

# SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE

ONLINE ANNUAL PRIZE  
GIVING AWARDS

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**ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING AWARD  
2020**

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

As Head of School, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate each one of our 2019 prize winners in the School of Clinical Medicine.

Your achievements reflect the excellence of our School and University. Many of you will go on to become future leaders in Health Care and make significant contributions to the wellbeing of our nation.

I also acknowledge the individuals, alumni and organisations whose generosity make such an event possible. On behalf of the School, I thank you for your ongoing support and altruism.

Thank you to the School Academic-, Support- and Joint staff for the ongoing teaching and mentorship which allows our prize winners to achieve success.

Congratulations to the prize winners!

Professor Daynia Ballot

## PROGRAMME

Messages from:



**Prof Martin Veller**  
Dean: Faculty of Health Sciences



**Prof Judy Bruce**  
Assistant Dean for Teaching and Learning: Faculty of Health Sciences

**Undergraduate Awards**  
**Postgraduate Awards**  
**Staff Awards**  
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**Closure & Thanks**

## 2019 UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

### **A E WILKINSON MEDAL FOR CLINICAL SURGERY**

*Bianca Teixeira Dias*

Alfred Edward Wilkinson, who died in June 1992, graduated MBChB at Wits in 1937. His father, Professor J A Wilkinson, was the first Professor of Chemistry when the South African School of Mines officially became the University of the Witwatersrand. Fred Wilkinson gained the FRCS (Edin) and FRCS (Glasgow) in 1948 and then returned to the Johannesburg General Hospital where he subsequently took charge of the Casualty Department. In 1962 he started the Accident Service which has grown to be the only fully comprehensive accident service in this country and one of the few in the world. In addition to his teaching activities, Fred Wilkinson showed a great interest in the Surgical Pathology Museum of which he was Curator for several years and, as such, was responsible for its expansion. For five years, the surgical forum meetings were another aspect of the Department's activities that fell so successfully under Fred Wilkinson's able management. In spite of a severe disability resulting from a bout of polio, Fred Wilkinson was a devoted and ever dependable member of the joint staff and continued to serve to his fullest capacity well past retirement age. Professor Wilkinson established a prize in 1975. This medal is awarded annually to the final year medical student adjudged the most distinguished in the clinical component of the Surgery examination.

### **DALLAS MCKENZIE PRIZE IN COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS**

*Kerry Leigh Kalweit*

Dallas McKenzie was a medical student at this University from 1973 to 1978. In November 1978, after having passed all his final examinations, he was killed in a motorcycle accident whilst on his way to the Graduation Ball. His parents established this prize in his memory in 1979. This medal is awarded to the final year medical student deemed to be the most distinguished in the field of Community Paediatrics.

### **DAVID LURIE MEMORIAL MEDAL FOR SURGERY**

*Tamsyn-Lee Donnelly*

David Lurie was a graduate of the Universities of Cape Town and Oxford, a Rhodes Scholar and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He was appointed a Clinical Lecturer in Surgery when Professor I W Brebner was Head of the Department. Dr Lurie served in the South African Medical Corps during World War II and was killed in an accident while on active service in Egypt. The medal in his memory was endowed by his family. This medal is awarded to the final year medical student adjudged overall the most distinguished in Surgery.

### **DENIS GOLDSTEIN MEMORIAL PRIZE IN FAMILY MEDICINE**

*Gabriella Aliza Urdang*

Maxwell Denis Goldstein was an able and conscientious doctor and his gentle sympathetic disposition and concern for his patients earned him a reputation as an outstanding general practitioner. He was born in Cape Town in 1920 and, before the age of 21, he graduated MBChB from the University of Cape Town. He subsequently completed a BSc (Hons) degree and then joined the South African Defence Force. After demobilisation he commenced general practice in Johannesburg in 1947. Denis Goldstein died suddenly in March 1980 at the age of 60 and, as a token of their great esteem, his many patients established this prize in his honour. This prize is awarded for the best performance of a fifth year medical student in Family Medicine and is intended to encourage an interest in the field of general medical practice.

