Herbert W. Nickens Awards

Honoring individuals who assist medical schools in achieving their diversity objectives and eliminating health care disparities

2016 Call for Nominations
About the Herbert W. Nickens Awards

Herbert W. Nickens, MD, MA, was the founding vice president of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Division of Community and Minority Programs, what is now the Diversity Policy and Programs (DPP) unit. Dr. Nickens’s passionate leadership contributed greatly to focusing national attention on the need to support underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities in medicine. His efforts resulted in a multitude of programs and initiatives that advanced the career development of minorities in medicine. Dr. Nickens’s untimely death in March 22, 1999 was a significant loss to academic medicine.

Before joining the AAMC, Dr. Nickens was the first director of the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He also served as director of the Office of Policy, Planning, and Analysis of the National Institute on Aging, a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and was deputy chief of the Center on Aging of the National Institute of Mental Health at NIH.

Dr. Nickens received his AB in 1969 from Harvard College and an MD and MA (in sociology) from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973. He served his residency in psychiatry at Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania. At the University of Pennsylvania, he was also a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and a member of the faculty of the School of Medicine.

The Herbert W. Nickens Memorial Fund was established by the AAMC to continue advancing Dr. Nickens’s lifelong commitment to supporting the educational, societal, and health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities. The fund supports an annual Nickens award, a faculty fellowship, and five student scholarships.

For more information, visit www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards, or contact:

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Herbert W. Nickens Award

The award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to promoting justice in medical education and health care equity in the United States. The recipient receives a $10,000 award and presents the Nickens Lecture at Learn Serve Lead: The AAMC Annual Meeting.

Dr. Nickens believed that a multidisciplinary approach is needed to address inequities in health. Because of this, nominees may come from a wide range of fields, including medicine, dentistry, education, law, nursing, pharmacy, public health, and social and behavioral sciences.

The deadline to email your nomination packet is May 6, 2016.

The nomination packet must include:

1. A nomination letter that explains the nominee’s qualifications for the award by:
   - Highlighting specific work in the United States to promote social justice in medical education and health equities.
   - Including at least two brief testimonials interwoven into the letter that support the nominee’s contributions to promoting social justice in medical education and health equities.

2. A current curriculum vitae (CV) for the nominee.

Note: The letter must be double-spaced with 1” margins, in Times New Roman with a 12-point font size, and not exceed six pages. The committee will not review additional materials.

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Previous Nickens Award Recipients

2015
Ana E. Núñez, MD
Drexel University College of Medicine

2014
Lisa Cooper, MD, MPH, FACP
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2013
Aaron Shirley, MD
Jackson Medical Mall Foundation

2012
David Hayes-Bautista, PhD
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

2011
Elijah Saunders, MD, FACC, FACP, FAHA, FASH
University of Maryland School of Medicine

2010
Alvin F. Poussaint, MD
Harvard Medical School

2009
Jeanne C. Sinkford, DDS, PhD
American Dental Education Association

2008
Vivian W. Pinn, MD
National Institutes of Health (NIH)

2007
M. Roy Wilson, MD, MS
University of Colorado Denver

2006
Spero M. Manson, PhD
University of Colorado at Denver and
Health Sciences Center

2005
Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MS
Harvard Medical School

2004
Michael V. Drake, MD
University of California

2003
Anna Cherrie Epps, PhD
Meharry Medical College

2002
David Satcher, MD, PhD
Morehouse School of Medicine

2001
Lee C. Bollinger, JD
University of Michigan

2000
Donald E. Wilson, MD
University of Maryland School of Medicine
Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship

The award recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member who has demonstrated leadership in the United States in addressing inequity in medical education and health care; demonstrated efforts in addressing educational, societal, and health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities; and is committed to a career in academic medicine. The recipient receives a $15,000 grant to support his or her academic and professional activities. Funding for the fellowship begins in November of the year the fellowship is awarded. The recipient will be required to submit a final narrative and financial reports.

