

Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Awards for 2007

On Alumni Day, April 14, 2007, alumni and faculty of the School were recognized for their outstanding achievements. The awards were presented by Dean Robert M. Glickman, M.D., who greeted more than 400 alumni and guests.

AWARD IN BASIC SCIENCE

EDWARD A. FISHER, M.D. ('75), PH.D., M.P.H., the Leon H. Charney Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, and Professor of Cell Biology and Pediatrics, has been at the forefront of studies exploring the relationships among lipid metabolism, vascular biology, and atherosclerosis. In a career spanning more than three decades, he has advanced the understanding of the liver's production of lipoproteins in normal and diabetic states, and of the molecular mechanisms contributing to the regression of plaques in arteries. A multidisciplinary scientist who is at the cutting edge of translational medicine, he is also Director of the Marc and Rudi Bell Vascular Biology and Disease Program, and the NYU Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease.

AWARD IN HEALTH SCIENCE

RICHARD A. CASH, M.D. ('66), and DONNA O'HARE, M.D. ('58), have had distinguished careers in public health, making important contributions nationally and internationally. Dr. Cash is Senior Lecturer on International Health and Director of the Program on Ethical Issues in International Health Research at Harvard School of Public Health. He has conducted field work in Asia, Africa, and the United States. Among his wide-ranging interests are new and re-emerging infectious diseases and obstacles to the global surveillance of infectious diseases. In recognition of his

international accomplishments, Dr. Cash has received the coveted Prince Mahidol Award in Public Health.

Dr. O'Hare's career has been devoted to improving the delivery of healthcare to women and children, especially among the poor and the mentally or physically handicapped. In that capacity, she has served the City and State of New York, and the Federal government. She is a member of New York City's Department of Health Pediatric TB Advisory Council, and serves on the Governor's Health Care Advisory Board. Among the awards and honors she has received are the Job Lewis Smith award from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Jacobi award from the American Medical Association. Despite her busy schedule, she has consistently attended the weekly Bellevue Pediatric Chest clinic for more than 40 years.

AWARD IN CLINICAL SCIENCE

TADATAKA YAMADA, M.D. ('71), President of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Global Health Program, has enjoyed an expansive career as an internist, gastroenterologist, researcher, and philanthropic administrator. In 2000 Dr. Yamada left the University of Michigan, where he had served as the John G. Searle Professor, Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and Physician in Chief of the University of Michigan Medical Center, to become Chairman of Research and Development for the merged Glaxo SmithKline Corporation, and a member of its Board of Directors. In 2006 he joined the Gates Foundation, where he oversees a \$6 billion grants program to apply technologies to deliver better healthcare to the developing world. A member of the Institute of

Medicine, he has been honored with numerous awards, including a MERIT award by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

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HONORARY MEMBER OF THE

CLASS OF 2007

ROBERT BERNE, M.B.A., PH.D., Senior Vice President for Health and Professor of Public Policy and Financial Management at NYU, has served on the faculty of New York University for more than 30 years, and is a recipient of the Great Teacher Award. A distinguished public policy researcher and ardent advocate for public education, he co-founded NYU's Institute for Social and Educational Policy. He was appointed Dean of the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service in 1994, a Vice President of the University in 1996, and Senior Vice President for Health in 2001. As NYU President John Sexton's alter ego on health matters, he has played an invaluable role by helping to guide the School through an ambitious period of growth in research, clinical care, and teaching.

JULIA ZELMANOVICH

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

EDITH LEDERMAN, M.D. ('97), serves in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, where she has often put the care of patients and the advancement of treatment above her own personal safety. She has been awarded a Navy Achievement Medal and a Humanitarian Service Medal for her work in Asia following the catastrophic tsunami in 2004; a Navy Commendation Medal for clinical trials she conducted involving malaria patients; a Humanitarian Service Medal for her work on HIV in Malawi; and a Crisis Response Ribbon for her efforts in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Dr. Lederman is a founding member of the National Assembly of the NYU School of Medicine Alumni Association and serves as a regional member-at-large on the Alumni Board of Governors.