

2009 School of Medicine Alliance Awards



The School of Medicine Alliance recognized four students in the Graduate Studies program for their outstanding research and thesis work. The awards were presented at the Alliance's Spring meeting on May 5.

Ashleigh Miller, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Molecular & Medical Genetics, received the Outstanding Journal Article for her paper published in *Nature Methods*, entitled "Tractable Cre-lox system for stochastic alteration of genes in mice," describing

development of a mouse that can be used to study the genesis of cancer in the intestine.

David Muller, MD, a degree candidate in the Masters of Biomedical Informatics in the Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology, received the award for Outstanding Master's Thesis. Dr. Muller demonstrated the effectiveness of a secure email reminder system for patients undergoing colorectal cancer screening.

David Roalf, a doctoral candidate in Department of Behavioral Neuroscience, received the Alliance Award – a faculty-nominated honor recognizing overall achievement in the graduate studies program. Mr. Roalf will be the medical school's nominee for the annual University Club Award competition sponsored by the University Club of Portland.

Rebecca Tempel, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Molecular & Medical Genetics, received the Resko award for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation for her work on discovery and analysis of novel *Francisella* virulence factors. The award honors Dr. John Resko, former chair of the Department of Physiology & Pharmacology in the OHSU School of Medicine. She created a live attenuated version of the bacteria that causes tularemia, and which can be used for development of vaccines.

"These students show accomplishment across a wide range of scientific enquiry," said Kay Dawson, President of the School of Medicine Alliance. "The Alliance is proud to support this important program of the School of Medicine through these awards."

Photo: back: David Roalf, David Muller, MD. Front: Allison Fryer, PhD, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Ashleigh Miller, Rebecca Tempel and Kay Dawson, President, School of Medicine Alliance