### **DR CHARLES KYEYUNE MEMORIAL PRIZE**

*James Andrew Pitt*

Dr Charles Kyeyune was the District Family Physician for Bophirima District (Vryburg region) in the North West Province and lecturer in the Division of Rural Health. He was highly respected by colleagues in the province and university. Amongst many responsibilities, he supervised IPC students doing rotations at Taung Hospital. Students always returned singing the praises of "Dr Charles", describing him as a role model and an inspiring mentor. His approach was used as an example in training other supervisors. He was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident near Kuruman in June 2007, at the age of 40. He is survived by his wife and 2 children. Colleagues in the Wits Department of Family Medicine together with friends established this prize in his memory. To be awarded annually to a final year medical student who

has completed the Integrated Primary Care clinical rotation whose participation and contribution to the site have been significant and who has demonstrated the following characteristics, representing values evident in Dr Charles Kyeyune: Leadership, Commitment to the activities in the block, care for patients, team work and cooperation with peers, extending themselves beyond the set requirements. A minimum result of 70% is required.

#### **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES PRIZE FOR OBSTETRICS**

*Ariel Jacob Miller*

The Faculty of Health Sciences Prize for Obstetrics was established in 1998 and awarded to the student in final year medicine with the best performance in Obstetrics.

#### **GARY CUTLER MEMORIAL PRIZE**

*Gabriel Noé Zollmann & Yair Zelick Katz*

Dr Gary Cutler was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident before completing his degree. The Department and his colleagues have established this prize in his name. It is awarded to the candidate in the Department of Family Medicine who achieves the best overall results in the final clinical examinations.

#### **GORDON GRANT MEDAL IN GYNAECOLOGY**

*Yair Zelick Katz*

William Gordon Grant graduated in medicine from the University of Aberdeen in 1896. When a British Expeditionary Force was sent to Nigeria to quell an Ashanti Rising in 1900, Dr Gordon Grant accompanied them, having replied to an advertisement for a medical officer. It was during an expedition at this time that he was among the first white men to set eyes on Lake Chad. Dr Gordon Grant subsequently caught a ship bound for South Africa and set up a practice in Johannesburg where he developed his interest in gynaecology. He became associated with the General Hospital and, in 1924, became the first Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Faculty. Professor Gordon Grant, throughout the time he held the post, continued close contact with the important Gynaecological and Obstetric schools of excellence, not only in England, but on the Continent: in Paris, Berlin, Vienna. He made regular visits every five years to these centres in order to keep up to date. His last visit was in 1936. On his retirement in 1938, Dr Gordon Grant established a medal in his name. This medal is awarded to the final year student in Medicine adjudged to be the most distinguished in the field of Gynaecology.

#### **INTERNAL MEDICINE PRIZE (MAX MICHAEL POSEL PRIZE FOR CLINICAL MEDICINE)**

*Aishwarya Mariam Luke*

Max Michael Posel trained at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London and spent several years thereafter obtaining postgraduate experience in the United Kingdom. He then returned to Johannesburg where he practised as a physician for the rest of a long and productive life. His association with the Department of Medicine as a part-time member started in 1936 and, apart from a break when he was on active service during World War II, continued up until the time he retired in 1967. He was a most loyal and valued member of the clinical staff and generations of students benefited from his teaching and from observing his clinical skills. On his death in August of 1988, a prize was established in his name. To be awarded to the graduate whose performance in Medicine in the final clinical year is judged to be the most meritorious and who has obtained a mark of over 70%.

