Alice Yulan Chen-Liaw

Sumanth Chennareddy

Susmita Chennareddy

Lily E Cohen

Eden David

Jennifer Melissa Ines Dias

Bethany N Dubois

Akiro H Duey

Iain Forrest

William Henry Gansa

Jack Albert Gombert

David M Gonzalez

Mikayla Bryn Gordon Wexler

Evelyn Golda Gotlieb

Lucy M Greenwald

Faris F Gulamali

Celestine Joy He

Michael Joseph Hill-Oliva

Michael E Horesh

Roshini Kalagara

Carly Anne Kaplan

Kaustubh R Kulkarni

Anish Kumar

Leore C Lavin

Jasmine Lee-aphon Leahy

Rachel Maria Levantovsky

Gavin Li

Elizabeth Burns Magill

Kartikeya M Menon

Rutvij R Merchant

Abhishek Reddy Mogili

Colby B Parsons

Adriana Elizabeth Pero

Hannah Posner

Daniel X Qian

Hayley Elise Raymond

Jennifer Ren

Lukas Chong Ritzer

Ashley Mackenzie Rosenberg

Zachary Charles Spiera

Jason Chan Tiao

Adam M Ushpol

Vikram S Vasan

Dragan Vujovic

Jacqueline G Wallace

Sara R Wetzler

Nicole A Zatorski

Evelyn S Zhang

Jerry Zhu

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH DISTINCTION – GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Sinead Frances Cullina

Jacob William Glickman

Griffin David Haas

Philip Hwang

Sarah Elizabeth Gilbert King

Jaime Mateus-Tique

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

As you read the following student bios, you will come across the following acronyms:

EHHOP – East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership

MedDOCs – Medical Discovery of Careers Organization

MSTP – Medical Scientist Training Program

PEERS – Practice Enhancement, Engagement, Resilience, & Support Program

PORTAL – Patient-Oriented Research Training and Leadership Program

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AWARD RECIPIENT BIOGRAPHIES

(In alphabetical order by recipient's last name)

**THE JUDITH AND NATHAN G. KASE, M.D. PRIZE
FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING FLEXMED STUDENTS
IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Dorothy Oye Adu-Amankwah

Dorothy came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Duke University, where she majored in English. Before attending Icahn, Dorothy completed a Certificate in Theology, Medicine, and Culture (TMC) at Duke Divinity. She entered the MD program in 2021.

While at the Icahn School, Dorothy served as a student leader in the Academy for Medicine and the Humanities, co-presented at Grand Rounds on best practices in medical humanities, and developed an expressive writing course and booklet for medical student wellness. She volunteered in the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership (EHHOP), the student-run free clinic, as a Mental Health Senior Clinician, engaged in global health and medical humanities research, published four peer-reviewed articles, and was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Dorothy would like to thank her family, friends, mentors, and faculty members at Mount Sinai for their unwavering support and commitment. She will graduate with her MD degree and continue her residency training in Psychiatry at Stanford Health Care.

James Stuart Brooks

James “Jay” Brooks grew up in Baltimore, MD, and he graduated from Harvard University in 2014 with a degree in Chemical and Physical Biology. From 2014 to 2021, Jay served in the US Marines as a ground intelligence officer and deployed twice in support of the War Against ISIS. Jay came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai through its Institutional Partnership with the US Military, which allowed him to apply while still active duty in the military and matriculate without taking the MCAT.

While an MD/MPH student at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Jay founded and led a refugee mental health clinic within the student-run East Harlem Health Opportunity Partnership. He led training for fellow students in cognitive behavioral therapy, served as a therapist for two Ukrainian refugees, and worked for a clinical trial in post-traumatic stress disorder prevention. He published his MPH thesis on a novel public health messaging framework and applied its use for Brooklyn-based public health messaging campaigns in partnership with the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health. Jay also supported veterans in medicine initiatives, leading the student veteran group, teaching an elective on veterans’ health, and serving as a mentor for eight veterans applying to higher education through the Service to School organization.

Jay would like to thank his family and friends, especially his parents, sisters, and wife, for their continuous support of his path through training into medicine. Jay would also like to thank the attendings and residents at ISMMS, who gave so much time in teaching and supporting him through every step of the journey, especially Dr. David Muller, Dr. Maya Korin, Dr. Craig Katz, Dr. Jacob Appel, Dr. Luz Claudio, Dr. Valerie Parkas, Dr. Linda Zhang, Dr. Michael Leitman, and Dr. Todd Bania.

