



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

College of Medicine

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Fall Formal

Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Prairieland Park, Hall C, Saskatoon

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

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Program

Elder Blessing

Elder Robert Merasty

Welcome - Masters of Ceremonies

Faye Almojuela

Tori Dauvin

Welcome - College of Medicine

Dr. Sarah Forgie, Dean, College of Medicine

Undergraduate Medical Education Awards

Dr. Asma Noshawan, Academic Director, UGME

Dr. Sarah Forgie, Dean, College of Medicine

Office of Career Advising and Mentorship Awards

Dr. Greg Malin, Acting Associate Dean, UGME

Office of Student Affairs PLN Leader Awards

Dr. Greg Malin, Acting Associate Dean, UGME

Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan Awards

Faye Almojuela

Tori Dauvin

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Undergraduate Medical Education Awards

Weisdorff Bursary

Gifted to residents of Saskatchewan or the Canadian Territories who has demonstrated strong academic performance.

Wardman Family Scholarship for Indigenous Students in Medicine

To recognize the academic achievement of an Indigenous student completing second year at the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan.

Drs. Shashi and Pravesh Suri Award

Dr. Shashi Suri, an anesthesiologist, and Dr. Pravesh Suri, a family physician, have served the people of southern Saskatchewan since 1978. They established the Drs. Shashi and Pravesh Suri Awards in Undergraduate Medicine to show their appreciation for the University of Saskatchewan's medical school, promote academic excellence. Each year, the awards recognize first- and second-year medical students in the top 10% of their class.

Dr. Ernest McBrien Award

In memory of Dr. Ernest McBrien, this award is presented to a student who has participated in rural medicine experiences including their community experience and rural externship. The recipient must also demonstrate an interest in Family Medicine as a career choice.

Shirley Anne Bergman Award in Integrative Medicine

To honor their mother, and to support the advancement of integrative medicine, the children of Shirley Bergman created this award, to be presented annually to a third or fourth year medical student that has shown an interest in, or aptitude for, the area of integrative medicine.

Arthur Lyle Bell Memorial Scholarship

The late Reverend Bell, during his illness, talked with junior medical students and stressed the importance of approaching the patient as a whole person. In his memory, a scholarship was established for a student who provides evidence of understanding the patient-physician relationship and demonstrates interest and potential talent in caring for the person, as well as treating the illness, from the moment of first contact.

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Jon Lambi Memorial Scholarship

Jon N. Lambi was admitted to the College of Medicine in the fall of 1979 and passed away in a car accident on October 9, 1979. Jon was held in high esteem by all who knew him and in his memory a \$2000 scholarship was established. The recipient is chosen from students entering second year in the top 10% of their class who have demonstrated aptitude for the study of Medicine combined with a contribution to the undergraduate life of their classmates.

The Flowers Bursary

This award was created through a bequest from the estate of Lilian Louise Flowers. She designated it be awarded annually to a student entering the second year of the MD program in the College of Medicine.

Gregory Stilwell Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Gregory A. Stilwell was a faculty member in the Department of Microbiology for four and a half years. In his memory, a scholarship is awarded annually to the student who receives the highest mark in the medical microbiology courses.

CJ Houston Prize in Medical History

This award was established by Dr. C.J. Houston, former head of the Department of Medical Imaging and is awarded annually to a first year medical student who submits the best essay on the History of Medicine.

Doreen and Tony Gruza Scholarship

Awarded to a student who has completed one year of the Doctor of Medicine program and has participated significantly in their community as well as achieved high academic merit.

Dr. Jim and Felicity O'Carroll Award for Resiliency

This award recognizes the student who weathers the trials and tribulations of life while balancing the demands of medical school.

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Dr. Gertrude Crabtree Undergraduate Scholarship in Medicine

This scholarship is made possible by a gift from Ms. Shivon Crabtree in honour and memory of her sister-in-law, Dr. Gertrude Crabtree, who graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with an MD degree in 1977. This award is made on the basis of academic achievement, as well as consideration of a statement outlining strong ties to the province of Saskatchewan.

Neurology Education Fund

The purpose of the Neurology Education Fund is to enhance the education experience of the undergraduate medical students in the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan.

Manju Khandelwal Memorial Scholarship

Manju L. Khandelwal was a university student who died in the crash of Air India flight 182 off the coast of Ireland on June 23, 1985. The Khandelwal family established a scholarship in her memory to the College of Medicine and recognizes a student's performance in Biochemistry courses prior to admission.

Anatomy Award

Presented annually to the undergraduate student that has attained the highest academic standing in courses taken in the Department of Anatomy.

