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Telling the assembled students that they would “carry on a tradition that will make us proud in years to come,” and that many further opportunities for distinction await them, Dean Allen Lichter, M.D., convened the annual honors convocation held in Rackham Auditorium the evening before graduation. Thirty-six awards were presented to students and six to members of the faculty. Named in honor of esteemed members of the faculty over the history of the School and sometimes in honor of those who established the prizes, the awards highlight outstanding performance in medical studies, in research, in clinical care and in teaching.



(Above) Convocation speaker **James Woolliscroft**, executive associate dean of the Medical School

The evening’s address was given by James O. Woolliscroft, M.D., executive associate dean, professor of internal medicine and the Josiah Macy Jr. Professor of Medical Education, who noted that it was either “the first or the last honors convocation of the millennium,” depending on your view, and that either way, it was an historic event, made even more historic by the fact that the students are members of the School’s 150<sup>th</sup> class.

He reminded the students of history’s fast-changing pace, and the reality that much of what they have been taught may eventually become irrelevant or be proven wrong. It wouldn’t be the “myriad of facts” they had learned that would determine their success, he suggested, but rather how well they had learned to think, to frame and ask questions, to use resources, especially the people around them, wisely, to ask fundamental questions, to interact well with others and to continue learning.

They would, he said, have to remember to see each patient as distinct from every other patient, to sift out the important from the not important in framing clinical questions, a skill he predicted they would “hone to a fine level” over the next three to eight years of their residencies. ➤



(Above) **Brian Zink**, assistant dean for medical school student career development, presents the Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award, sponsored by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, to **Travis J. Heining**.

# Honors



(Above) **Jennifer Schwartz**, lecturer in dermatology, presents the William B. Taylor Dermatology Award to **Beata L. Rydzik** for her outstanding performance and interest in dermatology.



(Left) **Jameelah J. Gater** received the Terence C. Davies Award for her clinical and scholarly excellence in family medicine.



(Above) **Cyril Grum** presents the Eli G. Rochelson Memorial Award to **Jeffrey A. Jones** while **Dean Allen Lichter** looks on. The award recognizes outstanding performance in pulmonary and critical care medicine and honors a pulmonary specialist and father of a Medical School alumnus.

# Convocation 2000

“Countless opportunities for achievement  
will present themselves to you...”

—Dean Allen S. Lichter



(Above) **Lawrence J. Marentette**, associate professor of otolaryngology and surgery, presents the Albert C. Furstenberg Award for outstanding performance in otolaryngology to **Garfield Johnson III**.

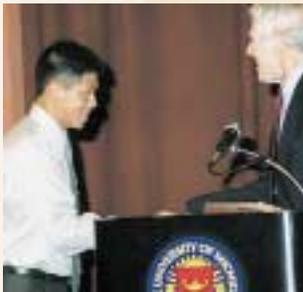
(Left) **Sonia V. Eden** displays her Edgar A. Kahn Award, given each year to a senior medical student for outstanding performance in clinical or laboratory work in neurosurgery. The Kahn Award was also given to Barunashish Brahma.



(Above) **Michele Doughty** receives the Ralph M. Gibson Award from **Kenneth Jamerson**, associate professor of internal medicine. The Gibson award is presented to the senior minority student who has best demonstrated the qualities exemplified by pediatrics faculty member Ralph Gibson, who consistently emphasized the pursuit of academic excellence and demonstrated a concern for minority students, their health and welfare. Doughty also received, as did Michael D. Evers, the Alice Hamilton Award for her winning essay on bioethics and medical humanities.



(Above) **Lisa Colletti**, associate professor of surgery and herself a Kaiser-Permanente awardee for her excellence in clinical teaching, presented **Jonathan S. Wilensky** with two awards: the Association for Academic Surgery Student Research Award, one of several given nationally, and the C. Gardner Child III Award.



(Above) **Gerald D. Abrams**, professor of pathology, presents **Edwin Y. Chang** with the Carl V. Weller Award, which is given to a second-year student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in pathology. Abrams noted that Weller, chair of the Department of Pathology from 1938 to 1956, was his first chief.

(Below) **Carol A. Kauffman**, M.D., professor of internal medicine, who noted that she was "old enough to remember Dr. Crosby," was given the Elizabeth Crosby Award, named after the beloved teacher of neuroanatomy, for her outstanding teaching in a basic science area.



He told them they would face many fundamental issues, from conflicts of interest to unionization to the ethical choices that would be forced upon them by advances in technology, including new understandings of the human genome. He suggested that they not back away from the difficult dilemmas they would have to address, such as the conflicts inherent in maintaining loyalty to individual patients while managing resources for the collective good.

Woolliscroft said he didn't know what changes would challenge them to learn new things; only that, based on his own experience, "medicine will be fundamentally different" in the years ahead. Their patients, he predicted, would be among their best teachers and would help them define their future curriculum in medicine. He cautioned them to not get so caught up in demands for efficiency that they forget the value of contemplation, curiosity, observation and reflection.