Jay will graduate with his MD/MPH degree and continue his residency training in General Surgery at New York University.

DR. JOSEPH R. JAGUST ANESTHESIOLOGY AWARD

Christopher Peng Cheng

Chris came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Dartmouth College, where he majored in Computer Science and competed on the varsity sailing team. While in college, Chris received a grant from the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation to develop a voice-powered medication adherence assistant. Chris matriculated to the MD program via the FlexMed Early Assurance Program in 2021.

While at the Icahn School, Chris co-founded the Sinai Sauna Society, published over twenty articles in peer-reviewed journals, and volunteered on the admissions committee. He helped win the Mount Sinai Dean's Cup in basketball (2023, 2024) and pickleball (2024). Chris volunteered with the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership as a phlebotomist and served as a mentor for First Generation Scholars. Finally, Chris participated in an exchange program with the departments of anesthesiology and cardiology at Tokyo Women's Medical University.

Chris would like to thank his partner and his family for their unwavering support, and to thank his friends in medical school for an awesome four years. Chris is grateful to his mentors Dr. Elisha Dickstein, Dr. Adam Levine, Dr. Paul Shekane, and Dr. Alopi Patel for inspiring him to pursue training in anesthesiology. Finally, Chris thanks the Chinese American Medical Society, the Chinese American Physicians' Society, and Alpha Omega Alpha for supporting his studies.

Chris will graduate with his MD degree and continue his residency training in Anesthesiology at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

**PATIENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH
TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PORTAL)
THESIS AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH**

Sumanth Chennareddy

Sumanth Chennareddy is from Louisville, Kentucky. He attended Vanderbilt University for his undergraduate studies, where he studied Neuroscience and Spanish, and graduated first in his class, receiving Vanderbilt's Founder's Medal.

While at ISMMS, Sumanth developed a strong interest in clinical and translational research, leading him to join the PORTAL program and Dr. Patrick Brunner's laboratory in the Department of Dermatology. In Dr. Brunner's lab, Sumanth received exceptional mentorship, enabling him to publish several first-author papers and present his research at both national and international conferences.

DR. HAROLD LAMPORT BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PRIZE

Lily Eve Cohen

Lily Cohen came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Brown University, where she majored in health and human biology and graduated magna cum laude. She also holds a master's degree in health, medicine, and society (medical anthropology) from the University of Cambridge.

Lily is an aspiring physician-scientist with work and research experience in health disparities, neuroimmunology, and infectious disease dynamics. She has worked as a research scientist for the Centre for Pathogen Evolution at the University of Cambridge and the Task Force for Global Health, and has interned with the U.S. Department of State Office of International Health and Biodefense, the New York City Health and Hospitals Special Pathogens Program, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. She has also collaborated with research scientists in the Viral Emergence (VERENA) Consortium and the National Institutes of Health Fogarty Center's Division of International Epidemiology and Population Studies. Her work has been published in journals such as *Nature Microbiology*, *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, *PLoS Pathogens*, *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, and *The Lancet Microbe*. Lily was also inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society in 2025.

Lily would like to thank Drs. Anna Fagre, Cécile Viboud, David Spiro, Sandra Chaves, Colin Carlson, Mercedes Perez, Anna Rommel, and an extended community of research mentors and collaborators—all of whom ground their work in a commitment to public service—for their contributions to this incredible honor.

Lily will graduate with her MD degree and continue pursuing clinical and epidemiological research at the intersection of autoimmunity, infectious disease, neuroimmunology, and mental health.

Áine Duffy

Áine joined the PhD program at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2019 after completing her Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Science and Master's Degree in Biomedical Genomics at the University of Galway, Ireland.

At the Icahn School, Áine focused on utilizing human genetic data to inform drug target prioritization under the mentorship of Dr. Ron Do. She has published several papers in peer-reviewed journals, including two where she is the first or co-first author, and she received the GGS Outstanding Trainee Paper Award.

Áine would like to thank her mentor, Dr. Ron Do, for his invaluable support and mentorship throughout her academic journey. She also extends her thanks to her lab mates and faculty mentors for their encouragement and contributions to her training. Lastly, she is incredibly grateful to her family and friends for their unwavering love and support.

