



The Distinguished Graduate Award, established in 1982, is the highest honor bestowed upon graduates of the Perelman School of Medicine. It pays tribute to highly accomplished alumni for outstanding service to the medical profession and to society at-large. The award celebrates the graduate's notable achievement — in either biomedical research, clinical practice, or medical education — which has already garnered national or international acclaim.

I would like to invite you to submit nominations for the recipients of the **2022 and 2023 Distinguished Graduate Awards**. All graduates of the Perelman School of Medicine are eligible for nomination for this award, which is presented annually during Medical Alumni Weekend.

Recent recipients include:

**2021**

Vanessa Northington Gamble, M'78, G'84, GR'87  
Rita F. Redberg, M'81

**2020**

Leonard Hayflick, C'51, G'53, GR'56  
Gregg L. Semenza, M'82, GR'84

**2019**

J. Sanford Schwartz, M'74, RES'77  
Rajiv Shah, M'02, GRW'05

**2018**

Richard Besser, M'86  
Karl Rickels, FEL'57

**2017**

Peter J. Jannetta, C'53, M'57, INT'64  
Frederick S. Kaplan, GM'81

To view a full list of past recipients, please [click here](#).

[Submit Your Nomination Here](#)

You can elect to submit your nomination anonymously. The information provided by alumni like you will be the sole material reviewed by a committee to determine the finalists. An esteemed panel comprised of physicians from the University of Pennsylvania Health System, previous honorees, and others selects the recipient from your nominations.

**Nominations must be received no later than October 31, 2021.**

We appreciate you taking the time to participate.