

2024 Annual Faculty Awards

- **Educator of the Year: PhD, Master's, MD Pre-Clerkship Clerkship, Resident**
- **Stanley Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching**
- **Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award**
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility**

Awards Committee

Members	Representation
Hee-Young Park	Faculty Affairs
Sandy Auerbach	Committee on Faculty Affairs
Emelia Benjamin	Associate Provost, Faculty Development
David Flynn	Library-Information Management Education
Priya Garg	Medical Education
Jamie McKnight	Graduate Medical Sciences
Tony Rizzo	Staff & Finance
Michelle Sia	Residency Program Director
Andrew Taylor	Research
Jeffrey Wong	Staff

Educator of the Year

Categories:

- Medical Education: Pre-clerkship, Clerkship & Resident
- Graduate Education: PhD and Master's

Nominated by faculty or students based on:

- Excellence in teaching based on teaching evaluation
- Student engagement
- Challenging students to think critically
- Promotion of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in mentoring and educational pedagogy
- Professionalism
- Thoughtful, constructive feedback to the students

2024 Educator of the Year

Pre-Clerkship

Molly Cohen-Osher, MD, MMedED
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine

- Spearheaded efforts to transform the preclinical curriculum
- Focused on providing an educational experience that will prepare our students to excel in their clerkships and beyond
- Excellent role model for all educators at our institution

2024 Educator of the Year

Clerkship

Christine C. Cheston, MD
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics

- Excelled as a clinical educator on the wards - delivered engaging chalk-talks on topics relating to admitted patients
- Fostered critical thinking about pathophysiology of diseases and its complications through collaborative, question-answer based discussions
- Dedicated the growth of students and residents
- Provided feedback that was specific, actionable, and gave concrete examples of how to elevate clinical skills to the next level.

2024 Educator of the Year

Master's Program

William J. Lehman, PhD

Professor of Pharmacology, Physiology & Biophysics

- An exemplary educator
- Has an exceptional ability to inspire, engage and motivate students
- Quote from a student: *“Dr. Lehman is not only one of the smartest professors I have ever met but he is also one of the kindest, hardworking, and dedicated professors at this esteemed university”.*

2024 Educator of the Year

PhD Programs

Jeffrey L. Browning, PhD
Professor of Virology, Immunology & Microbiology

- Teaches GMS MI713 –providing graduate students a basic yet a comprehensive understating of the wide and varied aspects of the immune system
- Sets high standards for the students and dedicated to help them to reach them
- Quote from a student: *“Dr. Browning is truly committed to students’ success. As my committee chair, he would spend hours going over developing my critical thinking through complex findings. His ability to energize and support students while balancing his own research is something to be lauded.”*

2024 Resident Educator of the Year

Qualifications:

- residents at any of the schools clinical affiliates.

Nominated by 3rd year Medical Students based on:

- Excellence in teaching
- Engaging and enthusiastic teaching
- Provides actionable feedback that allows students to grow as clinicians
- Promotes diversity, equity, inclusion in the clinic
- Role model of professionalism

2024 Resident Educator

Vanessa Villamarin, MD
Clinical Instructor of Obstetrics & Gynecology

- Kind, empathetic and outstanding resident educator.
- Teaches students how to approach challenging conversations with patients and the importance of practicing shared decision making
- Gives constructive feedback & encourages the growth of students
- Advises students to improve oral presentations by giving direction on how to best prioritize patients' problem lists and to think critically about the pathophysiology of patients' presentations.

Stanley L. Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching

Nominated by chairs, deans, vice chairs of education, other educational directors, or co-directors for the medical student curriculum based on:

- Leadership in innovative curriculum development or implementation, assessment or scholarly dissemination
- Teaching evaluations supporting a commitment to the student educational experience
- Mentoring leadership of other educators and faculty.
- Active promotion of diversity, equity, inclusion & belonging in educational pedagogy

2023 Stanley L. Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching

Cheryl A. McSweeney, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
LEADS Course Director

- Exemplifies the qualities of a true educational leader, demonstrating innovation, dedication, and steadfast commitment to excellence in every aspect
- Exceptional leader in developing & implementing an innovative curriculum
- A quote from peer faculty: *“While the LEADS curriculum provided multiple challenges, Cheryl has been able to take every challenge presented and work with individuals in an **open, kind, non-judgmental manner**....and inclusive, open to suggestions, flexible, and accommodating to change.”*

