Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards Criteria

Graduating Medical Student:

- Consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
- Illustrates professional and ethical behavior by example
- Shows respect for everyone (s)he comes in contact with
- Demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds
- Displays effective communication and listening skills—good rapport with patients
- Understands a patient’s need for interpretation of complex medical diagnosis and treatment and makes an effort to assure patient comprehension
- Shows respect for the patient’s viewpoint
- Helps to articulate the patient’s concerns to attending physicians and others
- Is sensitive to the patient’s psychological well-being
- Is cooperative, easy to work with—engenders trust and confidence
- Is willing to help others and, when necessary, to seek help from others
- Seeks and accepts criticism, using it to improve performance
- Displays concern for the general welfare of the community and engages in volunteer activities
- Is personally committed to reflection and objective self-evaluation of his/her own skills
- Displays proficiency in scientific endeavors

Medical School Faculty Member:

- Consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
- Serves as a role model—illustrates professional behavior for students and colleagues by example
- Is approachable and accessible to students
- Welcomes opportunities for teaching and one-on-one mentorship with students
- Exhibits enthusiasm and skill in professional and personal interactions with students
- Shows respect for everyone (s)he comes in contact with
- Demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds
- Displays effective communication and listening skills
- Understands a patient’s need for interpretation of complex medical diagnoses and treatment and makes an effort to assure patient comprehension
- Shows respect for the patient’s viewpoint
- Is sensitive to the patient’s psychological well-being
- Effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members
- Engenders trust and confidence
- Adheres to professional and ethical standards
- Is personally committed to reflection and objective self-evaluation of his/her own skills
- Displays proficiency in scientific endeavors