As Áine graduates with her PhD degree, she begins her role as Scientific Investigator at GSK, where she aims to build on her doctoral research using human genetics to improve target discovery.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN SCIENCE AWARD

Dania Figueroa Acosta

Dania earned her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College, where she majored in Biochemistry and minored in Italian Studies. Following graduation, she completed a post baccalaureate research fellowship at NIAID's Rocky Mountain Laboratories (RML). In 2019, she began her graduate training at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

Dania has long been committed to advancing equity and inclusion in STEM. At Wellesley, her advocacy led to the creation of a fellowship that provides both academic credit and a stipend to support low-income students pursuing thesis research. During her post baccalaureate fellowship at RML, she co-founded a diversity and inclusion subcommittee, earning her a NIAID Merit Award for her efforts. Finally, at Mount Sinai, she co-authored a proposal to compensate students engaged in anti-racism work, advocated for representation of PREP students, and helped build a sense of community between junior and senior trainees.

Beyond academic settings, Dania has continued to uplift and inspire others through public engagement. She has spoken at institutional town halls and served as a featured Latina scientist for the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino ¡Descubra! Meet the Science Expert series.

Dania is incredibly grateful to the incredible women in her family—especially her mother, who taught her never to give up and that things are always better than they seem.

THE MIKI RIFKIN GRADUATE SCHOOL SERVICE AWARD

Alexandra Fink Skular

Alexandra started her PhD in Neuroscience at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in August of 2020, after graduating with a B.S. in Neuroscience from Duke University, where she studied under Kafui Dzirasa, MD, PhD for her honors thesis research. Alexandra's doctoral research studied the neural circuitry underlying human decision-making using human intracranial neurophysiology in the labs of Ignacio Saez, PhD and Xiaosi Gu, PhD.

Alexandra was awarded graduate funding by the NIH National Institute of Aging T32 Training Grant until she received the competitive National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship award in her second year of her PhD, which funded the remainder of her PhD. At Mount Sinai, Alexandra dedicated her time to service through Mentoring in Neuroscience Discovery (MiNDS) as co-president for three years, by serving as the neuroscience student representative on the PhD admissions committee for multiple years, and in her role as Teaching Assistant for several graduate school courses throughout her PhD.

Alexandra will graduate with her PhD in Neuroscience and continue her career as a neuroscientist in New York City, while continuing to pursue her passion for service and scientific outreach.

BARRY STIMMEL AWARD FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION

Jack A. Gomberg

Jack Gomberg grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and graduated from Pomona College with a major in Neuroscience. Following graduation, he was awarded a Fulbright Research Scholarship to pursue research on medical clowning and afterward conducted neuroimmunology research at University of California Los Angeles.

At the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Jack created the Circus and Medicine NEXUS course, helped faculty redesign the pre-clinical neuroscience curriculum, and built an ISMMS-specific Anki deck with over 35,000 digital flashcards mapped to Sinai courses. Jack tutored over 50 students and led dozens of workshops. He also co-led the Student Interest in Neurology Group and worked with the Center for Advanced Circuit Therapeutics to explore white matter changes in depression.

Jack is thrilled to stay at Mount Sinai Hospital for his Neurology residency next year.

**THE MILTON C. ENGEL, MD, AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE**

Mikayla Bryn Gordon Wexler

Prior to medical school, Mikayla attended Amherst College, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude as an Anthropology major. Mikayla then worked for two years on Dr. Arvin Garg's team at Boston Medical Center assessing interventions for addressing families' unmet basic needs and the impact of socioeconomic disparities on child health outcomes. She entered the MD program at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2021.

While at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Mikayla devoted her time to leadership within the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership (EHHOP) clinic. She first served as Chair of Community Benefits, connecting patients to community resources, including food pantries and legal services. Then, Mikayla was Co-Chief Teaching Senior, where she oversaw clinical care in collaboration with faculty leadership, trained and supervised fellow student clinicians, and helped to guide overarching clinic initiatives. She also had the incredible privilege of being the longitudinal provider for three EHHOP patients— individuals with whom she formed relationships that she will always cherish. In addition, under the mentorship of Dr. Jennifer Reckrey, Mikayla participated in the Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR) Program. She conducted and published research highlighting the experiences of caregivers of home-bound individuals with dementia as they navigate health insurance systems. She presented her research at an American Geriatrics Society Annual meeting and was honored with the award for best poster in the Ethics & Qualitative Research category.

Mikayla also piloted a course for fellow students on Incarceration and Health Justice, helped to lead a cohort of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Human Rights and Social Justice Program, and served as a coordinator for a creative writing elective course.

