2025 Award Winners

The 19th Annual
Lewis Landsberg Research Day

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Public Health and Social Science Research

First Place: Jo Salvati, graduate student
Mortality among justice-involved youth: a 26-year longitudinal study

Second Place: Lauren Opsasnick, assistant professor of Medicine
Change in Cognitive Function Over 12 Years among Community-Dwelling Older Adults

Third Place: Augusta Zukauskas, research study assistant
Cross validation of novel secondary executive functioning scores in the Mobile Toolbox for monitoring cognitive change

Clinical Research

First Place: Kallista Zhuang, medical student
Retinal Ischemic Perivascular Lesions Reveal the Impact of Hypertension in Diabetic Retinopathy and Stratify Risk of Vision Loss in Patients

Second Place: Tilda Carlelycke, research staff
Development of Germline Variant Curation Guidelines for Myeloid Malignancy Associated Genes

Third Place: Morgan Kinsinger, clinical resident and fellow
Elevated Serum GDF15 Correlates with Poor Growth among Children with Mitochondrial Disease

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Basic Science Research

First Place: Mariia Denichenko, research staff
Biallelic variants in RELCH, encoding a Rab11-binding protein, cause a complex neurodevelopmental disorder

Second Place: Jessica Christiansen, research staff
Mutations in KALRN are Linked to Neurodevelopmental Disorders

Third Place: Josiah Hiu-yuan Wong, graduate student
Targeting SUV39H1/2-Mediated H3K9ME3 induces transposon element reactivation in acute myeloid leukemia

Award for Excellence in Women's Health Research in Basic Science

Fangjia Tong, postdoctoral fellow
Computational ranking identifies Plexin-B2 in circulating tumor cell clustering with monocytes in breast cancer metastasis

Award for Excellence in Women's Health Research in Clinical or Public Health Research

Jaclyn Borrowman, postdoctoral fellow
Estimating the proportion of adverse pregnancy outcomes prevented with improved early pregnancy cardiovascular health