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Uniformed Services University Alumni and Faculty Earn Top Air Force Medical Awards

Bethesda, Md. — Faculty and alumni from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences topped the list of recently announced Air Force Medical Service award recipients in the areas of education, research, clinical care and leadership.

The Air Force Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas W. Travis, himself a USU alumnus, announced the recipients of the Air Force Medical Service 2014 Annual Awards on Feb. 10, 2015. The categories included both individual and team awards and represented a wide cross-section of the Air Force medical department, including enlisted Airmen, nurses, physicians, dentists, health care administrators and civilian support staff among others.

USU graduates and faculty were eligible for consideration in 40 categories, and six were selected whose awards reflected the best in education, research, leadership, and clinical excellence. They include:

Physician Educator of the Year - Lt Col (Dr.) Anthony Beutler – Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, USU

Dental Educator of the Year - Maj. (Dr.) Nicholas Duvall - 81st Dental Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. (USU Postgraduate Dental College class of 2012)

USAF Clinical Excellence Award - Field Grade Category - Lt Col (Dr.) Ryan Mihata - 88th Medical Operations Squadron, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (USU School of Medicine class of 2005)

The Chief of the Medical Staff Commitment to Excellence Award - Lt Col (Dr.) Lauren Wolf - 377th Medical Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico (USU School of Medicine class of 2003)

USAF Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Research Award - Capt (Dr.) Jameson Voss - 711 Human Performance Wing, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (USU School of Medicine class of 2010 and USU Master of Public Health class of 2013)

USAF Surgeon General Award for Best Hospital of the Year - 96th Medical Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. - Commander: Col (Dr.) Gianna Zeh (USU School of Medicine class of 1993)

“We are enormously proud of our graduates and faculty who have been recognized for excellence in their respective fields and we are pleased, but not surprised, that they have risen to the top,” said USU President Charles L. Rice, M.D.

For a full list of award recipients, visit: <http://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil//news/story.asp?id=123438382>.

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The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), founded by an act of Congress in 1972, is the academic heart of the Military Health System. USU students are primarily active duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who receive specialized education in tropical and infectious diseases, TBI and PTSD, disaster response and humanitarian assistance, global health, and acute trauma care. A large percentage of the university's more than 5,200 physician and 790 advanced practice nursing alumni are supporting operations around the world, offering their leadership and expertise. USU also has graduate programs in biomedical sciences and public health committed to excellence in research, and in oral biology. The University's research program covers a wide range of clinical and basic science important to both the military and public health. For more information, visit www.usuhs.edu.