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Nominated by faculty or students based on:

- Compassion & empathy in the delivery of patient care
- Excellence as a role model: illustrates professional behavior by example
- Approachable and accessible to students
- Professional and personal interactions with students
- Respects other's viewpoints, even when different from their own
- Cultural sensitivity working with patients & family of diverse backgrounds
- Communication and listening skillfully
- Interprets complex medical diagnoses and treatments for patients and ensures patient comprehension
- Respects for the patient's viewpoint

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Robert Canelli, MD
Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

- Provides exemplary care for a complex patient population
- Compassion towards patients & family is remarkable.
- A role model for commitment to clinical excellence, compassion, interdepartmental cooperation and respect for patients and colleagues.
- Quote from a peer faculty: *“Dr. Canelli is a compassionate clinician, an excellent teacher and a considerate mentor.”*

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

Qualification:

- Faculty and staff at BU Chobanian & Avedisian SM

Nominated by Faculty, Students and Staff based on:

- Promotes recruitment of diverse students, trainees, staff or faculty
- Mentorship and sponsorship of underrepresented faculty, staff, or students, including student groups
- Creating or running programs designed to improve DEIA, including pathway programs
- Educational Innovation in health inequities and/or inclusive pedagogy
- Impactful scholarship/research on DEIA

2024 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility

Ricardo Cruz, MD, MPH, MA
Assistant Professor of Medicine (GIM)

- An educator and innovator of programs addressing health inequities
- Focused on care of Black and Hispanic/Latinx patients who have been incarcerated or impacted by opioid addition
- Scholarship is deeply tied to the values of antiracism
- Actively involved in recruitment and mentorship of underrepresented students in medicine

2024 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

Shamaila Khan, PhD

Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry
Director of Center for Multicultural training in Psychology

- Created a culture of inclusivity and promoted the diversity in the department
- Provided numerous trainings to BMC employees and MED faculty and students on topics related to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Advocates for the refugees, immigrants, and trauma victims
- Participates in disaster relief and crisis intervention at local, national, and international levels



General Faculty & Staff Meeting

Agenda

- **Annual Faculty & Staff Awards**
 - Dean Antman
- **Distinguished Faculty & Staff of the Month Awards**
 - Hee-Young Park, PhD
- **Recommendations for Degrees at Graduation**
 - MA, MS, PhD Degree Candidates: C. James McKnight, PhD
 - MD, MD/PhD, MD/MPH, MD/MBA Degree Candidates: Priya Garg, MD
 - Latin Honors: Paige Curran
- **Announcements & Updates**
 - Celebration of Inauguration of new BU President: Dean Antman
 - Graduate Student Strike Update: C. James McKnight, PhD
 - 19th McCahan Education Day: Hee-Young Park, PhD

Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine Annual Awards 2024

Awards	Recipients
Educator of the Year, Preclerkship	Molly Cohen-Osher, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
Educator of the Year, Clerkship	Christine Cheston, Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics
Educator of the Year, Master's	William Lehman, Professor of Pharmacology, Physiology & Biophysics
Educator of the Year, PhD	Jeffrey Browning, Research Professor of Virology, Immunology & Microbiology
Stanley L Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching	Cheryl McSweeney, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine	Robert Canelli, Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility: Faculty	Shamaila Khan, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry
	Ricardo Cruz, Assistant Professor of Medicine – GIM
Resident of the Year	Vanessa Villamarin, Clinical Instructor of Obstetrics & Gynecology



Distinguished Faculty of the Month



Distinguished Staff of the Month

- **Nominated by Faculty, Staff or Students**
- **Selected by the School's Awards Committee**

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Distinguished Faculty of the Month July 2024



Paige Curran, MA

Assistant Professor of Medical Sciences & Education

Director of the Academic Enhancement

Assistant Dean, Student Affairs

- **Helps students excel and achieve their personal and academic goals.**
- **Strong proponent of wellbeing of students.**

- **Quotes from students:**

“Our Step 1 study planning with Dean Curran is amazing. As a first-generation student I really appreciated having direct access to someone with know-how of the system and evidence-based study strategies.”

“Dean Curran has been an amazing resource for improving study skills, but also a great resource for life in general.”

