Beth Wilson Receives National AAMC Award

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The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) annually honors individuals deemed to have made outstanding contributions to academic medicine. This year, of the nine total award recipients, two are from UC San Francisco.

Gurpreet Dhaliwal, MD, professor of medicine, has won one of four Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teaching Awards, which give national recognition to gifted medical student educators. Beth Wilson, MD, MPH, professor of Family and Community Medicine, has won the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award honoring a medical school faculty physician who "exemplifies the qualities of a caring and compassionate mentor in the teaching and advising of medical students."

Both awards will be presented at the AAMC annual meeting in Baltimore on Nov. 8.

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The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award is administered through the Organization of Student Representatives, the student branch of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Every year, the student representatives from universities across the United States and Canada nominate one remarkable faculty member from their institution for the award.

According to Sofia Noori, a fourth-year medical student who is the primary UCSF student representative to the AAMC, hundreds of UCSF students participated in some way in Wilson's nomination, including voting for her, submitting stories and writing and editing the extensive application.

"Dr. Wilson truly embodies every aspect of humanism," said Noori. "Besides being an excellent clinician and teacher, what makes her special is the gentle interest she takes in
every student and patient she cares for.

Wilson will receive an individual award, and UCSF will receive $1,000 for activities related to student representation in AAMC. ?Being nominated for an award by students is the biggest compliment I could ever receive, and affirms everything I love about my work,? said Wilson.

?Being a good mentor is the most important and rewarding thing I do,? she added. ?I feel truly honored to provide support and guidance to students who are so passionate about the work they do. Their commitment to improving the health of vulnerable communities gives me great hope for our future.?

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