The American Academy of Dermatology would like to thank Novartis for its generous support of the 2021 Stars of the Academy Awards Ceremony.
Gold Medal Award

Dirk M. Elston, MD, FAAD

The Gold Medal is the American Academy of Dermatology’s highest award. It is presented on a highly selective basis in recognition of outstanding and exceptional service to the specialty of dermatology in the science, teaching and practice of cutaneous medicine and surgery. It is also considered for those who have made an outstanding and exceptional contribution to the administrative aspects of this specialty, nationally or internationally.
Master Dermatologist Award

Timothy G. Berger, MD, FAAD

The Master Dermatologist Award recognizes an Academy member who throughout the span of his or her career has made significant contributions to the specialty of dermatology as well as to the leadership and/or educational programs of the American Academy of Dermatology.
The Thomas G. Pearson, EdD, Memorial Education Award recognizes a member of the Academy who has advanced the organization’s educational mission through significant contribution of time, development of educational programs, coordination of educational activities, and more. Established in 2002, the award also serves as a memorial to the late Dr. Thomas G. Pearson, who was the Academy’s director of education from 1987 to 2001.
Honorary Membership was bestowed on the following member for his long record of distinguished service to the American Academy of Dermatology.

Marcus A. Conant, MD, FAAD
Honorary Membership

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Howard I. Maibach, MD, FAAD
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Suzanne Olbricht, MD, FAAD

“I think my greatest accomplishments were that I worked to foster a collaborative partnership between the professional staff and the member leaders to accomplish the work of the Academy more effectively in all of its programs and initiatives. Emphasized a forward look at our challenges and opportunities and as President pushed the Board to define our momentum during a Strategy Retreat.

As Treasurer, changing and standardizing the budget process to include more member input and accountability as well as advocating and implementing a requirement that the final budget include an operating margin, including the creation of a quasi-endowment fund and applying substantial savings annually to ensure future financial stability.

Supporting DataDerm from concept to full implementation by assuring the presence of financial and Board support at all times.”
Honorary Membership

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Elise Olsen, MD, FAAD

“During my academic career in Dermatology, I have focused on what some would feel are two very disparate areas, hair disorders and cutaneous lymphoma. Both fields, however, have offered so many opportunities for someone who is clinician and clinical researcher to help individual patients in a meaningful way while also advancing patient care by critical observation, recognition of gaps in knowledge, and creation of the methods to fill those gaps. The two editions of my textbook, Hair Disorders: Diagnosis and Treatment, filled a gap in the overall education of the disorders of hair loss and led the way to multiple consensus conferences on better understanding on what we now call female pattern hair loss and central centrifugal cicatricial alopecia. In both hair disorders and cutaneous lymphoma, I have worked to develop standardized methodology and multidisciplinary guidelines for clinical trials that have encouraged and promoted FDA approval of new medications. Importantly, these advances have been done in concert with my colleagues in dermatology, pathology, and oncology, emphasizing the importance of collaborative work and consensus building.”
Honorary Membership was bestowed on the following member for her long record of distinguished service to the American Academy of Dermatology.

Amy S. Paller, MD, FAAD

“I think that my greatest accomplishments have been in advancing the field of pediatric dermatology, nurturing and mentoring young dermatologists, and in establishing new organizations that are taking us into the future. And perhaps as important as any other accomplishment, through my own practice and advocacy groups I have established relationships with so many patients with chronic life-altering diseases, changing their lives and reducing the burden on their families.”
Honorary Membership

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Charles W. Stiefel, MD, FAAD

“I think the primary way that I contributed to the field of dermatology was by offering innovative products that were beneficial to patients. Through the years, we were responsible for several important therapeutic innovations. We were, for example, the first company to utilize topical benzoyl peroxide in the treatment of acne.”
Honorary Membership was bestowed on the following member for his long record of distinguished service to the American Academy of Dermatology.

Dirk M. Elston, MD, FAAD

“I’ve been blessed with many opportunities to teach gifted students who continue to pay it forward.”
The American Academy of Dermatology thanks the following officers, who completed their term in March 2021, for their dedication and service to the Academy.