Mikayla would like to thank her parents, sisters, partner, and friends for their immeasurable love and support. She additionally extends her gratitude to the Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine Department at the Mount Sinai Hospital, as well as her incredible faculty mentors, for their guidance and for serving as role models for the type of physician advocate she hopes to be. Finally, Mikayla would like to thank her Class of 2025 community for pushing her to pursue justice, compassionate care, and joy in her everyday actions.

Mikayla will graduate with her MD degree and is so excited to continue her residency training in Internal Medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

Evelyn Golda Gotlieb

Evelyn joined the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 2021, where she studied Economics with a concentration in Healthcare Management and Policy at The Wharton School. She was honored with the Wharton School's Dean's Award for Service to the University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia for founding the Shelter Health Outreach Program (SHOP). As part of the winning team of the inaugural Penn Projects for Progress award, she helped expand SHOP's mission through a project aimed at improving community-centered primary care in Philadelphia.

At Sinai, Evelyn became involved with the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership (EHHOP) Access to Care Team, volunteering first as a case manager and later serving as Benefits (Insurance) Co-Chair. In her third year, she continued her involvement as a Chronic Care Senior at EHHOP. Dedicated to health policy-oriented research, she published a study in Neurology examining disparities in telemedicine utilization among Medicaid beneficiaries with epilepsy following the integration of their care delivery at Mount Sinai. She also developed a health equity framework for epilepsy care, published in Epilepsia, and continues to investigate how insurance status affects access to care, particularly for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Evelyn extends her heartfelt gratitude to her family, friends, and the physicians at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai who supported and inspired her pursuit of neurology. She is especially grateful to Dr. Nathalie Jetté and Dr. Stephen Krieger, whose dedication to teaching and patient care has profoundly shaped the physician she aspires to become.

Evelyn will graduate with her MD and begin her neurology residency at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

MEDICAL SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM (MSTP) SERVICE AWARD

Jake Herb

Jake came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Duke University, where he majored in Biology and English. Before matriculating into the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) in 2020, Jake was a post-baccalaureate research fellow at the NIH.

While at the Icahn School, Jake has served as an MSTP Class Representative on Student Council and as an Institutional Representative for Mount Sinai to the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA). In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, he spearheaded efforts to reinstate monthly social programming in the MSTP calendar and helped develop an annual student-led financial literacy workshop tailored to the needs of MD/PhD students. Jake is also the recipient of a Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Predoctoral Fellowship from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).

Jake would like to thank his parents, Tom and Wendy Herb, for teaching him the value of leadership from a young age; his wife, Mackenzie, and daughters, Gemma and Felicity for their love and support throughout his training; and MSTP Director Dr. Talia Swartz for her dedication to the MD/PhD students and their training.

Jake anticipates completing his MD/PhD training in 2028.

**DR. DAVID K. MCDONOGH AWARD
FOR DIVERSITY IN MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Michael Espino Horesh

Michael came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from the University of California, Berkeley where he majored in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Before attending Mount Sinai, Michael worked as a scholar in the Post Baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) in the department of Microbiology. He entered the MD/PhD program in 2017, defending his PhD thesis in immunogenetics in 2023. Michael has received the Science and Leadership Merit Award, the Award of Excellence for Student Leadership, multiple awards for outstanding scientific presentations and excellence in research, and he graduates with distinction in research.

In addition to his academic achievements, Michael has served as a student-interviewer and voting member on the MD/PhD admissions committee, worked as a mentor for non-traditional medical school applicants, acted as co-president of the Mount Sinai Latino Medical Student Association, and continuously mentored trainees within the graduate and medical schools at Mount Sinai.

Michael would like to thank his husband (Elan), mom (Maria), grandparents (Rodolfo y Magdalena), siblings (Francis, Frankie, Anthony, and Peach), MD/PhD program leadership (specifically Dr. Talia Swartz, Dr. Margaret Baron, and Bianca Taylor-Starobin), PhD mentor (Dr. Dusan Bogunovic), faculty mentors (Dr. Gary Butts, Dr. Ann-Gel Palermo, Dr. Valerie Parkas, Dr. David Muller, and Dr. Terry Krulwich), and countless faculty, staff, classmates, and friends who have been integral to his development as a physician scientist.

