

American Medical Women's Association

2025 AWARDS

Presidential Award for Medicine – Charlene M. Dewey, MD, MEd, MACP



Dr. Dewey is a full professor, Assistant Dean for Educator Development and Co-Director of the Center for Professional Health, chair of the Faculty Wellness Committee and past chair of the Faculty Senate at Vanderbilt University. She is a highly sought-after expert and educator in proper prescribing of controlled prescription drugs/opioid management and the professional health and wellness of the healthcare practitioner, including overall wellbeing, stress, stress management, burnout and impairment prevention. Dr. Dewey has been recognized with numerous awards for her contributions to teaching, patient care and community service. She is a member of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine's Academy for Excellence in Education, YWCA Academy for Women of Achievement (2015) and winner of the 2013 Athena International Award. Dr. Dewey was honored by Bradley University with the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Bradley University Orville Nohdurft Lifetime Achievement Award. She has two named scholarships in her honor and is a 2-time recipient of the Vanderbilt 5-Star Award for 100% Patient Satisfaction. Dr. Dewey is a graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine and University of Houston.

Presidential Award for Humanitarianism - Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAFP



Dr. Anita Ravi is a family medicine physician, educator, and health policy leader dedicated to transforming healthcare for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), including human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault. As CEO and Founder of Purple Health Foundation, she leads a multidisciplinary team advancing GBV care as a recognized field in medicine, through a novel model of clinical care, clinician training, and survivor employment. Dr. Ravi's work with survivors informs her innovative approach to clinician training and systemic reform, which she amplifies using drawing and storytelling. Her impact, spanning local / national policy and advisory groups, peer-reviewed research and national media, has been recognized with numerous awards, including the distinguished Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Residency. She is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, University of Michigan SOM, Yale University (MPH), and University of Pennsylvania SOM (MSHP). Currently, Dr. Ravi is a National Academy of Medicine Fellow, where she focuses on traumatic brain injury and other critical issues affecting the health of GBV survivors.

Presidential Award for Leadership – Women's Wellbeing through Equity and Leadership (WEL) Program



The Women's Wellbeing through Equity and Leadership project (WEL) is a collaborative effort to engage a diverse group of early- to mid-career women physicians in networking, mentorship, and training around wellbeing, equity and leadership. Led by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), WEL is a partnership between 10 medical associations: AAP, American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American College of Physicians (ACP), American Hospital Association (AHA), American Medical Association (AMA), American Medical Women's Association (AMWA), American Psychiatric Association (APA), National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) and National Medical Association (NMA). Funded by The Physicians Foundation, WEL seeks to foster the development of the next wave of women physician leaders to build healthier, more equitable work environments and experiences.

Presidential Award for Improving Clinical Practice – Institute for Exceptional Care



IEC (Institute for Exceptional Care) is a national nonprofit working to make healthcare better and safer for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD). IEC partners with people with lived experience of IDD, family members, and healthcare professionals to change the way care is taught, delivered, and paid for by creating tools, programs, and campaigns.

Elizabeth Blackwell Award – Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPhil



Dr. Reshma Jagsi is the Lawrence W. Davis Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology and a Senior Faculty Fellow in the Center for Ethics at Emory University. Dr. Jagsi has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine, Association of American Physicians, and American Society of Clinical Investigation in recognition of her work to promote equity in health outcomes of patients and in career outcomes of physicians, specifically focusing on women. Author of over 450 publications including high-impact studies in the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, and the Lancet, she is PI of multiple NIH grants, including two active R01s and a U54. A radiation oncologist who cares for patients with breast cancer, she is a fellow of the AAAS, ASCO, ASTRO, AAWR, and the Hastings Center.

Women in Science Award - Hoda Anton-Culver, PhD



Dr. Hoda Anton-Culver is a Donald Bren Professor and Distinguished Professor in the Department of Medicine at the UC Irvine School of Medicine. She received her PhD in Epidemiology from University of St. Andrews in Scotland. She is the Founding Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and graduate PhD and MS degrees in Epidemiology at UC Irvine and Director of the UCI Genetic Epidemiology Research Institute which focuses on integration of research, education, and community efforts. Her research takes advantage of population genetics to predict the proportion of disease attributed to genetic variation and exposure to environmental risk factors, focusing on cancer etiology and population-based precision medicine with special emphasis on molecular genetic characterization, genetic-phenotype correlation, and genotype-environment interaction associated with disease causation. Dr. Anton-Culver leads precision medicine research programs as the Principal Investigator of the NIH funded All of Us Research Program's Southern California Consortium at UC Irvine.

