



DAVID C. MARTIN AWARD



The Pennsylvania Geriatrics Society - Western Division, in their continuing commitment to provide support in the field of geriatrics, established the David C. Martin Award. The award, established in 1999, provides an honorarium of up to \$1,500.00 to medical students from our region to attend the Annual Conference of the American Geriatrics Society. Candidates must meet the award criteria and abstract guidelines and be selected by the Board of Directors.

This prestigious award supports medical students' interest in geriatrics. The honorarium defrays the cost of travel expenses for recipients to attend the American Geriatrics Society national conference to present their work.

The ultimate goal of the David C. Martin Award is to prepare future leaders in geriatric medicine. It is the organization's hope that students come away with a greater appreciation of the challenges and rewards of geriatrics and, ultimately pursue a career in this expanding field.

The award is named after

David C. Martin, MD

who established the first geriatric fellowship in Pittsburgh, PA.

Since its inception in 1999, the Society is proud to have awarded over

\$79,000.00

to medical students interested in the field of geriatric medicine.

Recipient Testimonials

"The DCM award gave me the opportunity to attend my first national academic conference and present my first poster. It helped me take the first steps towards an academic career.

Furthermore, it allowed me to meet experienced scholars in my field of interest."

*Amir Toussi, MD
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
DCM Award Recipient 2012*

"The DCM award allowed me to attend the AGS conference without the financial burden which truly limits most students. As this was my first conference, I didn't exactly know what to expect at AGS. I met several investigators from other institutions that I'd collaborated with, but never seen face to face. I conversed with leaders in our field, who actually seemed interested in my work. I learned and brought new ideas back to Pitt. ...Since then I have attended AGS annually with support from the DCM award.

I am extremely grateful to the Western PA Geriatrics Society and the DCM award - they have helped launch my career. If there was ever an award in our field to maintain to help students, this is it."

*Jason Sanders, MD, PhD
Center for Aging and Population Health
University of Pittsburgh
DCM 2010 / 2012 Award Recipient*

"Being a recipient of the DCM Award helped me attend my first geriatrics-related conference and strengthened my desire to work in the field of geriatrics from both clinical and research perspectives. Attending the regional Clinical Update in Geriatric Medicine Conference prior to the AGS Annual Conference was a wonderful way for me to be introduced to geriatrics leaders here in the Pittsburgh area. At the AGS Annual Conference, I had the opportunity to present my own research and interacted with leaders in the field. I also networked with other trainees interested in geriatrics-related careers."

*Lolita Nidadavolu
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
DCM Award Recipient 2012*