Awards Ceremony

Pathology & Immunology
Office of Faculty Development
October 26, 2021
Awards Committee

Thank you to the entire committee for their contribution to P & I’s awards program.

Carey-Ann D. Burnham, PhD
Joseph Corbo, MD, PhD
Ali Ellebedy, PhD
Ann M. Gronowski, PhD
Jo Anne Humphries
Chris Nelson, PhD
Vijayalakshmi “Viju” Padmanabhan, MBBS, MPH
Melanie Yarbrough, PhD
Shining Star Awards

This award recognizes and rewards an outstanding Pathology & Immunology staff member who has provided exemplary service.
Shining Star
Daisy J. Daleo
Clinical Laboratory Manager for the Dermatopathology Center Laboratory and Clinical Support Office

Fun Fact! I have been happily married for 10 years and have two amazing kids, Louie (9) and Lucy (4).
Shining Star

Jenni Dickinson
Senior Grant Specialist

Fun Fact!
We welcomed Duke, a black lab, to our family in July. He’s as sweet as he is adorable and makes for a great work from home buddy.
Shining Star

Jordana Stewart
Executive Administrator serving the
Division of Neuropathology

Fun Fact!
I love spending time with my family, crocheting, gardening, riding my bike, fishing, and playing outside games with my “boisterous” family.
Outstanding Achievements in Leadership and Professionalism

This award acknowledges and celebrates exemplary leadership and professionalism that has a significant and positive impact. Eligible candidates portray both strong leadership characteristics and serve as a role model for other faculty and staff. All P&I faculty and staff are eligible for this award.
Outstanding Achievements in Leadership and Professionalism

Charles Eby, MD
Professor

Fun Fact!
Chuck has been a vermiculturist for nearly 20 years.
Outstanding Achievements in Leadership and Professionalism

Julie Gutierrez
Administrator for Department Operations

Fun Fact!
I had the honor of being Ms. Mexico in the St. Louis Veiled Prophet Parade.

I was a member of Ballet Folklorico Azteca dance group.
Outstanding Paper of the Year Award
Junior Faculty

This award is to recognize a paper published in the previous year, by a junior faculty member, that makes an exceptional contribution to science. P&I faculty at the Instructor or Assistant Professor level are eligible for this award. The faculty nominated for the award must be the paper’s first or last author. There are no restrictions on the type of research that is eligible for this award.
Outstanding Paper of the Year
Junior Faculty
Jonathan Brestoff, MD, PhD, MPH
Assistant Professor, LGM

Fun Fact!
I have a deformed skull from sagittal craniosynostosis and am planning an alternative career as a Klingon when I go bald. Don’t tell my wife!

Growing up in Egypt along the River Nile
Outstanding Paper of the Year
Junior Faculty

Cheryl F. Lichti, PhD
Assistant Professor, Immunobiology

Fun Fact! I went to grad student at Duke, so I am a rabid Duke Basketball fan. I even camped out and had season tickets – which means I was a Cameron Crazie!

Growing up in Egypt along the River Nile
Outstanding Paper of the Year
Junior Faculty

Chieh-Yu Lin, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor, AMP

Fun Fact!
The first English essay I ever wrote was for the worldwide competition of naming the Mars Pathfinder rover when I was 10.

Gold medalist and best female award for 34th International Chemistry Olympiad.
Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award

This award recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to faculty mentoring by actively assisting early- and mid-career faculty in developing their career(s). Exceptional mentoring can include offering advice, feedback and guidance on research, teaching or clinical activities, coaching on work-life balance, and/or providing professional opportunities, sponsorship, or advocacy for faculty mentees. All P&I faculty are eligible for this award.
Excellence in Faculty Mentoring

Mitchell Scott, PhD
Professor, LGM

Fun Fact!
Mitch hasn’t gone very far in life – he was born in the old St. John's Hospital (now Mercy) which was located where the CSRB stands today.

