



Society of General Internal Medicine ***33rd ANNUAL MEETING***

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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
THE HERBERT W. NICKENS AWARD**

DESCRIPTION:

The Herbert W. Nickens Award recognizes exceptional commitment to cultural diversity in medicine. The award is named in memory and honor of the late Dr. Herbert W. Nickens, former Director of the Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services and the first Vice President and Director of the American Association of Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Division of Community and Minority Programs.

During his tenure at the AAMC, Dr. Nickens established groundbreaking programs designed to address the critical need for minority physicians and improvements in minority health status, including Project 3000 by 2000, launched in 1991 to dramatically increase the number of underrepresented minority students enrolling in U.S. medical schools, and the Minority Medical Education Project, created in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, to "jump start" the medical education of promising minority college students through no-cost summer enrichment programs at eight leading medical schools.

Dr. Nickens also substantially expanded several previously existing initiatives to increase the number and success of minority medical faculty. Numerous SGIM members have participated in and benefited from these programs, two of which include the Annual Minority Faculty Career Development Program and the Health Services Research Institute for Minority Medical Faculty.

The award will be presented at SGIM's 33rd Annual Meeting, April 28 – May 1, 2010, in Minneapolis, MN. This award is supported by contributions from the Hess Foundation.

PAST RECIPIENTS:

Jordan J. Cohen, 2000
James R. Gavin, III, 2001
David Satcher, 2002
Stephen Huot, 2003
Gerald Thomson, 2004
Joan Y. Reede, 2005
Lisa A. Cooper, 2006
Martin F. Shapiro, 2007
Eliseo Perez-Stable, 2008
Jasjit Ahluwalia, 2009

CRITERIA:

The award will honor an individual or representative of an organization who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to cultural diversity in medicine or to improving minority health.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Nomination of both members and non-members of SGIM are encouraged.
- A current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae or resume
- A formal nomination letter, two single-spaced pages or less, enlarging upon the CV, and emphasizing the nominee's qualifications for the award.

~~Deadline: Nominations are due January 12, 2010~~ **Deadline Extended to February 1, 2010**

* Log onto the SGIM members only site to nominate a colleague for this prestigious award at:

http://www.sгим.org/impak/members_online/members/sample_menu.asp?action=view