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## **MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2015 EDWARD J. ILL EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Lawrenceville, NJ, February 24, 2015 – MDAdvantage Insurance Company, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance, today announced the 2015 Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine scholarship recipients.

The Excellence in Medicine Awards are named after Edward J. Ill, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that set the national standard. All profits from this annual event are dedicated to the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund, which was formed in recognition of a strong need to support healthcare education in New Jersey—a need that continues to grow year over year as tuitions rise and pressures continue to mount for aspiring healthcare professionals.

Over the past five years, the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation has raised \$320,000 in scholarship contributions.

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, said, “As healthcare leaders, we have an obligation to pave the way for our future healthcare providers so that they may continue the tradition of quality healthcare delivery and innovation in our state. We look forward to investing in our latest class of scholarship recipients again this year.”

### **The 2015 Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Recipients**

#### **John Alexander**

*Rutgers University School of Health Related Professions – Class of 2016*

#### **Steven Bialick**

*Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine – Class of 2016*

#### **Erin Conway**

*Rutgers New Jersey Medical School – Class of 2015*

#### **Kalvin Foo**

*Cooper Medical School of Rowan University – Class of 2017*

#### **Ashley Silakoski**

*Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School – Class of 2015*

#### **Blair Sittmann**

*Rutgers School of Dental Medicine – Class of 2015*

#### **Emily Weinick**

*Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences – Class of 2016*

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Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage, stated, “MDAdvantage is proud to once again sponsor the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*®. Being able to recognize all the progress that has been made in healthcare since the awards were first bestowed in 1939 is an honor and a privilege for all of us involved. My hope is that by highlighting these advances, we are able to inspire the healthcare providers and leaders of tomorrow.”

This year’s awards will be presented at the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® ceremony on May 6, 2015, at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. All profits from the event will be dedicated to support seven medical and healthcare student scholarships. To order tickets, participate as a Scholarship Honor Roll member, place an ad in this year’s awards journal or make a direct contribution, please contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit [www.EJIAwards.org](http://www.EJIAwards.org).

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