

Emory Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences
Staff Awards
Past Winners

** the highlighted names are ineligible to win in this category, as they won in the past 3 years.*

Face of Excellence

Purpose: To recognize individuals who consistently deliver service excellence. This award changed in 2024 to New Face of Excellence Award for staff new to the department.

Past Face of Excellence Award recipients:

2013: Aurora Marinescu; Alaina Shapiro
2014: Rodney King
2015: Dexter Bostic; Nicole Barrett
2016: Carol Dowdle
2017: Angela Houston
2018: Ashley Walker
2019: Donna Kilcullen
2020: Erin Kilgore
2021: Cynthia Sutz
2022: Dipal Shah
2023: Tiffany Easter
2024: Zach Grunewald

Outstanding Care Provider Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have consistently provided outstanding patient and family centered care. This award changed in 2024 to Cornerstone of Care Award

Past Outstanding Care Provider Award recipients:

2013: Deborah Gail Walls
2014: Barbara Muller-Feldman
2015: Pamela Goldblatt
2016: Erin O'Connell
2017: Jackie Knight
2018: Kim Wages
2019: Joanna Kelly
2020: Elizabeth Baker
2021: Sonia Benenati
2022: Catherine O'Haver
2023: Gerarda Sanchez
2024: Necole Walker

Outstanding Leadership Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership

Past Outstanding Leadership Award recipients:

2013: Vivian Smith
2014: Willie Arnold

2015: Melva Banks
2016: Debra Carter
2017: Robin Sark
2018: Michael Hill
2019: Sherry Schaefer
2020: Christina Byelick
2021: Christie Smith
2022: Jim Fitz
2023: Charnaye Bosley
2024: Camille Dingle

Outstanding Mentor Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding mentorship

Past Outstanding Mentor Award recipients:

2013: Bobbie Hollis
2014: Michael Daise
2015: Kathy Wertz
2016: Bertu Kedir
2017: Deb Smith
2018: Deborah "Gail" Walls
2019: Susan Black
2020: Laura Benson
Olivia Williams
2021: Jerrah Gibson
2022: Susan Yench
2023: April Smith
2024: Annie Goodwin

Outstanding Service in Support of the Mission Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding level of administrative/professional support to one or more pillars of the tripartite mission (clinical service, research, education) in the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences

Past Outstanding Support Award recipients:

2013: Mariana Teodorescu
2014: Waqas Shuib
2015: Dan MacFarlane
2016: Harold Glenn Jr.; Lonnie Gorby
2017: Carol Dowdle
2018: Roschanda Fletcher
2019: Rebecca Neill
2020: Ranitta McDowell
2021: Camille Dingle
2022: Kathy Vaughn
2023: Nina Stephens
2024: Wanda Dozier

Lifetime Achievement Award*

Purpose: To recognize Radiology and Imaging Sciences Department non-faculty staff who have demonstrated outstanding service, leadership, innovation, and/or teaching to the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, Emory Hospital and Clinic systems, and/or the patient and community we serve.

**In this category, the awardees are not eligible for nomination.*

Past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients:

2017: Russell Folks

2018: Bobbie Burrow

2019: Dan MacFarlane

Norma Jean Farry

2020: Nealy Robinson Moyer

2022: Sherry Schaefer

2023: Robin Tarpley

2024: Susan Reich

2024 New Faculty and Staff Awards Winners

The following were added as new awards in 2024

Staff Awards

Compassionate Care Beacon Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences nurses who provide excellence in nursing care, compassion, and commitment to quality for the patients we serve

Winner: Brenda Thompson

Ultrasound Echoes of Excellence Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences nurses who provide excellence in nursing care, compassion, and commitment to quality for the patients we serve.

Winner: Annie Goodwin

Spiral of Success CT Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill in CT imaging, a nod to the spiral scanning technique that revolutionized the field.

Winner: Fatima Foresta

Luminous Discovery X-Ray Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill working with x-ray technology and who bring to light groundbreaking diagnostic insights.

Winner: Emily Fraser

Harmonic Precision MRI Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill recognizing the intricate balance of magnetic and radio waves that are harnessed to create detailed images.

Winner: Deborah Painter

Isotope Innovator Nuclear Medicine Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill in pioneering uses of radioactive isotopes in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

Winner: George Allen

Vision for Early Detection Mammography Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill in utilizing mammography to play a critical role in the early detection and care of breast cancer.

Winner: Mary Ann McDonough

Pathfinder Interventional Radiology Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill in navigating the complexities of the human body to perform minimally invasive, targeted treatments.

Winner: None

Rising Radiology Leader Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences junior staff leaders who demonstrate exceptional potential, initiative and commitment to advancing one or more pillars of the department's tripartite mission (clinical service, research, education).

Winner: Nikki Shelton

360 Champion Award

Nominated by Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty, this award honors staff members who demonstrate dedication and a collaborative team spirit while working closely with faculty, embodying the values of teamwork, mutual support, and a dedication to shared excellence.

Winner: Amy Fioramonte and Kathy Vaughn

Hidden Gem Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences staff members who consistently demonstrate exceptional qualities and make significant contributions behind the scenes, embodying the spirit of dedication, integrity, and service excellence.

Winner: Gary F. Wilson

Faculty Awards

Outstanding Service and Patient Advocacy Award (junior and senior)

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty who demonstrate outstanding clinical service through excellent communication, empathy, work ethic, and patient advocacy.

Winners:

Junior Faculty: Ninad Salastekar

Senior Faculty: Kristen Baugnon

Excellence in DEI Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty who demonstrate excellence in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion to the benefit of the department and/or the patients we serve.

Winner: Krystal Archer-Arroyo, MD

Outstanding Service in Support of the Mission (Junior and Senior)

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty who demonstrate exceptional dedication to the promotion of health, discovery and innovation, and educating the future healthcare workforce.

Junior Faculty: Taejin Min

Senior Faculty: Brent Weinberg