3 reasons I retired (they're in CT)

Even retired faculty were once junior faculty; Circa 1990

Greece
Outstanding Achievements in Quality Improvement Award

This award recognizes an individual or team that has demonstrated leadership and innovation in a quality improvement process. The quality improvement may occur in processes within the Department of Pathology & Immunology, the medical school, or BJC. This award may be related to Clinical Service, Research, Education, or internal departmental processes or departmental administration. All P&I faculty and staff are eligible for this award. Teams must be led by at least one faculty and/or staff member.
Outstanding Achievements in QI

SARS-CoV-2 Saliva Testing Team

• Pathology & Immunology: Jared Amann-Stewart, Victor Brodsky, Yang Cao, Charles Eby, Jon Heusel, Mike Isaacs, Julie Neidich

• Genetics: Lauren Burcea, Richard Head, Jeff Milbrandt, Shelly O’Laughlin, Chris Sawyer

• Informatics Institute: Albert Lai

• Occupational Health: Eva Aagaard, Amanda Wilkins

• Office of General Counsel: Patty Hastings

• Student Health: Stephanie Hammer, Cheri LeBlanc

Fun Fact!
Approximately 140,000 tests have been completed!

A microfluidics chip is amazing. Each tiny line is a separate tiny tube.
Outstanding Achievements in Quality Improvement
Outstanding Contributions to Education

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to pathology, laboratory medicine, or immunobiology education. All types of educational offerings are considered, including education for medical students, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, residents, or clinical fellows or continuing education activities. Eligible candidates have demonstrated excellence in teaching, or novel teaching materials/methods, or new curricula. All P&I faculty are eligible for this award.
Outstanding Contributions to Education

Takeshi Egawa, PhD
Associate Professor, Immunobiology

Fun Fact!
My dream in high school was to become a world-class engineer in car racing but transformed to becoming a doctor and scientist....Pursuing a dream is fun but adapting myself to “unplanned” life is too!
Pathology & Immunology Department Head’s Special Recognition Awards

This award(s) is given by the Department Head to anyone (Faculty, staff, or trainee) of their choosing for outstanding contributions to the department. Nominations will not be made for the Special Recognition Awards. This award is at the discretion of the Department Head. Multiple Special Recognition Awards may be given annually.
Special Recognition Awards

Suzanne R. Thibodeaux, MD, PhD
For her commitment to healthcare equity through her leadership with CareSTL

FunFact!
Suzie has donated her locks of hair to cancer patients 8 times!
Special Recognition Awards

P&I Workday Implementation Team
For their outstanding contributions towards implementation of Workday

Jenny Adams
Lynn Coats
Vicky Fuehne
Jo Anne Humphries
Andwele Jolly, DPT, MBA, MHA
Eric Schnable
Sobia Shahab
Keith Page
Promotions

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
Promotions To Professor

Rebecca Chernock, MD  
Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track

Sonika Dahiya, MBBS, MD  
Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track

Eric Duncavage, MD  
Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track

Joseph Gaut, MD, PhD  
Professor of Pathology & Immunology with Tenure and Professor of Medicine on the Investigator Track
Promotions To Associate Professor

Neil Anderson, MD
Associate Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track

Michael Barrett, PhD
Associate Professor of Pathology & Immunology on the Research Track

Ali Ellebedy, PhD
Associate Professor of Pathology and Immunology, of Medicine and of Molecular Microbiology with Tenure on the Investigator Track

Chang Liu, MD, PhD
Associate Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track

Ta-Chiang Liu, MD, PhD
Associate Professor of Pathology & Immunology with Tenure on the Investigator Track
Promotions To Assistant Professor

Christopher Farnsworth, PhD
Assistant Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track

Parker Wilson, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Pathology & Immunology on the Clinician Track
Celebrating Milestone Years of Service in Pathology & Immunology

**Fifty-Five Years**
Louis P. Dehner, MD

**Thirty-Five Years**
Orlando B. Crisp
Susan J. Johnson
Kathleen C. Sheehan, PhD

**Thirty Years**
Jennifer R. Adams
Karl G. Hock
Theresa L. Murphy, PhD
Christopher A. Nelson, PhD

**Twenty Years**
Marina Cella, MD
Marco Colonna, MD
Susan Gilfillan, PhD
Jo Anne Humphries

**Fifteen Years**
John L. Frater, MD
Vicky Fuehne
Jacqueline E. Payton, MD, PhD

**Ten Years**
Cory T. Bernadt, MD, PhD
Jonathan D. Bihr
Carey-Ann D. Burnham, PhD
Sonika M. Dahiya, MD
Eric J. Duncavage, MD
Dijana Durakovic
Kimberly D. Green
Jennifer M. Greenbaum-DiRuscio
Kate E. Stehl
Gwendalyn J. Randolph, PhD
Julie L. Shafferkoetter
Anthony N. Vomund
Thank you to all our amazing staff and faculty!