Distinguished Faculty of the Month

August 2024



Margaux Dockerty, MSN
Instructor of Medicine, Hematology & Oncology

- **Competent, reliable, detail-oriented, organized, compassionate, and effective (she both identifies and solves problems).**
- **Takes the initiative to organize various social events for the section to promote inclusion and belonging for all.**
- **Role model for both APP and MD providers & always so enthusiastic and a great leader.**

Distinguished Faculty of the Month

September 2024



Sunali Shah, MD
Assistant Professor of Neurology

- **Active advisor in Student Interest in Neurology events and is always a student favorite.**
- **She is kind, approachable, and very wise.**
- **Mentors MS4 medical students applying for neurology residency by reviewing personal statements, conducting mock interviews.**
- **Exemplifies a person committed to Boston University Medical School and our mission.**

Distinguished Staff of the Month July 2024



Rebecca Halley
Administrative Manager
Medical Education Office

- **Incredibly kind and efficient.**
- **Wonderful resource for medical school faculty and staff.**
- **Always goes above and beyond**

Distinguished Staff of the Month

August 2024



Latia Holmes, MS, MBA
Administrative Coordinator
Department of Family Medicine

- **Helps the Family Medicine medical student education group succeeds.**
- **Always one step ahead in helping Family Medicine clerkship run smoothly.**
- **Enthusiastic, a joy to work with, and truly cares about students and her colleagues.**

Distinguished Staff of the Month

September 2024



Cecelia Slayter
Administrative Manager
Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

- One of the true “unsung heroines” of the medical campus.
- For 40 years, dedicated to her job and the people she helps in the most humble and behind-the-scenes ways.
- Works effectively with staff from other departments for integrated courses with pathology content and instructors with the utmost professionalism, dedication.
- Respected and loved by everyone who knows her.

MA, MS, PhD Degrees

C. James McKnight, PhD



Presentation of Degree Candidates

GMS Degree	Aug 2023	Jan 2024	May 2024	Total
PhD	7	13	15	35
MD/PhD	-	-	4	4
MA	1	2	40	43
MS	109	22	192	323
MS/MPH	4	2	4	10
MS/MS	-	-	-	-
Total	121	39	255	415

MD Degrees

Priya Garg, MD

MD Degrees

- MD: 144
- MD/PhD: 4
- MD/MBA: 3
- MD/JD: 1
- MD/OMFS Certificate: 2

Recommendations for M.D. Degrees with Latin Honors

Paige Curran

Percent of M.D. Candidates Recommended for Honors

<u>Policy Guidelines</u>	<u>2024 Recommendations</u>
Cum Laude 10%	15 students
Magna 3%	5 students
Summa 1%	2 students

Degree Pathways of Candidates Earning Honors

- 19 from 4-year M.D. program
- 2 from MMEDIC program
- 1 from 7-year M.D. program

Confidential

**All students are not
informed of the awards
until the graduation
ceremony.**

Cum Laude

Shankara Anand	Karla Bachiller
Ciara Behm	Joanna Chatham
Lindsey Claus	Isabel De Los Rios
Emma Finnerty	Alexander LaRaja
Kyle Lawrence	Natalie Nanez
Kian Riley	Candace Smith
Simon Turkington	Shreya Vinjamuri
Yunda Wang	

Magna Cum Laude

Shannon Garvey	Oluchi Ihionu
Jessica Landau-Taylor	Anqi Liu
Ariana Nodoushani	

Summa Cum Laude

Jonathan Berlowitz

Sarah Golden

Specialty Selection

- (4) students: *Pediatrics*
- (4) students: *General Surgery*
- (3) students: *Internal Medicine*
- (2) students: *Emergency Medicine*
- (2) students: *Obstetrics-Gynecology*
- (1) student: *Family Medicine*
- (1) students: *Orthopaedic Surgery*
- (1) students: *Ophthalmology*
- (1) students: *Vascular Surgery*
- (1) student: *Thoracic Surgery*
- (1) student: *Plastic Surgery*
- (1) student: *Anesthesiology*

19th John McCahan Medical Campus Education Conference

Date: Wednesday May 23, 2024

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: Hiebert Lounge

Poster Presentations by MS in Genetic Counseling Students

Date: Wednesday May 1, 2024

Time: 2pm-3:30pm

Location: L-405