Michael will graduate with his MD and PhD degrees and continue his residency training in Anesthesiology at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

THE BARRY COLLER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL MEDICINE

Nnamdi Egbichi-Ragland Igwe

Nnamdi Igwe was born and raised in Nigeria until 2013, when he moved to the United States. Witnessing the impact of limited access to high-quality medical care in Nigeria inspired his early commitment to a career in medicine. He earned his bachelor's degree in Human Development from Cornell University, where he was a Hunter R. Rawlings III Presidential Research Scholar, and began the MD program at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2021.

At Mount Sinai, Nnamdi taught basic physiology to underrepresented high school students through an afterschool program, sparking his interest in teaching, mentorship, and curriculum design. He also led several successful quality improvement initiatives aimed at improving care for patients with limited English proficiency—developing standardized multilingual discharge instructions for COVID-19 patients and a bedside communication card for non-English-speaking inpatients. As an immigrant, Nnamdi is passionate about ensuring language is never a barrier to quality care. He also collaborated with Mount Sinai's Institute for Advanced Medicine to implement an intervention that increased trichomoniasis screening rates among cis- and transgender women living with HIV. In recognition of his work, Nnamdi was awarded a \$25,000 scholarship in 2024 by the Society of Hospital Medicine for his contributions to healthcare quality improvement.

Nnamdi will graduate with his MD degree and continue his residency training in Internal Medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

JAMES FELT AWARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE

Jennifer Melissa Ines Dias

Jennifer Dias came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Colgate University, where she majored in Biology and Spanish and competed as a Division I Varsity Track and Field athlete. After graduating in 2016, she worked as a research assistant at Brigham and Women's Hospital, developing web-based interventions for women with a history of gestational diabetes.

During her time at Icahn, Jennifer made meaningful contributions to both the medical school and East Harlem communities. In recognition of her efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, she received the Irwin Gelernt, MD Leadership and Community Service Award in 2021. She expanded her scholarship in both quantitative and qualitative research across clinical, academic, and community-based settings. She went on to co-author multiple manuscripts and lead a Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation grant-funded project during an academic gap year, focused on cultivating change management skills to address culture, racism, and bias across 11 medical schools.

Jennifer brings a systems-thinking mindset to her clinical work and is particularly drawn to the organizational and social drivers of institutional change. She will graduate with her MD degree and continue her residency training in Emergency Medicine at Mass General Brigham in Boston, and is eager to grow as a leader in emergency care delivery and envisions pursuing a fellowship in emergency medicine administration in the future.

Jennifer would like to thank her patients, family, mentors, donors, and peers for their unwavering support throughout her journey.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

THE ARTHUR CEDERBAUM MENTORING BY A GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

DeAnalisa Chanel Jones

DeAnalisa came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Columbia University, where she majored in Biomedical Engineering. Before matriculating into the MD/PhD Program in 2018, DeAnalisa was a Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) Scholar at Icahn.

While at the Icahn School, DeAnalisa founded the school's Association of Native American Medical Students (ANAMS) chapter and served on the ANAMS National Executive Board and the American Medical Association Medical Student Section Committee on American Indian Affairs. DeAnalisa also received two Anti-Racism Fellowships from the Institute for Equity and Justice in Health Sciences Education and a Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Predoctoral Fellowship from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute.

DeAnalisa thanks her parents, Don and Deborah Jones for teaching her by example to be an advocate and to stand up for what is right and her mentors, Drs. Terry Krulwich and Eric Sobie for showing her the impact and importance of investing in others as a mentor.

DeAnalisa will graduate with her MD and PhD degrees and continue on to her residency training in the Internal Medicine Research Track at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

THE LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE STUDENT AWARD

Cecilia Katzenstein

Cecilia came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from the University of Chicago, where she was a Clinical Excellence Scholar and Health Policy Scholar and majored in History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine with a minor in Human Rights. She was a Pozen Center for Human Rights fellow and wrote her honors BA thesis on scientific racism in Yellow Fever immunity theories in nineteenth-century New Orleans, which won multiple awards.

She entered the MD/MPH program in 2021 as a Global Health Scholar, receiving a fully funded MPH. She has participated in the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership, the ISMMS student-run free clinic (EHHOP) as an Access to Care Team Case Manager and Teaching Senior, in the admissions department as an Admissions Champion, and as a machine perfusion monitor for the liver transplant department. During her time at Mount Sinai, she has also contributed to research with the Mount Sinai Human Rights Program and the Ethics Committee and has worked on a multitude of projects related to gastroenterology, maternal health, and health equity. She is currently on a scholarly year funded by the Digestive Disease Research Fellowship focusing on hepatology research and has both published in peer-reviewed journals and presented her work at national and international conferences this year. She was elected into the Gold Humanism Honor Society in 2024.