#### **INTERNAL MEDICINE PRIZE (Previously Bob Cassell Prize)**

*Nabeel Saloojee*

After a student career interrupted and prolonged by the events in Germany and World War II, Bob Cassell finally qualified at this Medical School in 1946. His love for pathology resulted in his qualification in London as a Microbiologist and an academic career spanning nearly five decades. After joining the staff of the SAIMR, he started and headed many branch laboratories, the most important being that at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital. He moved to "Head-Office" after 25 years and, in the latter years of his career, started the now important and successful Department of "Infection Control" at the Johannesburg Hospital. At the time of his death he was in charge of the Department of Infection Control at all the Clinic Holdings private hospitals in Johannesburg. During his long career, he was known not only for his love for medicine and care of his patients, but for his devotion to the teaching of medical and nursing students. It is for this dedication that this award is appropriate – to a medical student showing the greatest

dedication to the practice of medicine. This award is dedicated to the memory of a truly remarkable man – doctor, teacher, loving husband, father and grandfather. It was awarded for the first time in 1994. This prize is awarded to the medical student in the fifth year of study with the best overall performance in the discipline of Medicine and who attains at least 70% in that subject.

**ISAAC KUSHLICK MEMORIAL PRIZE**

*Muhammad-Najeeb Wadee*

Isaac Kushlick was a Senior Lecturer at Wits in the Department of Physics from 1946 - 1962. Both his daughter Edith (1950) and his son Albert (1955) graduated MBChB from this Medical School and, after their father's death in 1966, they endowed an award in his memory. This prize is awarded annually to the first year medical student who has excelled in Physics.

**JACK DISTILLER PRIZE IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE**

*Lisa Goncalves Nunes*

Jack Distiller, who died in Durban in May 1975 at the age of 77, was for a number of years the Chief Health Inspector to the Johannesburg City Council, from which post he retired in March 1961. In addition, he was Hygiene Officer to the Smith Mitchell Hospitals' Group for twelve years. He was a prominent member of the Institute of Public Health, having served on the General Council for 38 years and acted as Chairman on several occasions. He also served for different periods as Editor of the Institute's publication: "Public Health/Volksgesondheid" until 1963. The prize, first awarded in 1980, was endowed by representatives of the Hospitals' Group which Jack Distiller served. This medal is awarded to the final year medical student adjudged to be the most distinguished in all aspects of Public Health and Integrated Primary Care.

**KURT GILLIS AWARD FOR PSYCHIATRY**

*Yair Zelick Katz*

This award was established in 1977 by the Executors of the estate of the late Dr Kurt Gillis, former Physician Superintendent of the Witrand Institution. This prize is awarded annually to the most distinguished all-round final year student in the discipline of Psychiatry.

**MONTY BARANOV MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY**

*Kyle Daniel Kretzmer*

Monty Baranov graduated MBBS London in 1915 and MD London in 1920. He also held the DOMS of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He joined the staff of the Johannesburg Hospital as honorary ophthalmic surgeon after having served at the University College Hospital and at the Moorfields Eye Hospital in London. Monty Baranov's relatives endowed an award in his memory in 1932. This medal is awarded to the fifth year medical student adjudged the most distinguished in Ophthalmology.

**NESTLÉ PRIZE IN PAEDIATRICS**

*Michaela Jonker*

An annual award was established by Nestlé (SA) (Pty) Ltd in 1970. It is awarded to the final year medical student adjudged to be the most distinguished in the Discipline of Paediatrics.

**SMITH & NEPHEW PRIZE IN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY**

*Shiraz Harypursat*

The Smith & Nephew Medical Education Trust awards a number of bursaries for undergraduate and postgraduate study in the field of Medicine. This award was established in each of the seven medical faculties in South Africa in 1984. This prize is awarded annually to the final year medical student with the best performance in Orthopaedics.

**SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS MEDAL**

*Daniel van Tonder*

This medal was established by the Society in 1947 and is awarded to a student in the fifth year of medicine adjudged the most distinguished in Anaesthesia.

## THE WELCH ALLYN PRIZE

*Yair Zelick Katz*

Since 1962, a Welch Allyn Diagnostic set has been donated as the annual prize. This prize is awarded annually to the final year medical student adjudged to display the most clinical ability.