Bruce H. Thiers, MD, FAAD, President
Susan C. Taylor, MD, FAAD, Vice President
George J. Hruza, MD, MBA, FAAD, Immediate Past President
Outgoing Board of Director Members

The American Academy of Dermatology thanks the following directors, who completed their term on the Board of Directors in March 2021, for their dedication and service to the Academy.

Valerie Callender, MD, FAAD  Patricia K. Farris, MD, FAAD

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Outgoing Young Physician Board Observer

Travis W. Blalock, MD, FAAD

Outgoing Residents/Fellows Board Observer

Tanya Greywal, MD, FAAD
This individual is being recognized for his longstanding commitment to the highest standards of professionalism and medical ethics.

Stephen B. Webster, MD, FAAD
William D. James, MD
Mentor of the Year Award

This individual is being recognized for demonstrating throughout her career a long-standing commitment to mentoring students, trainees, and/or junior faculty.

Sylvia Hsu, MD, FAAD
Young Investigators Award

The Academy members below were recognized with the Young Investigator Award for their significant research advances in the science and practice of dermatology.

Allison Billi, MD, PhD, FAAD  Joy Wan, MD, MSCE, FAAD
Advocate of the Year Award

The American Academy of Dermatology Association is recognizing this individual who, over the course of the calendar year, went above and beyond in advocating on behalf of the specialty with elected officials in the federal, state, and local levels.

Amy J. Derick, MD, FAAD
The following Academy members received the Cochrane Scholarship, which supports attendance of the Cochrane Colloquium. The scholarship was developed to support training in and reach of evidence-based medicine in dermatology.

Brandon Adler, MD
Alex Ortega-Loayza, MD
Excellence in Patient Care Award - Resident Quality Improvement Award

These individuals are being recognized for their commitment and service to the specialty and the Academy facilitating quality improvement engagement among dermatology residents.

Kevin Chao, MD
Marie Donaldson, MD
Sungat Grewal, MD
Priscilla Kojder, MD
Connie Shi, MD
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Presidential Citation Award

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Theodore Rosen, MD, FAAD
Nidhi Shah, MD

Steven B. Sloan, MD, FAAD
Stephen P. Stone, MD, FAAD
Marta J. Van Beek, MD, MPH, FAAD
Rebecca Vasquez, MD, FAAD
Jashin J. Wu, MD, FAAD
Model State Award

Indiana Academy of Dermatology
Iowa Dermatological Society
Louisiana Dermatological Society
Rhode Island Dermatology Society
Wisconsin Dermatological Society
Model State with Honors Award

Alabama Dermatology Society
Colorado Dermatologic Society
Dermatological Society of New Jersey
Massachusetts Academy of Dermatology
Michigan Dermatological Society
Minnesota Dermatological Society
Missouri Dermatological Society, Inc.
Oregon Dermatology Society
South Carolina Academy of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery
Virginia Dermatology Society
SSTAR Award
(State Society Transformation, Advocacy, and Retention)
Model State with Highest Honors

California Society of Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery
Florida Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery
Maryland Dermatologic Society
North Carolina Dermatology Association
Ohio Dermatological Association, Inc.
Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery
Texas Dermatological Society
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Karen McKoy, MD, MPH, FAAD
Council on Member Services
Marion B. Sulzberger, MD
Memorial Award

In recognition of his work directing the Vitiligo Clinic and Research Center and research to develop more effective treatments for vitiligo.

John Harris, MD, PhD, FAAD
Clarence S. Livingood, MD Award

In recognition of her work using telemedicine to provide access to dermatologic care in underserved areas.

Karen E. Edison, MD, FAAD
Lila and Murray Gruber Memorial Cancer Research Award

In recognition of her work leading the Melanoma Program in the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Suzanne L. Topalian, MD
Eugene J. Van Scott Award for Innovative Therapy of the Skin and Phillip Frost Leadership Lecture

In recognition of her innovative approach to autoimmune therapy that uses targeted therapy to eliminate the B cells responsible for disease. This innovative approach to therapy has the potential to profoundly change our approach to therapy of pemphigus and other autoimmune diseases.

Aimee S. Payne, MD, PhD, FAAD