Cecilia is incredibly grateful for her many mentors and classmates at Mount Sinai who have shown her immense support and modeled a humanistic approach to medicine. She would also like to express her immense gratitude for her family and friends for always reminding her why she wanted to be a physician in the first place.

Cecilia will graduate in 2026 and pursue an Internal Medicine residency.

**MRS. DAVID A. DREILING SURGERY PRIZE
IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER, FLORENCE L. OPPENHEIMER**

Simran Malhotra

Simran Malhotra graduated summa cum laude from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Global Public Health Sciences and minors in Creative Writing and Healthy Futures. She was accepted into the FlexMed program and began her medical training at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2020.

Throughout medical school, Simran distinguished herself through her deep commitment to patient-centered care, exceptional attention to detail, and a compassionate, thoughtful interviewing style. Her peers and faculty alike recognized these qualities, culminating in her induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

As part of her MD–MSCR dual degree, Simran was awarded an NIH TL1 predoctoral training grant through the Patient-Oriented Research Training and Leadership Program. Her thesis, conducted under the mentorship of Dr. Audree B. Tadros at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, focused on the impact of Medicaid expansion on the management and mortality of locally advanced breast cancer.

Simran extends heartfelt thanks to her mentors, faculty, family, and friends—the village that has supported her every step of the way. She will graduate with her combined MD–MSCR degree and begin her General Surgery residency at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson.

DR. M. RALPH KAUFMAN PSYCHIATRY PRIZE

Elizabeth Burns Magill

Liza Magill joined the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai through the FlexMed program from Boston College, where she majored in International Studies with a focus on Global Health and Bioethics. Before Mount Sinai, she completed a Global Health Corps fellowship in Uganda and worked at Columbia University's Global Mental Health Program. She entered the MD-MPH dual degree program in 2020.

At Mount Sinai, Liza volunteered at the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership's mental health clinic, creating a consult-liaison program to better integrate mental health into primary care. She also spent a Scholarly Year with Partners In Health's global mental health team in Rwanda and Lesotho and published research on the implementation of psychological interventions across low-resource settings.

Liza will graduate with her MD-MPH and begin Psychiatry residency at Stanford Health Care.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Abhishek Reddy Mogili

Abhi came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Northeastern University, where he majored in Political Science and Biology. Before attending Icahn, Abhi was commissioned into the United States Air Force as a Second Lieutenant through the ROTC program. He entered the MD/MPH program in 2021.

While at the Icahn School, Abhi has held numerous student leadership positions, most recently serving as the student body president. He has actively engaged in global health work ranging from ambulatory surgical care research in Uganda to a rotation in Emergency Medicine in Nepal. He also served as a teaching senior and chronic care senior in EHHOP. As a part of his MPH work, he volunteered with GMHC (Gay Men's Health Crisis) as a sexual health testing counselor and also conducted research on HIV Self-Testing.

Abhi will graduate with his MD and MPH degree and continue his residency training in Emergency Medicine at Denver Health/University of Colorado.

HAROLD ELSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR CLINICAL ACUMEN

THE MILTON C. ENGEL, MD, AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE

Colby Bradford Parsons

Colby came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Brown University, where he majored in Anthropology. Before attending Mount Sinai, Colby worked on the Clinical Operations team at Cityblock Health. He entered the MD program in 2021.

While at ISMMS, Colby has been a committed leader and student clinician at the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership (EHHOP), Mount Sinai's student-run free clinic, serving as both the 2nd Year Co-Chair and the Chief Teaching Senior. Colby's scholarly work has focused on the use of Community Paramedicine models amongst homebound patients, for which he received funding through the Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR) Program and published his research in the Journal of American Geriatric Society. Colby also co-led the design and implementation of an EHR-based quality improvement project aimed at promoting primary palliative care within the Cardiac ICU through the High Value Care Student Group.

As a 4th-year student, Colby was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society by his peers, and he won both the Harold Elster Memorial Prize for Clinical Acumen and the Milton C. Engel, MD, Award for Excellence in Geriatric Medicine.

Colby will continue his training in Medicine/Primary Care at University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center - Olive View.

