Nominate a Clinical Faculty Member (MD) for the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Deadline: March 1, 2016

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award (presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation) is given to a faculty member (MD) who best demonstrates the Foundation’s ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence. The following criteria should be considered when nominating a clinical faculty person (MD):

- Consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
- Serves as a role model—illustrates professional behavior for students and colleagues by example
- Is approachable and accessible to students
- Welcomes opportunities for teaching and one-on-one mentorships with students
- Exhibits enthusiasm and skill in professional and personal interactions with students
- Shows respect for everyone (s)he comes in contact with
- Demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds
- Displays effective communication and listening skills
- Understands a patient’s need for interpretation of complex medical diagnoses and treatment and makes an effort to assure patient comprehension
- Shows respect for the patient’s viewpoint
- Is sensitive to the patient’s psychological well-being
- Effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members
- Engenders trust and confidence
- Adheres to professional and ethical standards
- Is personally committed to reflection and objective self-evaluation of his/her own skills
- Displays proficiency in scientific endeavors

Directions to Nominate a Clinical Faculty Member for the Tow Award:

Nominations should be sent electronically to Ana Bediako, Office of Enrichment, BUSM at abediako@bu.edu by 9 AM, March 1, 2016. NO PAPER NOMINATIONS will be accepted.

In the nomination, please include:

- Nominee’s name and department (at top of first page)
- A brief description of why you recommend this faculty person for the award with detailed justification for the nomination, i.e., specific examples of his/her humanistic character. The review committee will not consider nominations that are less than 350 words.

Nominations received from the past two years will be considered for this year as well.

Previous Tow faculty awardees become eligible for selection five years after previous award. For a list of past recipients, see http://www.bumc.bu.edu/enrichment/leonard-tow-award/

The winner will be presented the award and $1,000 at BUSM graduation, May 12, 2016.