



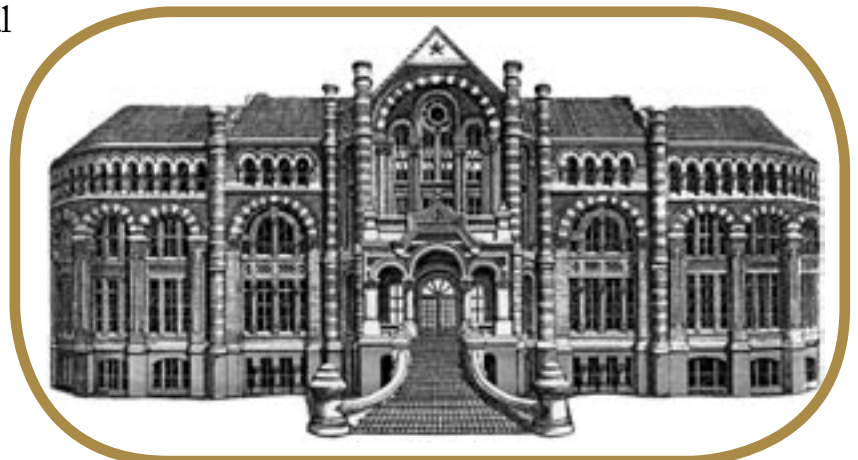
# The John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine

## The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Established in 2001 at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston with a generous endowment from Houston allergist John P. McGovern, M.D., the John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine is dedicated to the practice of humane, compassionate, scientifically based, patient-centered care and to teaching this care both explicitly and by example. The Academy comprises eight Osler Scholars, School of Medicine faculty nominated by their colleagues and students and chosen for exemplifying these ideals. Typically, Osler Scholars hold the honor for five years, although they may retire from the Academy after a shorter period or may be selected for an additional five-year term.

Osler Scholars use the income from their endowments to support group initiatives and individual activities related to patient care and teaching. Among their chief charges is incorporating into the School of Medicine curriculum the ideals of physician and educator Sir William Osler, whose singularly influential career spanned the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In furtherance of this, the Osler Scholars read Osler's writings and selected works about his life and career, and they meet regularly to discuss these and relate them to the practice and teaching of medicine in the twenty-first century. The Scholars also co-teach an elective in Oslerian Medicine, conduct an annual essay contest in Oslerian Medicine for first- and fourth-year medical students, and lead the UTMB Osler Club, at which they present discussions of Osler and his current relevance. In addition, the Scholars select the recipient of the John P. McGovern Lifetime Achievement Award in Oslerian Medicine, which they confer at the annual Osler Oration, held on or about July 12, William Osler's birthday. They also present the annual Excellence in Clinical Teaching Awards to five faculty members exemplifying this quality.

The McGovern Academy includes 13 Osler Student Scholars, UTMB second-, third- and fourth-year medical students chosen for their demonstrated commitment to compassionate care. In



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the first state medical school building in Texas

addition to receiving support of \$10,000 a year for the duration of their medical school careers, Student Scholars undertake individual and group service learning projects. Among their activities is selecting recipients of the Thayer Award. Named for Osler's chief resident at Johns Hopkins, William S. Thayer, this honor recognizes house staff who exemplify Oslerian ideals.

The Academy confers other scholarship and student essay awards, as well. In 2005, the Academy established a chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, a nationwide organization recognizing fourth-year medical students who exemplify compassionate, patient-centered care and the highest standards of professionalism. With the support of a further generous gift from Dr. McGovern, the Academy has implemented the Osler Student Societies, in which the entire class of 2010 was enrolled. The program expanded further when an additional class of freshmen students enrolled in August 2007. Second year students are invited to continue to participate and to act as student mentors to the first year students. The purpose of the Osler Student Societies is to promote professionalism and Oslerian ideals, further integrating them into the culture of the University of Texas Medical Branch and perpetuating them through its future alumni.

## OSLER SCHOLARS:

*Jack B. Alperin, MD*  
*Robert E. Beach, MD*  
*Alfredo F. Gei, MD†*  
*Frederick S. Huang, MD*  
*C. Joan Richardson, MD*

*Judith F. Aronson, MD*  
*Daniel Breilkopf, MD*  
*Kristene K. Gugliuzza, MD*  
*Alice Anne O'Donell, MD†*  
*Barbara L. Thompson, MD (chair)*

*Patricia Beach, MD*  
*Tung V. Dinh, MD† (deceased)*  
*Mark D. Holden, MD†*  
*Francis B. Quinn, MD†*

† Emeritus

## OSLER STUDENT SCHOLARS:

*Jennifer Barnhill*  
*Mary Carroll*  
*Katie Kucera*  
*Tara Neubrand*  
*Margaret Wardlaw*

*Brian Brendel*  
*Adam Djurdjulov*  
*Millie Martinez*  
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