Especially, he said, they must take the time to listen and learn from their patients. He related an anecdote from early in his own medical career when a highly educated patient, having been given a lengthy and accurate review of the odds of recovery for his condition, stopped the young physician in mid-conversation. "He stopped me short and he told me that my ratios and percentages were meaningless to him, that they didn't help him a bit," Woolliscroft related. "He said that for him, the numbers were zero and one. Either he would make it or he wouldn't, and nothing else mattered." That patient, Woolliscroft said, like many others over the years, helped him learn that in his role as a healer, "knowing the literature" wasn't his only task.

"Medicine is a lifelong passion, a calling," he said. "I hope you'll come back in 25 years and tell us that the education you received here at Michigan gave you a foundation you could build on, that what you learned here gave you the confidence and the skills you needed to keep on learning, to engage in a lifetime of discoveries about yourself and your life in medicine." 

# 2000 Honors Convocation Awardees

Following is a complete listing of faculty and students who received awards at the 2000 Honors Convocation.

## FACULTY AWARDS

*The American Medical Women's Association Gender Equity Award*

**Joseph C. Fantone III, M.D.**

Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology Education  
Associate Dean for Medical Education

**Hilary M. Haftel, M.D.**

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases

*Elizabeth Crosby Award*

**Carol A. Kauffman, M.D.**

Professor of Internal Medicine

*The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey Humanism in Medicine Award*

**Lucila Nerenberg, M.D.**

Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry

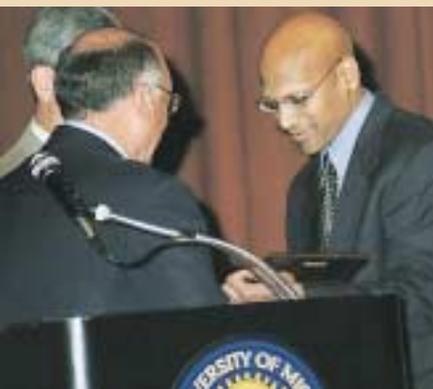
*Kaiser-Permanente Awards for Excellence in Teaching*

**Thomas R. Gest, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology

**Lisa M. Colletti, M.D.**

Associate Professor of Surgery



(Above) **Alphonse R. Burdi**, director of the Inteflex Program, presents **Samir Gupta** with the Frank E. Robbins Inteflex Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Professional Development. The Integrated Flexible Premedical/Medical School Curriculum, begun in 1972, is designed to graduate well-rounded, highly trained physicians in six years.

## DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

*Association for Academic Surgery Student Research Award*

**Jonathan S. Wilensky**

*Albert M. Barrett Award*

**Lauren B. Smith**

*Roger A. Berg Prize in Radiology*

**Srini Tridandapani**

*C. Gardner Child III Award*

**Jonathan S. Wilensky**

*Terence C. Davies Award*

**Jameelah J. Gater**

*Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award*

**Travis J. Heining**

*Albert C. Furstenberg Award*

**Garfield Johnson III**

*Edgar A. Kahn Award*

**Barunashish Brahma**

**Sonia V. Eden**

*William Dodd Robinson Award*

**James P. Smith**

*Eli G. Rochelson Memorial Award*

**Jeffrey A. Jones**

*Robert B. Sweet Award*

**Shyam D. Parekh**

*William B. Taylor Dermatology Award*

**Beata L. Ryzdik**

*Harry A. Towsley Award*

**Damian J. Krysan**

*Raymond W. Waggoner Award*

**Puneet K. Ailawadi**

*Carl V. Weller Award*

**Edwin Y. Chang**

*J. Robert Willson Award*

**Aparna Diwan**

## SENIOR AWARDS

*Dean's Award for Research Excellence*

**Grant D. Barish**

**Carey N. Lumeng**

*George R. DeMuth Medical Scientist Award for Excellence*

**Heather L. Burrows**

*Ralph M. Gibson Award*

**Michele M. Doughty**

*The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey Humanism in Medicine Award*

**Michael C. Overbeck**

*Frank E. Robbins Inteflex Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Professional Development*

**Samir Gupta**

*Andrew J. Zweifler Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills*

**James P. Smith**

## CLINICAL AWARDS

*Medical Center Alumni Society Scholarship-Service Award*

**Christy A. Petroff**

*Alice Hamilton Award*

**Michele M. Doughty**

**Michael D. Evers**

*Award for Excellence and Commitment to Women's Health*

**Dana E. Hawkins**

## PRECLINICAL AWARDS

*Novartis Award for Outstanding Community Service*

**Elise B. Georgi**

## SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

*Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation*

**Madhavi Dandu**

**Elizabeth J. Renaud**

**Aparna Diwan**

**Ellen T. Song**

**Nelangi M. Pinto**

**Samantha A. Spencer**

*Academic Achievement Award*

**Erik M. Bauer**



(Above) **Lauren B. Smith**, winner of the Albert M. Barrett Award for distinguished performance in the neurobehavioral sciences, and **Daniel Morgan**, third-year resident in obstetrics and gynecology