2012 Yang Chiao Wang Award in Family Medicine

Background and Purpose:
In memory of Mrs. Yang Chiao Wang, this award is to be given to graduating medical students demonstrating extraordinary leadership and pursuing a career in Family Medicine. Mrs. Wang strongly believed in the unique care provided by Stanford's family physicians, and entrusted the health of several generations of her family to them. Her family's wish is that the brightest medical students be encouraged to take up this specialty, which is so important to the nation's health.

Who is Eligible? Graduating Stanford medical students. Applicants must have declared Family Medicine as their specialty. Applicants will be evaluated on their commitment to Family Medicine, leadership qualities, academic performance, interpersonal skills, communication skills, and involvement in public service.

Amount of Award: $10,000 to be divided among the awardees.

The number of awardees will be determined by the pool of qualified applicants.

Nominations: Nominations may be submitted by Stanford faculty, community preceptors, or students (including the applicant). The Award is designed to reimburse a portion of medical school debt incurred by the student going into residency. We are especially interested in students who exhibit the highest levels of skill, compassion, and leadership. A firm and continuing commitment to the specialty of Family Medicine is an essential precedent for any applicant.

Supporting Materials:

1) Personal Statement by the Applicant: Please define the specialty of Family Medicine. Cite examples of activities you have engaged in that show your commitment to this definition. Please describe your future career and how this definition will guide your activities.

2) Curriculum vitae.

3) Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a Family Medicine faculty member.)

Submission Info and Deadlines: Submit your nominations to Art Johnson (avjohn@stanford.edu) by January 13, 2012. Awardees will be determined by the Awards Committee and publicly announced.
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Selection Committee

Steven Lin, MD, is a resident in the Stanford affiliated San Jose-O'Connor Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program. He received his M.D. from Stanford University School of Medicine in 2010. He was nationally recognized when selected to be a Fellow of the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, a branch of the American Board of Family Medicine that seeks to enhance the specialty of Family Medicine by identifying and promoting the development of future leaders in the most comprehensive primary care field. He is thrilled and honored to serve on the Yang Chiao Wang Award in Family Medicine Committee, and hopes to assist the brightest, community-minded Stanford medical students achieve excellence in Family Medicine.

Nancy Morioka-Douglas, MD, MPH, Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at Stanford, is also the Clinic Chief for the faculty practice. After completing her undergraduate degree at Stanford, she returned home to Hawaii to receive her M.D. and her Master's of Public Health. She went on to complete her Family Medicine residency training at the Stanford affiliated San Jose Hospital program followed by the Song-Brown Fellowship in Family Medicine that developed her research interests. She is grateful to have attended a medical school where Family Medicine was very popular. Through the Yang Chiao Wang Award in Family Medicine and the development of future programs that would enhance this, she hopes to attract the best and brightest of Stanford medical students to Family Medicine as a specialty choice.

Erika Schillinger, MD, Clinical Associate Professor and Predoctoral Education Director, oversees the educational programs in Family Medicine across the training continuum. She leads the clinical skills training for early medical students, serves as an Educator 4 CARE faculty mentor, and is actively involved in faculty recruitment, development and retention. After receiving her B.A. in History and Literature at Harvard University, she came to Stanford Medical School and found her passion caring for all family members across their lifespan in Family Medicine. She helped found the Arbor Free Clinic, a still thriving student run homeless clinic. She completed residency training and a Faculty Development Fellowship at UCSF, and came back to Stanford with a mission to mentor Stanford students in Family Medicine.

Dr. Schillinger understands the barriers that students potentially interested in Family Medicine experience and she is deeply committed to helping those students find and hold onto their passion in their careers. She finds Family Medicine to be deeply fulfilling, entirely fascinating, profoundly human, and the hope for the future of health care for all.

Grace Yu, MD, is on faculty at the Stanford affiliated San Jose-O'Connor Family Medicine Residency Program and Adjunct Clinical Instructor of Family Medicine at Stanford. After receiving a B.A. in East Asian Studies at Harvard University, she moved west to complete her medical school training at Stanford University School of Medicine. She is a graduate of the San Jose-O'Connor Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program and the UCSF-Northern California Faculty Development Fellowship Program.

Dr. Yu is passionate about primary care education and enjoys her teaching responsibilities with bright and motivated medical students and Family Medicine residents. She practices full-spectrum Family Medicine, with a special interest in Women's Health (including Obstetrics), chronic illness care, and international medicine. Outside of the Bay Area, Dr. Yu also sees patients in Roatan, Honduras, where she volunteers regularly with a local community clinic, Clinica Esperanza.