Women in Science Award - Martha K. Terris, MD, FACS



Dr. Martha K. Terris is Professor and Chair of the Department of Urology, holding the Witherington Distinguished Chair in Urology at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. She was a founding member of the Shared Equal Access Regional Cancer Hospital (SEARCH) Database. Her continued collaboration with database research as well as with leaders in urologic basic science has generated significant grant funding and over 350 peer-reviewed manuscripts. Dr. Terris joined the faculty at the Medical College of Georgia and the Augusta Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 2002 as Professor of Urology and Chief of Urology at the Charlie Norwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center where she started the robotic surgery program. Dr. Terris' recent honors include being named Best Doctors in America and Top Doctors in cancer repeatedly, Urology Practice reviewer of the Year, the American Urological Association Distinguished Service Award, and is currently president-elect of the Georgia Urological Association.

Bertha Van Hoosen Award – Susan Thompson Hingle, MD, MACP, FRCP, FAMWA



Dr. Susan Hingle is Professor of Medicine and Medical Humanities, Associate Dean for Human and Organizational Potential, and Chair of the Department of Medical Humanities at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University and a medical degree from Rush University Medical College. She completed an Internal Medicine residency at Georgetown University Medical Center. Dr. Hingle is a graduate of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program. She has been active nationally in the American Medical Women's Association, the American College of Physicians, the Alliance of Academic Internal Medicine, and the American Medical Association. She is currently President of AMWA and previously served as Chair of the ACP Board of Regents and Board of Governors. Dr. Hingle strongly believes that women in medicine have enormous potential to influence the profession and society for the better.

Lila A. Wallis Women's Health Award – Jennifer H. Mieres, MD, FACC, MASNC, FAHA



Dr. Jennifer H. Mieres is Professor of Cardiology and Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra Northwell and Senior Vice President of Northwell Health's, Center for Equity of Care, where she leads diversity and health equity initiatives. A graduate of Bennington College and Boston University School of Medicine, she is a Fellow of the AHA, ACC, and Master of the ASNC, serving as its first female President. Dr. Mieres has authored over 75 publications, including the AHA's cardiac imaging guidelines for women, and co-authored Heart Smarter for Women. She also produced the Emmy-nominated documentary A Woman's Heart and the award-winning Ms. Diagnosed. Dr. Mieres is a nationally recognized leader in cardiovascular care and health equity.

Lila A. Wallis Women's Health Award – Stacey E. Rosen, MD, FAHA



Dr. Stacey E. Rosen is the Executive Director for Northwell's Katz Institute for Women's Health, the Partners Council Professor of Women's Health and Professor of Cardiology at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Dr. Rosen oversees women's health services at Northwell with a focus on the elimination of healthcare disparities through comprehensive clinical programs, sex-and-gender based research, community partnerships and education. Dr. Rosen has been practicing cardiology for over 30 years and co-authored, Heart Smarter for Women: Six Weeks to a Healthier Heart. A longtime volunteer for the American Heart Association (AHA), Dr. Rosen serves as the AHA President-elect 2024-2025, received the 2018 AHA Women in Cardiology Mentoring Award, the 2021 AHA Physician of the Year Award and is the 2023 recipient of the WomenHeart Wenger Award for Excellence in Medical Advocacy. Dr. Rosen was named to Modern Healthcare's 50 Most Influential Clinical Executives class of 2024.

Esther Pohl Lovejoy Award - Gloria A Bachmann, MD, MMS



Dr. Gloria Bachmann graduated from Rutgers University (RU) and Univ. of Pennsylvania (U of P), Perlman School of Medicine, where she completed Ob/Gyn residency. At Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS), she is Professor of Ob/Gyn & Medicine, Associate Dean for Women's Health, Co-director of the Women's Health Institute, and Medical Director of the PROUD Gender Center of NJ. Also at RU, she is a steering committee member of the Global Health and the Rutgers Institute for Corporate Social Innovation (RICSI) Advisory Committee. She is medical director of the NJ Reentry Commission, serving previously incarcerated individuals. For her contributions to health care, she was a 2024 Fellow inductee into the New York Academy of Medicine. She is an AMWA Fellow, serving on the Music & Medicine (Co-Chair) and Nutrition Committees.

