2019 NIH Director’s Awards

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Distinguished honorees, colleagues, family, and friends, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2019 NIH Director’s Awards Ceremony.

Today, we recognize your exceptional commitment to advancing NIH’s important mission. Your outstanding efforts have enabled NIH-supported researchers to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems, and to apply that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.

Through creative ingenuity, wise stewardship, and compassionate service, the 2019 NIH Director’s Awardees embody NIH’s distinguished purpose in many different ways. Today, we recognize exceptional achievements in the following categories: research, administration, technical/clerical support, mentoring, clinical care, Commissioned Corps, work-life and well-being, and equity, diversity, and inclusion. Each of these areas is critical to maintaining and strengthening NIH’s status as the world’s premier biomedical research agency.

I am immensely grateful for all who have gone above and beyond to share their time, talents, and passion with NIH. Your selfless contributions are among the many reasons why NIH is often called the “National Institutes of Hope.”

Congratulations to each of you for all that you have accomplished! I salute you and offer best wishes for your continued success. The future of NIH depends on dedicated people like you.

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2019 NIH DIRECTOR’S AWARDS

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NIH DIRECTOR’S AWARDS

The NIH Director’s Award recognizes superior performance or special efforts significantly beyond the regular duty requirements, and directly related to fulfilling the mission of the National Institutes of Health. The three categories of the NIH Director’s Award:

Scientific/Medical

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:
- Unusual display of leadership that promoted the advancement of the understanding or application of scientific phenomena, processes or problems
- Extraordinary achievement in the application of scientific principles and methods to improve the efficiency or extend the benefits of the NIH
- Discovery or invention of a new scientific principle, process or device which resulted in substantial benefits
- Sustained and exceptional performance beyond regular duty requirements.
- Outstanding contribution, beyond regular attendance, to a special committee or task force dealing with NIH-wide policies, procedures or operations
- Superior skill and leadership in science

Administrative

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:
- Extraordinary initiative or leadership in carrying out activities to improve NIH program operations or to benefit the NIH environment
- Development and improvement of methods, procedures, or equipment that resulted in substantial benefits to the NIH or the U.S. Government
- Remarkable competence, compassion, or heroism dealing with an emergency at NIH
- Sustained and exceptional performance beyond regular duty requirements in carrying out a difficult task
- Outstanding contribution, beyond regular attendance, to a special committee or task force dealing with NIH-wide policies, procedures or operations
- Significant resourcefulness and competence in improving the administrative management of the NIH
- Superior skill and leadership in administration

Technical/Clerical/Support

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:
- Outstanding efforts in applying technical or clerical support skills to accomplish the NIH mission
- Extraordinary initiatives in carrying out activities to improve NIH program operations or to benefit the NIH environment
- Remarkable competence, compassion, or heroism in an emergency situation at NIH
- Sustained and exceptional performance beyond regular duty requirements in carrying out a difficult task
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The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding clinical researchers who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to assisting patients and their families who look to the National Institutes of Health for help. Recipients of this award exemplify Dr. Rabson's unwavering commitment to scientific and technical excellence, collaboration with colleagues, and provision of excellent, compassionate care for patients and those who love them.

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The purpose of the award is to recognize one supervisor’s exceptional performance or special efforts in supporting employees’ work/life and well-being while maintaining or improving productivity in support of the agency’s mission.

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PHS NIH Commissioned Corps Distinguished Service Medal

The Distinguished Service Medal is the highest Commissioned Corps honor award. It is presented to an officer who has demonstrated a genuine sense of public service by making exceptional contributions to the mission of the PHS. Achievements to be recognized may range from extraordinary management of a major health program to a heroic act.

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

CAPT Jose Serrano, NIDDK
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The Meritorious Service Medal is the second highest Commissioned Corps honor award granted to an officer. It recognizes a single, particularly important achievement; a career notable for accomplishments in technical or professional fields; or unusually high quality and initiative in leadership.

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The Outstanding Unit Citation is granted to a group of officers who exhibit outstanding contributions toward achieving the goals and objectives of the Corps. To merit this award, the Unit must have provided outstanding service, often of national significance.

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Harvey J. Bullock Jr. Award

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In recognition of her outstanding efforts to increase sensitivity and awareness to the needs of the SGM community to help foster workplace diversity and inclusion.

Yvonne Thompson Maddox Award for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

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Kathy Mann Koepke, NICHD

In recognition for her devoted efforts to ensure that all NIH employees regardless of physical ability have the welcoming, supportive, respectful environment necessary for success.

NIH Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award of the Year

The NIH Anti-Harassment and Workplace Climate Survey Team

In recognition for efforts to help design and implement the NIH Anti-Harassment and Personal Relationships Policies and Workplace Climate and Harassment Survey.

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