The deadline to email your nomination packet is **May 6, 2016**.

A medical school may nominate one current faculty member per year for this award. A candidate must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Hold the rank of full-time assistant professor in a LCME-accredited U.S. medical school department.
- Have held the assistant professor position for no more than three years.
- Have received only one appointment as assistant professor.
- Hold a MD, PhD, or have earned another doctoral degree.

The nomination packet must include:

1. A nomination letter from the medical school’s dean or the dean’s designee (please state if dean’s designee) discussing the nominee’s:
   - Demonstrated leadership in addressing inequities in medical education and health care.
   - Demonstrated efforts in addressing educational, societal, and health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities.
   - Strong commitment to a career in academic medicine.
2. A letter of recommendation from the nominee’s department or section chair.
3. A letter of recommendation from an individual of the nominee’s choosing.
4. A personal statement from the nominee discussing his or her motivations and objectives for a career in academic medicine (not to exceed four double-spaced pages).
5. An itemized one-page budget with specific details on how the fellowship funds will be used.
6. A current curriculum vitae (CV) for the nominee, which clearly indicates exact date of appointment and contact information.

All letters and personal statements should be doubled-spaced with 1” margins, in Times New Roman with a 12-point font size.

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2015
Jed D. Gonzalo, MD, MSc
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

2014
Roberta Capp, MD, MHS
University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine

2013
Philip A. Chan, MD
The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

2012
Olapeju M. Simoyan, MD, MPH, BDS
The Commonwealth Medical College

2011
Tumaini Coker, MD, MBA
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

2010
Carmen A. Peralta, MD
University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

2009
Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD
University of California, Davis, School of Medicine

2008
Marcella Nunez-Smith, MD, MHS
Yale University School of Medicine

2007
Thomas D. Sequist, MD, MPH
Harvard Medical School

2006
Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, MD
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2005
Ugo A. Ezenkwele, MD, MPH
New York University School of Medicine

2004
Katherine J. Mathews, MD, MPH
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

2003
Monica J. Mitchell, PhD
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

2002
Janice C. Blanchard, MD, MPH
George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

2001
Vanessa B. Sheppard, PhD
Eastern Virginia Medical School

2000
Charles E. Moore, MD
Emory University School of Medicine
Herbert W. Nickens
Medical Student Scholarships

These awards consist of five scholarships given to outstanding students entering their third year of medical school who have shown leadership in efforts to eliminate inequities in medical education and health care and demonstrated leadership efforts in addressing educational, societal, and health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. Each recipient receives a $5,000 scholarship.

The deadline to email your nomination packet is May 6, 2016.

A medical school may nominate one student per year for this award. A candidate must be:

- A U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Entering the third year of study in a LCME-accredited U.S. medical school in fall 2016. Students enrolled in combined degree programs (such as MD/PhD) are eligible when they are entering their third year of medical school.

The nomination packet must include:

1. A nomination letter from the medical school’s dean or dean’s designee stating that the candidate has maintained good academic standing throughout the first two years, (must be stated for consideration) and discussing the nominee’s:
   - Demonstrated leadership efforts in addressing the educational, societal, and health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities.
   - Awards and honors that show commitment to eliminating inequities.
   - Special research projects and/or extracurricular activities that demonstrate leadership abilities.
   - Any outstanding academic achievement while in medical school.

2. A letter of recommendation from the medical school’s institutional GSA student diversity affairs officer.

3. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member.

4. A personal statement by the nominee, which does not exceed two double-spaced pages, assessing his or her leadership efforts in eliminating inequities in medical education and health care for racial and ethnic minorities.

5. A curriculum vitae (CV) for the nominee, which clearly indicates contact information.

All letters and personal statements should be doubled-spaced with 1” margins, in Times New Roman with a 12-point font size.