Early Career Physician Award - Tiffani Bell Washington MD, MPH, FAPA, DABOM, DABLM



Dr. Tiffani Bell Washington is a quadruple board-certified psychiatrist specializing in pediatric and adult psychiatry, obesity medicine, and lifestyle medicine. She advocates for integrative approaches to mental health and wellness, blending evidence-led treatments with holistic care. Dr. Washington founded The Healthy Weigh MD, a concierge practice focused on lifestyle psychiatry and weight management for women and children. An accomplished author and speaker, her work addresses joy, resilience, and thriving amidst life's demands. Dr. Washington received an MPH from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and is pursuing an executive MBA at Yale SOM. She is on faculty at Massachusetts General Hospital and Medical Director for Elevance Health. She serves on the AMA Governing Council as Vice-Chair of the Women Physicians Section. As a mom of five, she inspires others to balance career, family, and purpose while choosing joy and promoting health.

Dr. Larry Zaroff Man of Good Conscience Award – Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH



Dr. Jerry Kruse is dean and provost of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and CEO of SIU Medicine. He is a tenured professor of family and community medicine and medical education and served as executive associate dean of SIU SOM from 2013-15. At SIU, Dr. Kruse has also served as chair of the Dept. of Family & Community Medicine (16 yrs), director of the Quincy Family Medicine Residency Program (12 yrs), and director of Quincy Family Medicine's Clinical Operations and Complex Office Laboratory. He is former chair of the SIU SOM curriculum committee and Educational Policy Council (11 yrs) and served on the Tenure and Promotion Committee (4 yrs). As a thought leader in family medicine, he advocates for innovation in medical education and the advancement of health care systems. He has held major organizational roles to represent primary care and graduate education, address quality issues and advance the health care workforce. His focus is to fulfill the Triple Aim + 1: medical education and health care that are more effective, efficient, equitable and enjoyable for all.

Anne C. Carter Leadership Award – Alex Schick, BA



Alex Schick is a 3rd year medical student at the University of Rochester and an active member of AMWA since 2020 when she joined as a premedical student. As President of her AMWA branch for the past two years, Alex has grown the membership to over 100, expanding their reach, spearheading an inaugural Women in Medicine Conference, and fostering mentorship and networking opportunities among students and physicians through student-faculty mixers, mentorship panels, and a Women in Medicine mini-speaker series. In addition to her chapter-level achievements, Alex's has also participated in national leadership as Region 2 Director and Philanthropy/Fundraising Chair for AMWA's National Student Division.

Anne C. Carter Leadership Award – Ariana Traub, MPH



Ariana M. Traub, MPH, is a 4th year medical student at Emory University SOM with a strong commitment to reproductive health and medical education. She graduated from Brandeis University (BS, 2018) and New York University (MPH, 2019). Before medical school, she worked in USAID's Pediatric and Maternal HIV Branch. At Emory, Ariana has served as a student coordinator for the Harriet Tubman Women's Clinic, Georgia Asylum Team Director for Physicians for Human Rights, and ACOG's District IV Junior Fellow. She co-founded Georgia Health Professionals for Reproductive Rights, a coalition of 650+ healthcare professionals advocating for reproductive healthcare. The organization has petitioned Georgia legislators, spoken at press conferences, engaged in media advocacy, published peer-reviewed work, and secured the first abortion-related resolution passed by the Medical Association of Georgia. Ariana will begin her OBGYN residency in July.