The Medicine Chest Award in Indigenous Virtual Health

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated an interest in Indigenous Health, virtual care of AI, interprofessional practice, and decreasing barriers to health care access of vulnerable populations.

Gary Stoik Memorial Award

Dr. Gary L. Stoik was a well-respected general surgeon who worked extensively in the Middle East. This award, donated in his memory by the Stoik Family, is presented to a medical student who is a graduate from a Saskatchewan high school and who has demonstrated an aptitude for surgery.

Dr. Neil Beck Memorial Scholarship

This award, made in memory of Dr. Neil R. Beck, is intended to recognize second-year MD students in the College of Medicine who have demonstrated academic excellence in endocrinology.

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Sylvia Turner Scholarship in Medicine

Sylvia Louise Turner was born in Estevan in 1929. Sylvia believed in lifelong learning and passed this love onto her children, all of whom went to pursue higher education at Canadian universities.

Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) Prize

The SMA annually provides a prize to the student receiving the highest average in the clinical sciences component of the curriculum.

Dr. Harold Prokopishyn Scholarship

This award was created through a bequest from Dr. Harold Prokopishyn, an alumnus from the Class of 1959. Dr. Prokopishyn practiced as a general surgeon for more than 50 years and spent most of his career in Lethbridge, Alberta. The award is intended to support medical student scholarships.

University of Saskatchewan Scholarships & USask Undergraduate Scholarships

The University of Saskatchewan Scholarships and the U of S Undergraduate Scholarships have been allocated to colleges based on the number of full-time undergraduate students enrolled in each college for the 2024-2025 fall and winter terms.

John Hall Wedge Scholarship in Medicine

This award recognizes the academic achievement of a student entering their second year in the MD program at the College of Medicine.

Reuben Brant Scholarship in Medicine

This scholarship has been donated by the estate of Mr. Reuben Brant. These awards are presented based on academic achievement.

Dean's Award in Medicine

The Dean's Award was established to recognize a student who has made an outstanding contribution in an area not evaluated by traditional methods. It could recognize a person who has achieved national distinction through activities outside the College of Medicine, such as theatre, writing, athletics, music, or the visual arts. The Dean of Medicine shall choose the recipient of the award.

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Office of Career Advising and Mentorship Awards

2025-2026 Mentee of the Year

For embracing mentorship with enthusiasm, embodying a spirit of growth, receptivity, and dedication.

2025-2026 Mentor of the Year

For providing exemplary guidance to junior medical students, and fostering growth, support, and camaraderie in the journey of medical education.

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Office of Student Affairs Awards

PLN Awards

Recognizing individuals who embody the principles of Self Determination Theory (SDT) within our professional learning networks (PLNs). This award aims to celebrate those who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and contribute to fostering a supportive and empowering environment for their peers.

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Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan Awards

Pre-Clerkship Teacher of the Year – Regina

A professor who is held in high regard and goes above and beyond expectations in their interactions with medical students.

Pre-Clerkship Teacher of the Year – Saskatoon

A professor who is held in high regard and goes above and beyond expectations in their interactions with medical students.

Clerkship Teacher of the Year – Regina

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Honorary President of the SMSS

A member of UGME staff who contributes to the enhancement of student experiences in the College of Medicine.

Spirit of the Class Regina (MD Classes 2027, 2028, 2029)

A Regina student nominated from each class who is held in high regard by their classmates and represents the uniqueness and talents of their class and the charisma and nerve needed to be a future physician leader.

Spirit of the Class Saskatoon (MD Classes 2027, 2028, 2029)

A Saskatoon student nominated from each class who is held in high regard by their classmates and represents the uniqueness and talents of their class and the charisma and nerve needed to be a future physician leader.

Student Participant Award (MD Classes 2027, 2028, 2029)

Awarded to a student, one from each year, who participates at the executive level of one or more student groups as well as participates and contributes to team unity and experience on one or more College of Medicine recreation teams.

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MVP Regina

Awarded to a Regina student, one from each year, who strives to promote the morale and feeling of community at the Regina campus. The recipient will be selected for commitment to promotion of wellness, community, professional development, and/or advocacy for current and future Regina students.

MVP Saskatoon

Awarded to a Saskatoon student, one from each year, who strives to promote the morale and feeling of community at the Saskatoon campus. The recipient will be selected for commitment to promotion of wellness, community, professional development, and/or advocacy for current and future Saskatoon students.

Global/Community Health Award

Awarded to a student who has shown a vested interest in improving health care outcomes for others and/or increasing awareness of health care inequity among their classmates on either a local or global scale.

Student Group of the Year

Awarded to the group that best serves the student experience in the College of Medicine by providing unique opportunities to members.

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staff and faculty.*