## 2019 POSTGRADUATE AWARDS

### **ELIE DAHAN OPHTHALMIC SURGERY PRIZE**

*Thariq Bagus*

This prize is awarded to the best Registrar in Ophthalmology for research performance and surgical innovation. It was founded with a generous donation from Mr Richard Lurie, who was a patient of Dr Elie Dahan, with the intention of creating an incentive for research and surgical innovation in the field of Ophthalmology.

### **JOCK GEAR MEMORIAL AWARD FOR REGISTRARS**

*Jarrod Mario Zamparini*

Awarded annually to a Medical Registrar in the Johannesburg Group of Teaching Hospitals deemed to have contributed most to his/her colleagues, to his/her hospital and to the department of Internal Medicine during the year.

### **LOUIS FRANKLIN FREED PRIZE FOR PSYCHIATRY**

*Sanushka Moodley*

As a psychiatrist, sociologist, philosopher, lecturer and author, Louis Franklin Freed had few equals. His versatility, the breadth of his interest and his long list of academic qualifications set him apart, in this age of specialisation, as a rare intellect, a creative thinker and a man who was deeply involved in his society and its problems. During his long and varied career, Dr Freed was associated with all the major South African universities; with the University of St Andrews where he graduated in medicine; with Oxford, Cambridge and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in matters concerning criminology and mental health. He was a member of the New York Academy of Sciences and the South African Association for the Advancement of Science. He had several fellowships: FRSSAF, FSS, FRAI, FRGS and FRCPsych. He was a representative on the executive committees of numerous learned societies and institutions. Dr Freed's two sons, Edgar David and Alan Harvey, both graduated MBBCh from this Medical School in 1961 and 1963 respectively. Dr Freed, who died in December 1981, established a prize in 1959. It is awarded to the most distinguished postgraduate student for the Master of Medicine degree in Psychiatry.

### **MANNIE LUNZ PRIZE FOR ORTHOPAEDIC REGISTRARS**

*Jason du Plessis*

Mannie Lunz graduated at Wits in 1947. His love for orthopaedics took him both to London and Liverpool where he qualified as an orthopaedic surgeon. He returned to South Africa to practise his chosen profession and to retain his interest in teaching by continuing as a member of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Wits. With his rich and infectious sense of humour and a heart filled with kindness and compassion, Mannie engendered great affection and respect from his students, colleagues and patients. The award established by his wife Joyce, is dedicated to the memory of a fine human being, a caring doctor, a devoted teacher, a loving husband, father and grandfather. It was instituted in 1995. It is awarded to the Orthopaedic Registrar who has presented at a meeting, or had published, the best paper based on original research, who has contributed academically to the department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

### **SOLLY LOPIS PRIZE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE (MMed)**

*Chandni Dayal*

Dr Solly Lopis qualified at this Medical School in 1940 and thereafter maintained a close relationship with the Department of Medicine throughout a long and productive medical career. While he was a full-time member of staff he established the Endocrine and Metabolic Clinic at the Johannesburg General Hospital in 1942 and he continued to make positive contributions to its activities right up to the time of his death in 1985. In addition, as a part-time physician, he spent many years teaching students and running a medical unit at the Johannesburg General Hospital. The Solly Lopis Prize in Medicine was donated by his wife Hodda in memory of the important part her husband played in building up the Department of Medicine in the Faculty. This prize is awarded for the best research report for the degree of Master of Medicine in the specialty of Internal Medicine.



#### **SYNTHESES (PTY) LTD ORTHOPAEDIC PRIZE**

*Tristan Pillay*

In 1960 the founders of the Association for the Study of Internal Fixation established Synthes as a commercial branch for the manufacturing and marketing of surgical products. Since that time, Synthes (now Mathys South Africa (Pty) Ltd) has become a valuable finance vehicle for research purposes. This prize is awarded to the orthopaedic registrar in the Johannesburg Group of Teaching Hospitals who is deemed to have contributed most to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, for academic achievement and for clinical excellence. This prize is awarded to the orthopaedic registrar in the Johannesburg Group of Teaching Hospitals who is deemed to have contributed most to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, for academic achievement and for clinical excellence.