Exceptional Mentor Award Recipients

Abigail Adams, MD
Alison Bays, MD, MPH&TM
Amber Jones DO, MPH, FACS, FCCP
Tanya Tandon, MD
E. Vanessa Spearman-McCarthy, MD
Elisa Choi, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FAMWA
Farzana Hoque MD, MRCP, FACP, FRCP
Gloria A Bachmann, MD, MMS
Harumi Gomi, MD, FACP, FIDSA

Amith Skandhan, MD, SFHM, FACP
Barbara Edelheit, MD
Cara A. Liebert, MD, FACS
Joanne E. Ey, MS
Julie Monteagudo, MD
Kate Mangona, MD
Katherine M. Sharkey, MD, PhD
Kimberly Manning, MD
Kusum Punjabi MD, MBA, FACEP

Dame, Mary C. Rorro, DO
Debra A. O'Connor, DO
Debra Klamen, MD, MHPE
Natasha Halasa, MD, MPH
Nazineen Kandahari, MD, MS
Nicole G. Bentze, DO, FAAFP, FAMWA
Paulette Cazares, MD, MPH, DFAPA, FAMWA
Rachel Mednick Thompson, MD
Riffat Sabir, MD, MedHP, FACP

Ibrahim Isaac Ghobrial, MD, FACP, MRCP
Jane McHowat, PhD
Ja'Nelle M. Blocker, MD, DipABPN
Jenny R. Silberger MD, FACP

Luz Letelier, MD, MACP
Marcela Salomao, MD
Melissa White, MD, MPH, FACEP
Millie A. Behera MD, FACOG, FRCPSC

Rika Maeshiro, MD, MPH
Sabrina Rocke, DO, FAAFP
Sarah Hartley, MD, MHPE, FHM, FACP

Resident Division Awards

Susan L. Ivey, MD Courage to Lead Award – Afeerah Ahmad, DO



Dr. Afeerah Ahmad is a Philadelphia native and pediatrics resident at Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell (Staten Island Univ. Hospital). She's held AMWA leadership roles for over a decade, as Drexel University AMWA President, Social Media Chair, and Region 2 Director of the Premedical / Medical Student Divisions. She is passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion and mentoring and empowering women in medicine. A graduate of Drexel University and Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine (NJ), Dr. Ahmad is interested in pediatric neuro-development and behavior. In her free time, she enjoys exploring NYC, baking, swimming, singing, and spending time with her black cat, Sassparilla.

Medical Student Division Awards

Medical Education Cycle 1 and Eliza Lo Chin, MD Unsung Hero Award – Sarah George



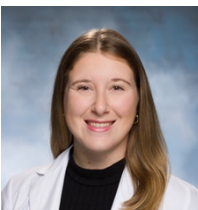
I am currently a second-year medical student in the UMKC 6-year BA/MD program with a strong passion for women's health, aspiring to make a lasting impact in this field. As Miss Kansas City International for the Miss America Organization and Vice President of AMWA, I champion initiatives that elevate women's health issues, including my platform, 'Menstrual Health Equity for Every Cycle. Period.' My involvement with the AMWA has deepened my appreciation for the strength of sisterhood and camaraderie in medicine, and I have learned that I thrive in environments surrounded by driven, empowering women committed to making a difference.

Medical Education Cycle 1 - Alejandra Sataray-Rodriguez



Alejandra Sataray-Rodriguez is a driven medical student at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, committed to championing health equity and uplifting women in medicine. Her path to medicine was deeply influenced by witnessing healthcare disparities in rural Mexico and by her mother's courageous battle with cancer. These experiences ignited a life-long dedication to advocating for marginalized communities. Alejandra is actively engaged in research to expand healthcare access and serves in leadership roles promoting diversity and inclusion. She's passionate about inspiring and empowering the next generation of women physicians and creating a more just and inclusive healthcare system for all.

Medical Education Cycle 2 – Alexandria Raab



Alexandria (Alex) Raab attends Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway, NJ. She graduated Cum Laude from the University of Rochester with a B.S. in Environmental Health and minors in psychology and biology. During her time at RWJMS, she has been involved in multiple organizations with leadership roles including RWJMS AMWA Women's Health Elective Co-Coordinator, Co-Founder of RWJMS Medical Students for a Sustainable Future, and Global Health Student Liaison. She is also pursuing a Distinction in Community Service focused on teaching a series of health literacy workshops with her medical student team to low-income and underserved populations at a local community mobile clinic. In her free time, she loves to ski, tutor, and spend quality time with family and friends!

Medical Education Cycle 2 – Noorjahan Sheikh



Born and raised in Alexandria, VA, Noorjahan Sheikh is a 2021 graduate of the University of Virginia, where she majored in Medical Anthropology, Ethics, and Care. Returning to UVA as a "Double Hoo," she is currently a first-year medical student. Her studies and professional pursuits focus on health inequity, medical anthropology, and health humanities—applying academic frameworks to narratives surrounding her, her family, and her immigrant community. She is involved with a research group exploring social determinants of health and disparities in vulnerable populations. Through her academic and personal life, Ms. Sheikh has gained extensive advocacy experience, using it to highlight issues in her local community.

