

UPSOM TWENTY-NINTH CURRICULUM COLLOQUIUM AWARD RECIPIENTS

Excellence in Education Award

MS1 Class of 2026

Best Small Group Facilitator: Joe Suyama, MD, FACEP; Professor of Emergency Medicine

Best Lecturer: Martin Schmidt, PhD; Professor of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics

Best Course Director: Andrew Klein, MD; Assistant Professor of Medicine & Allie Dakroub, MD, MS, FAAP, FACP; Assistant Professor of Medicine

MS2 Class of 2025

Best Small Group Facilitator: Louis Rapkin, MD; Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Best Lecturer: Joshua Levenson, MD; Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine

Best Course Director: Jenifer Lee, MD; Professor of Medicine

Award for Outstanding Professional Enrichment Course

Ritu Thamman, MD, FASE, FAAC; Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine

Shandong Wu, PhD; Associate Professor of Radiology

Carl R. Fuhrman Clinical Educator of the Year Award

Andrew Klein, MD; Assistant Professor of Medicine

Allie Dakroub, MD, MS, FAAP, FACP; Assistant Professor of Medicine

Clerkship Preceptor of the Year Award

Amanda Casagrande, MD; Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine

Brielle Spataro, MD, MS; Assistant Professor of Medicine

Elizabeth Sensenig, MD, FAAP; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Justin Shuster, MD, MPH; Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Kathleen Ober, MD; Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Laima Spokas, MD; Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Pritha Workman, MD; Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Rachel Ibrahim, MD; Department of Emergency Medicine

Tawfiq Al-Lahham, MD; Assistant Professor of Neurology

Vaishali Schuchert, MD; Associate Professor of Surgery and Critical Care Medicine

[Award for Excellence in Clinical Precepting](#)

April Dunmyre, DO; Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences
Natalie Gentile, MD; Department of Family Medicine

[Outstanding Early Career Educator Award](#)

Lydia Strattan, PhD; Assistant Professor of Pathology

[Award for Outstanding Staff Contributions to the Curriculum](#)

Denise Downs; Office of Medical Education
Patti Zahnhausen; Department of Family Medicine

[Award for Outstanding Medical Student Contributions to the Curriculum](#)

Nathalie Chen, MD/PhD Candidate

[Social Justice Educator Award](#)

Eloho Ufomata, MD, MS; Associate Professor of Medicine
Katharina Hayes, MD; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

[William I. Cohen Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills Instruction](#)

Erin Cummings, MD; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

[Donald S. Fraley Award for Medical Student Mentoring](#)

Andrew Nowalk, MD, PhD; Associate Professor of Pediatrics

[Sheldon Adler Award for Innovation in Medical Education](#)

Amanda Casagrande, MD; Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine

[Kenneth E. Schuit Award, Recognizing the Dean's Master Educators](#)

Reed Van Deusen, MD, MS; Associate Professor of Medicine

[Distinguished Service in Medical Education Award](#)

Ann Thompson, MD, MHCPM; Distinguished Service Professor, Critical Care Medicine, and Pediatrics; Vice Dean, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine