2022 Faculty Excellence Awards
Research Excellence Awards

Presented by Dr. Jason Wertheim
CLINICAL INVESTIGATOR AWARD:

Jarrod Mosier, MD

Associate Professor (Tenured)
Department of Emergency Medicine
BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL INVESTIGATOR AWARD:

Steffan Nawrocki, PhD

Associate Professor (Tenured)
Department of Medicine
Clinical Excellence Awards

Presented by Dr. Josh Lee
CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Sarah Desoky, MD

Associate Professor (Clinical Scholar Track)
Department of Medical Imaging
CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Nathan Price, MD
Assistant Professor (Clinical Scholar Track)
Department of Pediatrics
Graduate Medical Education Excellence Awards

*Presented by Dr. Kevin Moynahan and Dr. Conrad Clemens*
GME EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Tara Carr, MD

Associate Professor (Clinical Scholar Track)
Department of Medicine
GME EXCELLENCE AWARD:

James Knepler, MD
Professor (Clinical Scholar Track)
Department of Medicine
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Excellence Awards

Presented by Dr. Victoria Murrain
DEI EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Lawrence Mandarino, PhD
Professor (Tenured)
Department of Medicine
DEI EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Michael Johnson, PhD

Assistant Professor (Tenure Eligible)
Department of Immunobiology
DEI EXCELLENCE AWARD:

The Department of Emergency Medicine
DEI EXCELLENCE AWARD:
The Department of Surgery
2022 Mentoring Awards

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Gerhart on behalf of the Dean’s Council on Faculty Affairs
During her tenure as interim chair, Dr. Addis led the OB department through tremendous growth of faculty, increase in P&T of current faculty and increase in research, publications and development of OB faculty. “She is an exceptional role model for leadership. Despite how busy she was, she made the time to push me toward my own development as a leader, encouraging and supporting my application to leadership programs both locally and nationally. Dr. Addis has had a tremendous impact on the success of many. She has coached numerous faculty and residents through professional growth and continues to be intentional about creating opportunities for others.”

Ilana Addis, MD – Associate Professor (Clinical Scholar), OBGYN
“Dr. Czuzak has mastered the tricky balance of providing help when needed, but also trusting mentees to get the job done after setting expectations. She acts as a source of feedback, needed when developing new courses. She also helped me understand the administrative structure of the college, the roles of our different committees, and by introducing me to key faculty and staff who teach in our pre-clerkship curriculum and who work in admissions and curriculum development. Her mentorship has allowed me to thrive as a junior faculty here at Uarizona College of Medicine-Tucson.”

Maria Czuzak, PhD – Associate Professor (Clinical Scholar), CMM
“distinct superpowers is seeking out the uniqueness and potential in others.”

“Listener. He picks up on things that don’t necessarily fit with the status quo, but will improve the individual or the system, and actively looks for ways to nurture and grow these new ideas.”

“The ability to see things from my point of view, while also understanding my ultimate goals and then using his experience, knowledge, and seniority to help me, epitomizes an excellent mentor.”

“Our world needs more mentors like Dr. Ditillo.”

Michael Ditillo, DO – Clinical Assistant Professor (Clinical Series), Surgery
His letters of nomination spoke to helping those he mentors find balance between academic and clinical responsibilities contributing to their wellbeing and success as well as always modeling what it means to be an excellent clinical partner. “He is the mentor I aim to be.”

Bellal Joseph, MD – Professor (Tenured), Surgery
Her nomination letter was beautiful. Let me paraphrase a little here, “She mentors by example, modeling exemplary patient care and has helped me directly navigate more challenging resident advising concerns with grace and kindness. This mentorship has led to great satisfaction with my early career, helping me to avoid burnout and be as successful as possible in my new roles. She helps support my passion and enthusiasm for my work, making it easier to continue through the common struggles of our calling in medicine.”

Elizabeth Kyle Meehan, MD – Assistant Professor (Clinical Scholar), FCM
“Her coaching and feedback have been instrumental in the development of my leadership skills, including the art of engaging others, developing networks, and optimizing negotiation. Equally important, she has helped me to overcome imposter syndrome, a critical barrier to career advancement for many academic physicians who are underrepresented in medicine. She is an incredible example of humble yet powerful leadership, always looking for what she can do to promote the advancement of others. I aspire to be the type of mentor that she has been to so many and will consider it a success if I am able to accomplish a fraction of that.”

Victoria Murrain, DO – Associate Professor (Clinical Scholar), FCM
In his nomination letter, “Dr. Sanders is a steadfast advocate for a better medical system, including his work in medical ethics. In addition to the training, coaching, and introducing he has done as a mentor, he is an incredible role model. His support and belief in me have made lasting effects in my career trajectory and life in general.”

Arthur Sanders, MD – Professor (Tenured), Emergency Medicine
“Upon observing Dr. Shroff’s leadership daily for the past several years, it is apparent that I am not alone in benefiting from her positive influence. Patient, staff, and colleagues alike have commented on the level of professionalism, dedication, and care that she demonstrates daily. While she has many talents, perhaps the most remarkable are her dedication to mentorship and passion for accomplishment through teamwork. Dr. Shroff’s mentorship and leadership style has had a major, positive impact on my career. I am so grateful for the opportunities she has given me and the important lessons she has taught me.”

Rachna Shroff, MD – Associate Professor (Tenure Eligible), Medicine
“What’s truly special about the mentorship Dr. Smith has provided to me is not any one individual thing that she has done, it is the sustained duration and dedication of her mentorship and the number of opportunities she has afforded to me. She is a pleasure to work with, she is grounded and able to share in the full range of experience involved in psychiatry, education, mentorship and life. With her humanity, clinical work, professionalism, ethical conduct, educational activity, she is an excellent candidate for this award.”

Kathy Smith, MD – Associate Professor (Educator Scholar), Psychiatry
Vernon and Virginia Furrow Excellence in Teaching Awards

Presented by Dr. Tejal Parikh
BASIC SCIENCE TEACHING:

Tara Carr, MD

Associate Professor (Clinical Scholar Track)
Department of Medicine
CLINICAL SCIENCE TEACHING:

Dalia Mikhael, MD

Clinical Associate Professor (Clinical Series Track)
Department of Medicine
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION:

John Sakles, MD

Professor (Clinical Scholar Track)
Department of Emergency Medicine
GRADUATE STUDENT EDUCATION:

Tally Largent-Milnes, PhD

Assistant Professor (Tenure Eligible)
Department of Pharmacology
INNOVATION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION:

Julia Jernberg, MD

Clinical Associate Professor (Clinical Series Track)
Department of Medicine
AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards

Presented by Dr. Tejal Parikh
AMES EXCELLENCE IN BASIC SCIENCE TEACHING:

James Proffitt, PhD

Assistant Professor (Educator Scholar Track)
Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine
AMES EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL TEACHING:

Amy Klein, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor (Clinical Series Track)
Department of Medicine
AMES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING INNOVATION:

Vijay Chandiramani, MD

Clinical Associate Professor (Clinical Series Track)
Department of Medicine
Ron and Karen Pust
Faculty Global Health Award

Presented by Dr. Sommer Aldulaimi
Ron and Karen Pust Faculty Global Health Award:

Lynn Coppola, MD

Assistant Professor (Clinical Scholar Track)
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology