

A Word of Welcome



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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the second annual Linda Brodsky Memorial Journal, in honor of Dr Linda Brodsky...Beloved wife, mother, ENT surgeon, and Heroine. Linda was one of the founding co-chairs of the AMWA Gender Equity Task Force in 2010, she was an active blogger, started a very successful website WomenMDResources.com, and spent every waking hour trying to improve the workplace conditions of women physicians, between all her other commitments. She was a mentor to all who knew her, and were willing to listen to some of her very wise advice. She was brilliant, gifted, and well organized, and an inspiration to us all.

So it is fitting that we offer this venue for our women medical students to share with us their thought on the mentors in their lives who helped them become the physicians that they strive to be. This journal represents the best of the essays written by AMWA medical students across the country on the topic of mentorship.

The panel of judges had an even harder time this year, choosing just one winner, so we decided to chose a first place and second place runner up this year to honor as well.

Congratulations Julie An, first place winner, who passed the wisdom of Dr. VanNostrom and her inspirational messages: to always be prepared, don't be afraid of what you want and always help others along the way. And to the first runner up Sara Long who wrote about Dr. Giannini who inspired her to become a "passionate, caring physician" and "to contribute to policy, public health and advance the field of medicine through research." Congratulations to Sara Kim our second runner

up, in third place with her essay about Dr. Christine Matthews Dalton, who upon finding out that she had cancer during medical school, became a Florida International University faculty member, rather than perusing a residency program, and inspired medical students until her untimely death.

I would also like to thank Dr. VanNostrom, Dr. Giannini, Dr. Christine Matthews and all the mentors to our very bright and engaging AMWA medical students. Thank you for taking the time to encourage and support the future of medicine.

Thank you Eman Sahloul and the Medical Student Press for publishing these articles. And finally I would like to thank Dr. Stephanie Nagy-Agren, Dr. Julie Welch, and the student leaders who read all the essays, and helped us to choose the winning essay, as well as Dr. Saul Greenfield for his continued support of this project, and Dr. Suzanne Harrison for helping to fund the financial award this year.

I know that you will appreciate reading these essays, and being inspired by both the authors and the subjects. Enjoy!

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