#### **THE AVROY FANAROFF PRIZE**

*2019 Khutso Nkgosana Sebetseba  
2018 Anees Laher*

Avroy Fanaroff did his paediatric training at Wits and its associated hospitals and then furthered his career in the United States. He trained as a neonatologist and became one of the leading neonatologists in that country, publishing extensively and authoring a number of books in that field. As a result of this he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Wits in 2004 and, at the time, he made a donation to the Faculty for a registrar prize in Paediatrics. The prize is awarded annually to a registrar in the last 18 months of training for excellent performance in the Part II of the FC Paed examination and for significant contribution to the Department as a Registrar. The latter is based on clinical performance as well as demonstrating a willingness to should additional responsibilities within the department.

## 2019 STAFF AWARDS

### **T H BOTHWELL RESEARCH PRIZE**

*Ruchika Meel*

This premier research prize is awarded annually for the most outstanding research in the department of Internal Medicine.

### **THE KEN HUDDLE CLINICAL ROLE MODEL AWARD**

*Jonathan Hooijer*

The purpose of the Ken Huddle Clinical Role Model Award is to recognize and reward academic staff who have been excellent role models for students and junior doctors. The award is open to Consultant Physicians in the Department of Internal Medicine who are in fulltime academic practice. The recipient of this award should have demonstrated consistent behaviour as a role model over a sustained period.

## NOT AWARDED IN 2019

### F J MILNE TEACHING AND SERVICE AWARD

Professor John Milne was a full time member of the Department of Medicine from 1968 to 2000. After his registrarship he joined the Renal Unit and became a principal physician in 1981. He was Professor of Medicine/Chief Physician at Coronation Hospital from 1983 to 1990, Dean of the Faculty from 1990 to 1991 and then Academic Head of Medicine and Chief Physician at the Johannesburg Hospital from 1992 to 1998. From 1998 to 2000 he continued as Academic Head of Medicine in an *ad hominem* University post. In 2001, Professor Milne and his family provided a generous endowment to fund an award for distinguished service and teaching in the Department of Medicine. Any member of the Department of Medicine, irrespective of age or seniority, is eligible to apply for this prestigious award. Distinguished and loyal service to the Department of Medicine is the major criterion for the award. This is judged on the basis of the nominee's ongoing contribution to the welfare of the Department, involvement in patient care and the enhancement of the reputation of the Department by service to professional and other bodies. Nominees must also be distinguished teachers at either undergraduate or postgraduate level. This criterion is judged on the basis of a teaching portfolio and, where possible, on objective Faculty evaluations. The award cannot be made to the same person more than once. Previous recipients of the PV Tobias and Convocation Distinguished Teacher's Award and the Faculty's Exceptional Service Medal are considered only under exceptional circumstances. Nominations are called for on an annual basis and the award is made by a Committee consisting of the Academic Head, Clinical Heads (or their deputies) and a member of the Department's Executive Committee. The award is made in the form of a personal cheque.

### GREENBLATT RESPIRATORY PRIZE

The Greenblatt Respiratory Prize was established to provide an opportunity for a sub-specialty trainee in Pulmonology from Wits to attend an international pulmonology congress of his or her choice.

### GRAHAM CASSELL AND LEWIS CARDIOLOGY AWARD

Mr Richard Lurie, in recognition of the service rendered to him by Drs Cassell and Levien at Milpark Hospital, has made a generous donation to the University for the award. The sum donated is divided equally between Cardiology and Vascular Surgery and can be awarded annually if a suitable candidate has been nominated. The award has been made to encourage and reward excellence of potential or actual research by persons working in the above departments from the level of senior registrar and junior consultant. The sum of money available would allow such persons the ability to travel abroad to study in a university of their choice for a period of up to one month. The recipient would undertake to return to their respective academic department to share their experiences and teach others in their department. Candidates for the respective awards are nominated by their head of department and their application reviewed by a nominated committee.

## APPRECIATION AND THANKS

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