

2019 EASTERN-ATLANTIC STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM AWARD RECIPIENTS

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FIRST PLACE

SECOND PLACE

OUTSTANDING CLINICAL SCIENCE POSTER PRESENTATION

Dickran Nalbandian

Florida International University Wertheim College of Medicine

*An Overview of Emergency Medical Protocol and Challenges
Faced by Emergency Medical Services
in Republic of Artsakh*

Rebecca D. Lichtin

Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons

*White Matter Tract Integrity Moderates the Association
Between Parental Stress and Internalizing Symptoms
in Children*

OUTSTANDING CLINICAL SCIENCE ORAL PRESENTATION

Aleem Khan

Weill Cornell Medical College

Redefining the Obesity Paradox in Renal Cell Carcinoma

Alexandra Alvarez

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

*High Rates of Underlying Thyroid Cancer in Patients Undergoing
Thyroidectomy for Hyperthyroidism*

OUTSTANDING BASIC SCIENCE POSTER PRESENTATION

John Wiltshire

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

*Effects of Sleep Quality on aMCI Vulnerable Brain Regions in
Cognitively Normal Elderly Individuals*

Khyati Y. Mehta

University of Cincinnati School of Medicine

*Identifying Consistent Differences in Treatment and Control
Comparisons from Single-Cell RNA-Seq Studies*

OUTSTANDING BASIC SCIENCE ORAL PRESENTATION

Narek Israelyan

Columbia University Vagelos College of Physician & Surgeons

*Examining the Link Between Constipation and Depression: A
Novel Role for Neuronal Serotonin in the Brain-Gut Axis*

Alexa Semonche

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

*Combinatorial Therapeutic Strategies for Enhancement of 5-
Aminolevulinic Acid-Based Photodynamic Therapy for
Treatment of Glioblastoma*

2019 ALVING AWARD

Sponsored by Drs. Carl and Barbara Alving

Ernesto H. Weisson

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

*Rapid and Cost-Effective Orbital Prosthesis Fabrication Via Automated Non-Contact
Facial Topography Mapping and 3D Printing*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES AWARDS

Sponsored by the Department of Public Health Science, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

OUTSTANDING POSTER AWARDS

FIRST

Jennifer Chavez

*Needs Assessment and Preliminary Outcomes of the Student
Emerging Leaders Program (SELP)*

SECOND

Harry Levine

*Comparison of the Number and Geographical Location of
Inappropriately Discarded Syringes Pre- and Post-
Implementation of a SEP in Miami, FL*

OUTSTANDING ORAL AWARD

Rajika Jindani

*The Role of Artificial Intelligence Technology and Telemedicine in Diabetic
Retinopathy Screening in Low-Resources Settings*

BEST OVERALL PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES PRESENTATION

Hampton Ocon

*Voluntary HIV Testing and Self-Realization of Risk of HIV Infection Among Young
Men-Who-Have-Sex-With-Men in the Miami-Dade Area*

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH DAY

Sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

OUTSTANDING BASIC SCIENCE POSTER PRESENTATION

Cho Hee Shrader

*Understanding How Social Network Configurations Can Improve HIV
Knowledge Among Underserved Latinas in South Florida*

OUTSTANDING BASIC SCIENCE ORAL PRESENTATION

Clara I. Troccoli

*The ROS Duality in Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer Emergence
and Progression*

OUTSTANDING MD/PHD TRAINEE PRESENTATION

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FIRST

Daniel A. Rodriguez

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

*The Influence of Genetic Ancestry on Risk, Prognosis, and
Outcomes in Uveal Melanoma*

SECOND

Kristina Boguslawski

New York University School of Medicine

*Exploiting Receptor-Toxin Interactions to Understand the
Species Specificity of the Staphylococcus Aureus Toxin LUKAB*