

2009 OHSU School of Medicine Alumni Association Awards

The School of Medicine Alumni Association conferred its first award for leadership at its annual Alumni Association Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation on Sunday, May 31.

The Esther Pohl Lovejoy, MD, Leadership Award recognizes one of America's outstanding early medical leaders and OHSU Alumna (Class of 1894), who led the nation's fight for food handling reform. It is presented in recognition of exceptional leadership and service to the medical profession on a national or international level.

Sam Lin, MD, PhD, '75, recipient of the first Lovejoy Award, received his MD from OHSU, where he also earned membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He began his professional career as a US Public Health Service Commissioned Officer in the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), eventually rising to the rank of rear admiral. Dr. Lin is recognized for service as DHHS Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, and as Senior Advisor to the DHHS Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Health focusing on Asian-Pacific Rim and US-Mexico border health issues.

Annual Dean's Award

Susan J. Hayflick, MD, Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Molecular and Medical Genetics

This award recognizes exceptional service to the School of Medicine and is presented Annually by the Dean. Dr. Hayflick was recognized as an exceptional scientist, active lecturer, prolific publisher and a valued citizen of the OHSU School of Medicine community. Dr. Hayflick's work has led to the identification of the gene defect responsible for two completely separate brain degeneration disorders. Dr. Hayflick has shown dedication to improving the climate for faculty in the School of Medicine, encouraging women in leadership roles. Under Dr. Hayflick's watchful encouragement, women faculty representation on all committees – the primary governing bodies of the School of Medicine and a key mechanism for advancement – has grown from 26 to 45% in just five years. Dr. Hayflick completed medical school at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine and did an internship and residency in pediatrics at the Maine Medical Center. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in medical genetics at the Center for Medical Genetics at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and joined OHSU in 1993.

Charles A. Preuss, MD, Distinguished Alumni Award

John W. Kendall, Jr., M.D. Resident '62

Named in honor of Charles A. Preuss, MD '29, who advocated for physicians to be active in their community and show support for the School of Medicine, this award was established in 1983. It honors a School of Medicine graduate who, in professional achievement and service to their community, reflects the highest ideals of the School of Medicine.

Dr. Kendall received his MD from the University of Washington and interned at Vanderbilt University Hospital. He moved to Marquam Hill in 1961 as Attending Staff Physician at OHSU, and has numerous clinical, research and administrative appointments at OHSU and the Portland VA Medical Center since. He served as Dean of the School of Medicine from 1983 to 1992, becoming Dean Emeritus the following year. The Preuss award is the latest in a long line of recognitions from endocrine societies, medical professional associations and foundations.

Richard T. Jones, MD, PhD, Distinguished Alumni Scientist Award

Fred L. Minnear, PhD '79

This award was established in 2001 honor a graduate from the School of Medicine's Masters or Doctor of Philosophy degree programs who displays continued research excellence, service to the scientific community, and/or contributions to basic science education. The award name was amended in 2006 in recognition of Dr. Jones' many years of exceptional service to the School of Medicine.

Dr. Minnear is Professor of Physiology and Pharmacology at West Virginia University Health Sciences Center. He received his PhD in Anatomy from OHSU in 1979, and his research interests include endothelial cell biology, pulmonary edema and barrier function, the Adherens junction, actin cytoskeleton and binding proteins, and the ultrastructure of the lung.

Volunteer Faculty Recognition Awards

The Alumni Association provides the School's departments and divisions with the opportunity to recognize School of Medicine graduates who provide invaluable volunteer faculty service to the School.

Nancy Boutin, MD '83 – Radiation Medicine

Linda Humphrey, MD '83 – Public Health & Preventive Medicine

James Novak, MD '70 – Family Medicine