

Awards Ceremony Honors High Achieving Students



Steven Cohen was the Class of 2023 winner of the Student Service Award.

Thirty-five distinct awards/scholarships were bestowed on May 11 at NYCPM's Annual Awards Ceremony to second-, third-, and fourth-year students who excelled in academics as well as in other aspects of their work as podiatric medical students. The majority of the awards carry a monetary component. Susan M. Rice, DPM (1988) is Chair of the Scholarship Committee, which includes Kenneth Astrin, PhD; Jeffrey Cusack, DPM (1981); Johanna Godoy, DPM (2005); Kevin Jules, DPM (1984); Lisa K. Lee, MA; Margarita Presman, DPM (2012); Reem Sheikh, DPM; Patricia Wade, PhD; and Kemal Yariz, PhD. Many of the honors were presented to students by the sponsors of the scholarships and awards.

Several awards were given at the awards ceremony and also at ceremonies offsite. In one separate presentation, Nneamaka Obiozor Emeagwali Oliver (2023) and Navid Rostamian (2023), received the Dr. Alvin J. Kanegis Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship created by the Nassau County Division of the NYSPMA in honor of the late Dr. Alvin J. Kanegis, a 1956 graduate of the MJ Lewi College of Podiatric Medicine. The two winners also received certificates at NYCPM's awards ceremony.

Congrats to all!

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Debbi Moalemi (2025) and Henna Akbarzi (2022) receive the Dr. Susheel Bathla (1994) Scholarship from Dr. Bathla.



Shavani Mahajan (2025) received the Dr. Halina Semla-Pulaski Scholarship (1989) from Dean Lee.



Keith Crenshaw (2022) receives the General William Ward Scholarship from Dr. Michael J. Trepal.



In a separate presentation offsite, Nneamaka Obiozor Emeagwali Oliver (2023) and Navid Rostamian (2023) received the Dr. Alvin J. Kanegis Memorial Scholarship. In the photo, left to right, are Judy Kanegis (Dr. Al Kanegis' wife), Craig Herman, DPM (President of the Nassau Division of NYSPMA), Nneamaka Obiozor Emeagwali Oliver and Navid Rostamian.

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Winners of the Special Merit Award - Pre-Clinical Sciences, left to right: Ariella Fuzailof, Nneamaka Obiozor Oliver, Janice Bautista, Austin Carbone, Dr. Eileen Chusid, Holly Zucchero, Jasmine Christie Reid, Melody Yau (all 2023).



Lethicia Paul (left) and William Stallings were the Class of 2023 winners of the Sidney Solid Award.



Ayande Dube (2022) receives the Dr. Leo S. Eannace Family Scholarship from Dr. Samuel



Jasmine Hawkins (2022) receives the Dr. Elizabeth H. Roberts Award from Dr. Russell Volpe.

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Nneamaka Obiozor Oliver (2023) receives the Dr. Israel Goldstein Scholarship from Dean Lee.



The ten 2024 J. T. Tai Scholars, front row, left to right: Sun Pak, Debra Morris, Sanjna Namasivayam, Srini Shah, Amanda Varveris, William Pacheco, Faiyaz Rahman; rear, left to right: Treloara Harrison, Nicole Keiley, Ksenja Llazar.



Four of the 2023 J.T. Tai Scholars, left to right - Shanay Fischer, Dean Lisa Lee, Lethicia Paul, Jasmine Christie Reid, Ariella Fuzailof.



Lina Dobronevsky (2022) receives the NYS PMA Queens Division Scholarship from Dr. Arthur Gudeon (1960) left, and Dr. Carlos Silva, President of the Division.