

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

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 Gold Foundation suggests the following criteria be considered when nominating a clinical faculty person (MD or DO), specifically using the I.E.C.A.R.E.S. (integrity, excellence, collaboration and compassion, altruism, respect and resilience, empathy, and service) framework.

### Criteria for Nomination

- consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
- serves as a role model—illustrates professional behavior by example
- 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 the viewpoint of others, even when it differs from their own
- demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse backgrounds
- displays effective communication and listening skills
- understands patients' need for interpretation of complex medical diagnoses and treatments and makes an effort to ensure patient comprehension—shows respect for the patient's viewpoint
- sensitive to the patients' psychological well-being
- effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members
- cooperative, respectful and easy to work with - engenders trust and confidence
- adheres to professional and ethical standards
- committed to reflection and objective self-evaluation of his/her skills
- displays competence in scientific endeavors

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

Nominations should be sent electronically to [busmfao@bu.edu](mailto:busmfao@bu.edu).

- 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.
- Your name and department (at end of nomination). If you are a student, indicate your class year.

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.

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