Underrepresented Students in Medicine - Ayaantuu Usman



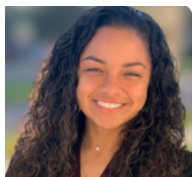
Ayaantuu Usman is a first-year medical student at the University of Minnesota -Twin Cities, dedicated to reducing health disparities. She is particularly interested in psychiatry, neurology, and cardiology, with a focus on underserved minority communities. Ayaantuu aims to increase minority representation in clinical trials to improve healthcare quality and address health inequities.

Underrepresented Students in Medicine - Ashley M. Cianchini de la Sota



My name is Ashley Cianchini de la Sota. I am a third-year medical student of the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. I am from Caguas, Puerto Rico. For the past 4 years, I have created a platform titled CianchiniMed to increase mentorship for hundreds of students around the island of Puerto Rico. I have had the opportunity to help students from all socioeconomic backgrounds to increase the accessibility of achieving a medical education. We need more mentorship, guidance, and support for students from all backgrounds to be able to increase the amount of physicians on the island. As a future first-generation physician, I want to show students that if I can do it, they can do it, too.

Shobha S. Krishnan HPV and Cervical Cancer Champion Award – Ariana Montesdeoca



Ariana Montesdeoca is the Chair and Social Media Chair of the GIAHC Young Leaders. She holds a Masters in Medical Physiology and has been a longtime AMWA member, previously as UF AMWA Executive Administrator and AMWA Region 4 Director. She has led youth-driven advocacy efforts, expanding GIAHC's online presence across platforms. She has presented at global events, (2023 Women Deliver Global Dialogue Series, 2024 HPV Prevention Week), focusing on vaccine barriers and youth empowerment. Her leadership has fostered key international partnerships and advanced meaningful progress in the fight against HPV and cervical cancer, through digital communication strategies and partnerships to promote health equity.

Linda Brodsky, MD Essay Award – Maya Navarro



Maya Navarro (she/her) is a second-year medical student at the Northwestern University - Feinberg School of Medicine. Hailing from the southwestern suburbs of Chicago, she graduated cum laude, in cursu honorum from New York University in 2023 where she studied Global Public Health and Biology. Now at Feinberg, Maya serves as the president of the Climate Action Group and Medical Students for Choice Vice-President of the Feinberg LGBTQ+ Alliance, and treasurer of the Latino Medical Student Association. Through both her extracurricular involvement and research efforts, Maya aims to one day bridge the gap in providing dermatologic care for underprivileged members of the Chicagoland community.

Heller Outstanding Branch Award - University of Connecticut Medical School AMWA Chapter



Pre-medical Student Division Awards

MCAT Scholarship — Valeria Sofia Cordero



I am a senior at the University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras Campus, majoring in Environmental Sciences. My interests lie at the intersection of public health, environmental sustainability, and medicine. I have pursued diverse research experiences, including an immunology internship at the University of New Hampshire (Dr. Sherine Elsawa) and my current project on calcium carbonate polymorph formation (Dr. Marvin Bayro's Protein NMR group). Committed to community service, I volunteer at Clínicas Padre Venard, a free clinic for underserved communities, and with ADLA, a nonprofit rescuing abused animals. I have shadowed doctors at the Centro Comprensivo de Cáncer and participated in service initiatives (beach cleanups and Ronald McDonald House meal preparations). I served as AMWA branch treasurer and now lead as president. My experiences have shaped my dedication to addressing health disparities through a holistic, interdisciplinary approach.

MCAT Scholarship — Marilyn Alejandra Perez



Marilyn Perez is a senior at the University of Southern California majoring in Global Health B.S. and in the Global Medicine M.S. program. She has been involved in AMWA since her second year and is currently serving as USC AMWA's Vice President of Administration. Outside of AMWA, Marilyn is also involved in an environmental justice research lab, where she researches the impact of oil wells on the health of LA residents. Marilyn is also involved in health policy advocacy and volunteers at her local hospital.