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2015
Jessica Buck  
Weill Cornell Medicine
Maximillian Joseph Vincent Cruz  
Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
Lucy Ogbo-Rowo  
University of California, Davis, School of Medicine
Jaire Saunders  
University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine
Mary Tate  
Harvard Medical School

2014
Frank Garrett Conyers  
Harvard Medicine School
Ami E. Kumordzie  
Stanford University School of Medicine
Alexa M. Mises  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Maria Tobar  
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

2013
Robert Bonacci  
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
Keith Glover  
Stanford University School of Medicine
Shermeeka Hogans-Mathews  
Florida State University College of Medicine
Tyler Mains  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Ray Mendez  
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

2012
Ndang Azang-Njaah  
The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
Olivia Marie Campa  
University of California, Davis, School of Medicine
Senyene Eyo Hunter, PhD  
University of North Carolina School of Medicine
Elaine Khoong  
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
Alison L. Smith, MPH  
Mercer University School of Medicine
Brett A. Thomas  
Florida State University College of Medicine

2011
Monique Chambers  
University of California, Davis, School of Medicine
Toussaint Mears-Clarke  
The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
Teresa K. L. Schiff  
University of Hawai’i John A. Burns School of Medicine
LaShon Sturgis, PhD  
Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University
Martha Tesfalul  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2010
Noemi LeFranc  
Florida State University College of Medicine
Shazia Mehmood  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Marizabel Orellana  
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Jaime W. Peterson  
University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine
Kara A. Toles  
University of California, Davis School of Medicine

2009
Olatokunbo M. Famakinwa  
Yale University School of Medicine
Yohko Murakami  
Stanford University School of Medicine
Lisa M. Ochoa-Frongia  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Blayne A. Sayed  
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Lloyd A. Webster  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—New Jersey Medical School

2008
Aretha Delight Davis  
Harvard Medical School
Nereida Espana  
The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
School of Medicine
Tamika E. Smith
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine

Jorge A. Uribe
University of Pennsylvania
School of Medicine

Bryant Cameron Webb
Wake Forest University
School of Medicine

2007
Christian A. Corbitt
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Cherie C. Cross
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Maria-Esteli Garcia
Johns Hopkins University
School of Medicine

Marlana M. Li
 Loyola University Chicago
Stritch School of Medicine

Danielle Ku‘ulei Potter
Creighton University
School of Medicine

2006
Nehkonti Adams
Eastern Virginia Medical School

Dora C. Castaneda
Stanford University
School of Medicine

Luis I. García
New York University
School of Medicine

AeuMuro G. Lake
University of Kentucky
College of Medicine

Katherine L. Neuhausen
Emory University
School of Medicine

2005
Erik S. Cabral
Stanford University
School of Medicine

Christopher T. Erb
University of Illinois
College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign

Harlan B. Harvey
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
School of Medicine

Oitsa I. Onugha
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Sloane L. York
Eastern Virginia Medical School

2004
Nicolas L. Cuttriss
George Washington University
School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Joy Hsu
University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

Angela Chia-Mei Huang
Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University

Risha R. Irby
Harvard Medical School

Richard M. Vidal
University of Pennsylvania
School of Medicine

2003
Cedric K. Dark
New York University
School of Medicine

Francine E. Garrett
Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University

David Montgomery, PhD
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine

Johhnie J. Orozco
University of Washington
School of Medicine

Nicholas J. Smith
University of Alabama School of Medicine

2002
Aimalohi A. Ahonkhai
Johns Hopkins University
School of Medicine

Lukojohn W. Day
Stanford University
School of Medicine

Tarayn A. Grizzard
Harvard Medical School

Alejandrina I. Rincón
University of California, San Francisco,
School of Medicine

David T. Robles
University of Colorado School of Medicine and University of Southern California Keck
School of Medicine

2001
Alberto Mendivil
University of Utah
School of Medicine

Constance M. Mobley
Vanderbilt University
School of Medicine

Chukwuka C. Okafor
Boston University
School of Medicine

Sheneika M. Walker
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine

Melanie M. Watkins
Stanford University
School of Medicine
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