Leonard B. Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation sponsors the annual Leonard B. Tow Humanism in Medicine Award for a faculty member at the JCESOM. This award is presented to the faculty member who best demonstrates the Foundation’s ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care; respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues; and demonstrated clinical excellence.

Eligibility: All full time JCESOM faculty members. Nominations may be made by all JCESOM faculty, residents, fellows, 4th year medical students, and staff.

Selection: Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Awards Committee. The recipient receives a plaque and a $1,000 cash prize generously provided by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

Nominations for the Leonard B. Tow Humanism in Medicine Award must include:

- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A nomination letter, in narrative form, indicating how the nominee fits the following criteria:
  - Consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
  - Serves as a role model—illustrates professional behavior by example, for both students and colleagues
  - Is 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 everyone they come in contact with
  - Demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds
  - Displays effective communication and listening skills
  - Understands patients’ need for interpretation of complex medical diagnoses and treatments and makes an effort to assure patient comprehension—shows respect for patients’ viewpoints
  - Pays attention and is sensitive to patients’ psychological well-being
  - Effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members
  - Engenders trust and confidence
  - Adheres to professional ethical standards
  - Is personally committed to objective self-evaluation of his/her own skills
  - Displays competence in scientific endeavors