**THE JUDITH AND NATHAN G. KASE, M.D. PRIZE
FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING FLEXMED STUDENTS
IN BIOMEDICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES**

Krishna Hitendra Patel

Krishna Patel is a medical student at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. At Mount Sinai Hospital, he is actively involved in research having published numerous first-author papers in the areas of oncology and global health, and he also served on the Student Executive Committee of the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership as Finance Chair. He is the founder of Health & Education Alliance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to building partnerships between health systems and school districts and creating supportive communities for students and families.

Krishna aspires to apply to a combined Medicine/Psychiatry program and has received multiple awards including the Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE) and an induction into Mount Sinai's chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS). He holds a B.S. in Economics and B.A in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania's Life Sciences and Management Program, and an MSc in Evidence-Based Social Intervention from the University of Oxford where he was a Thouron Scholar.

DR. JOSEPH R. JAGUST ANESTHESIOLOGY AWARD

Daniel Xiong Qian

Daniel came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Princeton University, where he majored in Sociology. Before attending the Icahn School, Daniel worked as a Business Analyst for McKinsey & Co., where he worked primarily with healthcare systems and the pharmaceutical industry. He entered the MD program in 2021.

While at the Icahn School, Daniel conducted research with faculty from the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine. His published works have explored disparities in utilization and outcomes of neuraxial anesthesia in hip fracture patients with Dr. Garrett Burnett, as well as anesthesiologist involvement in alternative payment models with Dr. Jonathan Gal. He was the recipient of a Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship, sponsored by the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (FAER), which he used to conduct research with the Stanford Chariot Program on applications of immersive technologies in pediatric anesthesiology. In addition, he participated in the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership (EHHOP) as a Teaching Senior, co-led the Health Policy Program, and helped co-found the Nutrition and Culinary Medicine Nexus course.

Daniel would like to thank his family, friends, and the wonderful faculty members at Mount Sinai who have shaped his clinical upbringing and created unforgettable experiences and opportunities for him that he will cherish forever.

Daniel will graduate with his MD degree and continue his residency training in Anesthesiology, with a transitional year at Tucson Medical Center followed by an advanced position at Stanford Healthcare.

AWARD FOR SCIENCE ADVOCACY

Ashley Reid Cahn

Ashley came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from University College London, where she studied Applied Medical Sciences, graduated with highest honors, and was selected as a Laidlaw scholar for her leadership and research excellence. She entered the PhD program in 2020.

While at the Icahn School, Ashley joined the laboratories of Dr. Nina Bhardwaj and Dr. Nicolas Vabret, focusing on harnessing the dark genome to enhance cancer vaccination. She recruited and mentored over seven students in the lab, ranging from local high-school students to international masters students and PhD rotation students. Ashley co-organized the first cross-institutional Manhattan immunology PhD student retreat and served as a key contributor to the recruiting process, helping new students transition into the program.

She presented at multiple conferences, receiving poster awards and speaking opportunities at international events, and published several commentaries and review articles. Ashley completed her degree a year ahead of schedule, becoming the first in her cohort to graduate.

Ashley would like to thank her family, friends, and the faculty members at Mount Sinai who have made her scientific education such a rewarding experience, particularly her mentors Dr. Bhardwaj and Dr. Vabret.

DR. ALAN F. GUTTMACHER OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY PRIZE

Jeanette Rios

Jeanette came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Stanford University, where she majored in Human Biology. She entered the MD program in 2020.

While at the Icahn School, Jeanette participated in the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership, the ISMMS student-run free clinic (EHHOP) as a Spanish Interpreter, Chronic Care Senior Clinician, Phlebotomist, Teaching Senior, and most recently the Chief Teaching Senior for the Gynecology clinic. She volunteered with the Mount Sinai Human Rights Program, the Libertas Center for Human Rights, and mentored 3rd-year medical students during their OB/GYN rotation. She is a member of the Primary Care Scholar Program, Latino Medical Students Association (LMSA), and was elected into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Jeanette would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors who supported her throughout medical school.

Jeanette will graduate with her MD degree and continue her residency training in OB/GYN at University of California San Francisco.

**STEVEN B. TAMARIN, MD, MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN FAMILY MEDICINE**

Jacob D. Sherman

Jacob attended Northwestern University for his undergraduate degree, where he studied Economics and Global Health. He then completed his premedical classes in a postbaccalaureate at Columbia University. Prior to starting medical school at Mount Sinai, Jacob worked for 2 years in Washington D.C. doing street outreach and case management at a community mental health agency.