MCAT Scholarship and Mental Health Advocacy Award — Morgan McCollum



Morgan McCollum is a post-baccalaureate student at the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in Information Systems (Univ. of Missouri). A former software engineer developing accessible medical technology, she returned to school in 2023 to pursue medicine. As UCBA Psychology Club president, she leads mental health initiatives, including a World Mental Health Day event, suicide prevention training, and fund-raising \$650 for OCD research. She co-founded the Access for All Affinity Group to support neurodiverse students and is an AHEC Scholar focused on culturally competent rural healthcare. She also tutors children with learning difficulties, facilitates autism support groups, co-teaches life skills, and volunteers with the CURESZ Foundation (schizophrenia awareness). She is committed to inclusive healthcare for underserved populations.

Premedical Education Scholarship — Brianna Murray



Brianna is a post-bac student at Fordham University with a strong background in education and leadership. Her passion for medicine stems from personal experiences, including supporting a parent through long-term health challenges. Despite life trajectories, Brianna earned a Bachelor degree in Neuroscience and Masters Degree in Education, which encouraged her to develop art and STEM programs that supported students' academic and emotional growth during the pandemic, a mission she continues today as a way of giving back. Brianna's work is fueled by a commitment to lifelong learning and advocacy. She is Vice Chair of a Journal Committee and organizes quality initiatives for nonprofit organizations. Her journey and contributions have further solidified her passion for pediatric and adolescent medicine and improving patient outcomes.

Premedical Education Scholarship — Bertha Johanna Sagreiros



Bertha Sagreiros (Johanna) is a Texas Tech University alumna who graduated with a Bachelor's in General Studies (2024). She continues to take classes at Texas Tech University as she pursues her Master's in Healthcare Administration at Texas Tech University Health Science Center. She also works full-time as a Certified Surgical technician and part-time as a ER scribe. In addition, she volunteers in the Pathology department, working with gross room specimens. She is currently applying to medical school and hopes to proceed with her dream career in medicine.

Medical School Application Scholarship — Dana Shuaibi



Dana Shuaibi is an undergraduate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences. Since the start of her college journey, she has been actively involved with AMWA, serving in various roles such as a Premedical Division intern, a Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans Initiative intern, Awards Chair, Region 7 Director, and now President-Elect of the Premedical Division. Beyond her involvement with AMWA, Dana holds several roles at her university, including serving as a research assistant and tutor. "I am very grateful to AMWA for this scholarship and look forward to continuing my involvement with the organization as a medical student and future physician."

Eliza Lo Chin Unsung Hero Award— Cathleen Rabideau



Cathleen Rabideau is a senior Health Science major with a Chemistry minor at the University of Florida. She is passionate about improving lives through service. She is the founder and president of the UF chapter of *IfYou'reReadingThis*, creating a mental health support network across campus. She has been involved in UF AMWA since her freshman year and currently serves as Vice President. Cathleen has been named to the President's Honor Roll three times and is part of the University Scholars and Honors Programs. Her research focuses on pediatric cancer. As Global Health Chair for AMWA's national premed division, she works to highlight key global health issues and drive meaningful impact. She is honored to be part of AMWA and look forward to advancing its mission.

Student of the Year Award — Iris Dupanovic



Iris Dupanovic holds a BS and MS from Tufts University. She is Vice President of Recruitment for AMWA's Premedical Division, Evaluation Co-Chair and Research Assistant for AMWA's Sex and Gender Health Collaborative, and a member of AMWA's Domestic Violence Prevention Working Group. Previously, she helped found AMWA's National Mentorship Program, connecting premedical and medical students nationwide, and served as Co-Chair of AMWA's WWI Traveling Exhibit/History Committee, highlighting contributions of women physicians in World War I. Beyond AMWA, Iris is a passionate advocate for survivors of sexual assault, providing crisis intervention support in hospital settings. She is honored to be named AMWA's Premedical Student of the Year and remains committed to empowering women in medicine and advancing health equity.

Branch Member of the Year — Aanchal Jain



Aanchal Jain is a senior at the University of Michigan, pursuing a major in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, on the premedical track. She is Co-President of the University of Michigan AMWA chapter and has been involved since her freshman year. She is also a part of the National AMWA Global Health Committee. Outside of AMWA, she serves as a research committee lead of the Global Surgery Student Alliance and Co-President of the Jain Students Association at the University of Michigan. Her academic pursuits are complemented by researching cancerous cell migration, volunteering with the elderly at Michigan Medicine, and contributing to a women's health-focused global health initiative.

