MDADVANTAGE HONORS NEW JERSEY’S HEALTHCARE LEADERS WITH PRESTIGIOUS “EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE” AWARDS

Excellence in Medicine Foundation Donates $70,000 in Scholarships to Six New Jersey Healthcare Students

Lawrenceville, NJ, May 24, 2012 – A group of outstanding New Jerseyans were lauded on May 2, 2012, when the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation honored physicians and healthcare leaders. These coveted awards are among the highest honors given in New Jersey’s medical community. MDAdvantage, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey, sponsors the state’s longest-running medical awards program to recognize New Jersey’s healthcare efforts.

In addition to the awards bestowed upon this year’s honorees, this year’s fundraising efforts enabled the donation of $70,000, split among six New Jersey healthcare students. MDAdvantage Chairman and CEO Patricia A. Costante recognizes the need to support healthcare education in New Jersey.

“We are thrilled that profits from the 2012 program, for the third consecutive year, will go directly to the Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund to help more New Jersey healthcare students pay for their education,” stated Costante. “We are committed to recruiting and retaining medical talent in New Jersey and keeping them here to practice in our state. And by acknowledging the accomplishments of physicians and scientists in the prime of their careers, we are also inspiring our students to strive to make their own unique contributions.”

The 2012 honorees included:

- **Outstanding Medical Educator Award**: Jeffrey S. Abrams, MD, Medical Director, Princeton Orthopaedic Associates, PA, Chief, Shoulder Surgery, SportsMedicine Princeton, Clinical Professor, Seton Hall University School of Graduate Education, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and attending surgeon, University Medical Center at Princeton.
- **Outstanding Medical Executive Award**: William F. Owen, Jr., MD, former president of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).
- **Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award**: Jeffrey C. Brenner, MD, Executive Director, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers and Director, Institute of Urban Health at Cooper Hospital.
- **Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award**: Executive Director Judy Donlen, RN, DNSc, JD, on behalf of the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative.
- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research**: Paola Leone, PhD, Associate Professor of Cell Biology and Director, Cell and Gene Therapy Center, UMDNJ – School of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research**: Jeffrey L. Carson, MD, Richard C. Reynolds Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine, UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
- **Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award**: Eve E. Slater, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Columbia University College of Physicians and
Surgeons and former Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The 2012 scholarship recipients are:

- Magdala Chery, UMDNJ–School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Ivan G. Georgiev, UMDNJ–New Jersey Dental School
- James Hanas, UMDNJ–School of Health Related Professions
- Oren Johnson, UMDNJ–Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- Neil Kaushal, UMDNJ–New Jersey Medical School
- Arveny Negron, Seton Hall University–School of Health and Medical Sciences

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, stated, “Seventy-three years after the first Edward J. Ill award was presented, we continue to take great pride in the importance of recognizing exemplary leaders in healthcare. This event provides an opportunity to highlight New Jersey’s reputation for excellence in medicine, research and education.”

This year, the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Honor Roll members joined MDAdvantage in supporting the awards program and scholarship fund. These Honor Roll members, particularly lead contributors Kern Augustine Schoppmann and Conroy, PC, and Merck, have demonstrated their support for promoting excellence in medicine by providing significant donations.

The Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2013 awards program. The deadline for nominations is August 17, 2012. For more information on the awards program and the nomination process, visit www.EJIawards.org.

To learn more about this year’s honorees, see the Spring 2012 issue of MDAdvisor: A Journal for the New Jersey Medical Community, which is dedicated to humanism in medicine. The issue features perspectives from each of this year’s awards recipients on the challenges of humanism in their respective fields. For more information about MDAdvisor, including subscription and advertisement opportunities, go to www.MDAdvantageonline.com/MDAdvisor.

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