At Mount Sinai, Jacob had the privilege of participating in the Primary Care Scholars Program, where he learned from mentors working in primary care in underserved settings and grew his interests in Family Medicine. Throughout medical school, he has been an active volunteer at EHHOP, the student-run clinic, in various clinical and leadership roles. Prior to his 4th year, Jacob took a scholarly year to work on health-policy research and learn medical Spanish while living in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Jacob will begin his residency this summer in Family Medicine at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in their community-health track. He is grateful for the endless support of his wife and family.

PATRICIA LEVINSON AWARD FOR THE ADVANCEMENT AND INCLUSION OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE

Lauren Anne Stalbow

Lauren Stalbow came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from the Macaulay Honors College at Queens College where she majored in Neuroscience. Before attending Icahn, Lauren worked at the Rockefeller University studying neurodevelopment. She entered the MD-PhD program in 2017.

While at the Icahn School, Lauren participated in and was a student leader of the Women in MSTP club, promoting mentorship opportunities for students in the MD-PhD program. She also was a member of student council, serving as the MD-PhD representative on the steering committee. During her tenure, she has authored multiple articles in peer-reviewed journals spanning topics such as diabetes, long-QT syndrome, and dependent care while in an MD-PhD program.

Lauren would like to thank her family, friends, and faculty members at Mount Sinai who have enriched her time in medical school. She especially would like to thank her PhD mentor, Dr. Ruth Loos, and the director of the MSTP program, Dr. Talia Swartz.

Lauren will graduate with her MD-PhD degree and continue her residency training in Medical Genetics at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

David Francis Stein

David came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Northeastern University, where he majored in Computer Science and Biology. During his undergraduate degree, he worked at the Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research, where his desire to pursue his Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences was sparked. He entered the Ph.D. program in 2020.

While at the Icahn School, David performed research investigating the genetic basis of rare disease in the labs of Professors Yuval Itan and Avner Schlessinger. His work resulted in novel approaches for variant effect prediction using artificial intelligence - integrating broad biological information ranging from structural features of proteins, to network-derived interaction data, and more. David's research has been published in a variety of peer-reviewed journals.

David would like to thank his family, friends, and the many faculty members at Mount Sinai who have made his graduate education an interesting and rewarding experience.

David will graduate with his Ph.D., and continue his research in genetics, artificial intelligence, and precision medicine as a data scientist.

DR. HOWARD RAPPAPORT PEDIATRIC AWARD

Adam Matthew Ushpol

Adam matriculated to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2021 after attending UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University through the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program. While at the Icahn School, Adam has been involved in palliative care and Pediatric resuscitation science research projects. His clinical experiences and research fostered a deep interest in Pediatric Critical Care. Outside his research, Adam served as a student representative on the Clinical Curriculum Redesign Committee, the Promotions Committee, and the Continuous QI Oversight Committee. He was also a teaching assistant in the 1st and 2nd year doctoring curriculum and was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Adam extends his gratitude to the amazing Pediatrics team at Mount Sinai for their invaluable guidance, encouragement, and mentorship. Adam also thanks his family and friends for their support throughout his medical education.

Adam will graduate with his MD in May and is thrilled to pursue his residency training in Pediatrics at the Boston Combined Residency Program (Boston Children's + Boston Medical Center).

Sanan Venkatesh

Sanan joined the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2019 after earning a Neuroscience degree with minors in Bioinformatics and Biomedical Research from UCLA in 2017. Before graduate school, he worked as a research assistant at UC Irvine under Dr. Bogi Andersen and as a postbaccalaureate IRTA at NICHD under Dr. Timothy Petros.

At Mount Sinai, he studied neuropsychiatric disease genetics in the labs of Drs. Panos Roussos and Georgios Voloudakis and collaborated with the Department of Veterans Affairs to perform large-scale genetic studies. He developed machine learning models to link genotypes to cell-type specific brain gene expression, aiding global research on brain disorders. During his PhD, he published 19 papers, and his thesis work is under revision at Nature.

Sanan will continue at the Center for Disease Neurogenomics as a postdoctoral fellow, advancing gene expression prediction for large-scale biobanks.

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Achievement Awards

To all the graduates,

On behalf of the Leni and Peter W. May Department of Medical Education and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Congratulations on all your accomplishments and on completing this momentous milestone.

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