Most Impactful Diversity and Inclusion Advocacy/Initiative Award — Nede Ovbiebo



Nede Ovbiebo graduated from the University of Washington (UW) with double degrees in public health-global health and biochemistry. While at UW, she was involved in various environmental health, hospital- and community-based research projects. As an undergraduate research leader (URL) through the UW Office of Undergraduate Research, Nede encouraged freshmen and transfer students to participate in research. She was a community building and education lead and co-team coordinator of Partners in Health Engage UW, co-president of the award-winning Capillaries Journal of Medical Humanities, and AMWA Premedical Division Region 2 Director (2023-24). She credits AMWA as pivotal influence in her journey towards becoming a physician, storyteller, and advocate for health as a human right. In her free time, she enjoys reading and writing.

Active Branch Award — University of Kansas



In fall 2024, we held 5 official and 5 supplemental meetings, from multi-organizational fundraising competitions to impactful guest speakers from Lawrence and Kansas City. We collaborated with Blue-Print MCAT Prep to strengthen our member's personal statements and provide discounted MCAT preparation courses. During October breast cancer awareness week, we held an event with breast cancer survivor Cynthia Newsome, raised over \$150 for Gilda's Club in Kansas City, and hosted a panel of diverse health professionals who provided valuable insight on the similarities and differences of their professions. We also prepared and donated 75+ happy kits to Children's Mercy for the holidays.

Branch Event Award — University of Southern California



The AMWA Chapter at the University of Southern California (USC) currently consists of 65 members and is committed to providing support, resources, and community to their members to aid in their path to the healthcare field. Their most significant projects include the Inaugural Women in Medicine Symposium which is a large-scale professional development conference and a Mentorship Program which connects members to female radiologists at the USC Keck Medical Center. Since the chapter's establishment in 2020, they have received many national accolades, including the Outstanding Branch Award in 2021; the Humanitarian Award in 2022; and the Active Branch Award, Branch Event Award, and Physician Recruitment Award in 2023.

Humanitarian Award — Florida State University



The Undergraduate Chapter of AMWA at Florida State University has contributed to the local community through service projects and partnerships. Our Service Project Committee spearheaded initiatives with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend, including revitalizing an outdoor space at their facility and participating in the Bowling for Kids' Sake fundraiser. We sustained a 2-year partnership with the Kearney Center to tackle food insecurity through monthly kitchen support. We organized donation drives, partnered with the Esther Funds Foundation, and hosted a Diaper Drive with Women Empowering Each Other. We've emphasized interprofessional collaboration by hosting panels with healthcare professionals from diverse fields, broadening perspectives on patient care. We remain committed to serving Tallahassee while helping our members advance the AMWA mission and vision.

International Outreach Award — University of Texas Houston



This past year, we focused on initiatives that extend beyond our local community to make a broader impact. We partnered with the As One Foundation through the Darling Dash to raise awareness for sickle cell anemia, an issue that disproportionately affects communities of color. Additionally, our donation drive for maternity homes in Houston and our Black Maternal Health event in collaboration with the Black Student Health Association emphasized our commitment to addressing maternal health disparities. We worked alongside the University of Houston Indigenous Awareness Association and Rice University's Native American Student Association to host an Indigenous Women in Healthcare panel, shedding light on the unique challenges faced by indigenous women in medicine. Our members have also engaged in public health discussions by sharing findings from their research projects.

Outstanding Branch Award — University of Central Florida



AMWA at the University of Central Florida is dedicated to fostering a supportive and inclusive community for aspiring healthcare professionals. Our mission is to provide opportunities for members to connect with women healthcare professionals across diverse specialties, helping them explore various paths in healthcare while understanding that every journey is unique. Our initiatives have included an OBGYN Panel, "Girls Supporting Girls" workshops, and volunteering with Shepherd's Hope, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Ronald McDonald House. Collaboration is a cornerstone of our efforts. We are committed to community service and enabling our members to give back and we've partnered with women-in-health-focused organizations to address critical topics like sexual/reproductive health and menstrual equity (donated feminine hygiene products to underserved Orlando communities).