

## **F. Tremaine Billings, Jr., M.D. Award for Clinical Teaching**

The F. Tremaine Billings, Jr., M.D. Award for Clinical Teaching is awarded by Vanderbilt medical students to residents and fellows whose commitment to education exceeds the responsibilities of their appointment. The Billings Award exists to commend these individuals whose additional effort to our development as physicians often goes unrecognized.

It is the hope of the Student Curriculum Committee that this Award validates those interested in teaching and working with medical students and encourages them to pursue it further. We also hope it inspires others to make education a priority.

At its inception in 2003, this accolade was known as the CANDLE Award, but in 2014 the award was renamed the F. Tremaine Billings, Jr., M.D. Award to honor a distinguished member of the Vanderbilt academic community who demonstrated such dedication to medical students.

This Award honors both its recipients and the memory of Dr. Billings who completed his residency at Vanderbilt as the chief medical resident and served as VUSM's first Dean of Students. Later, he served as Associate Dean for Medical Center Development, initiating Vanderbilt's program for the underserved in Appalachia. Dr. Billings was an exceptional example of the true meaning of doctor which is derived from the Latin docere: to teach.

Please take a moment of your time and nominate a resident or fellow who has played an exemplary role in your clinical education.

### **About F. Tremaine Billings Jr., M.D.**

Frederic Tremaine "Josh" Billings Jr., M.D. was a distinguished member of the Vanderbilt community for over half a century. His admirable career stands as an example of service, leadership, and clinical education.

Dr. Billings, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, pursued his undergraduate education at Princeton University. While at Princeton, he received the Pyne Honor Prize as the "most outstanding man in the class" in recognition of his scholarship, character, and leadership. He also proved his exceptional athletic ability, lettering in lacrosse, wrestling, and football, and was honored with Princeton's Outstanding Scholar-Athlete of the Century in 2000.

He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton with a Bachelor's of Arts in 1933 before beginning his medical studies at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He received a BSc from Oxford in 1936 and returned to the United States to finish his undergraduate medical education at Johns Hopkins University, graduating in 1938. Dr. Billings completed his residency in internal medicine at both Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt, serving as chief medical resident at Vanderbilt in 1942 until the outbreak of World War II when he joined the U.S. Army.

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He was deployed with the 118th General Hospital Unit, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serving as Chief of the General Medicine Branch. He was honorably discharged in 1946 to conduct research on schistosomiasis, a liver fluke, plaguing U.S. soldiers in the Pacific theater.

After the war, Dr. Billings joined the faculty at Vanderbilt, where he remained until his retirement. During his tenure he demonstrated a dedication to clinical education, teaching medical students and residents in internal medicine. He also served as the first Dean of Medical Students from 1960 to 1967.

In addition to his service to Vanderbilt, Billings was similarly an important figure for Meharry Medical College, where he taught from 1950 to 1961 and served as chair of the Department of Medicine from 1950 to 1957. He was instrumental in establishing a partnership between Meharry and Vanderbilt.

Dr. Billings retired in 1995 and assumed the title of Professor of Medicine Emeritus. He died in 2007 and is survived by his three children and six grandchildren.

## **Nominations and Selection Process**

The F. Tremaine Billings, Jr., M.D. Award will be presented twice per year to one resident or fellow who has demonstrated a commitment to the education of Vanderbilt medical students.

Nominees should not be in a position to formally evaluate his or her nominator at the time of nomination.

A call for nominations will be sent to the student body once in the Fall and again in the Spring; however, the nomination form is always available through the F. Tremaine Billings, Jr., M.D. Award website.

All Vanderbilt medical students may nominate someone for the F. Tremaine Billings, Jr., M.D. Award. While most nominations come from students in their clinical phase of training, we would like to remind pre-clinical students that they, too, interact with fellows and housestaff. If you've ever worked with a particularly helpful resident or fellow in CELA, the anatomy or pathology lab, small group sessions, or clinic, consider nominating that individual.

The F. Tremaine Billings, Jr., M.D. Award Selection Committee comprises two Curriculum Committee members from each class. The Committee will deliberate the nominees and decide the recipient by majority vote.

Recipients will be announced in front of their peers and faculty supervisors at Grand Rounds or a similar departmental gathering.

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Recipients may not win this award more than once per year.

### Previous Recipients

Date	Name	Title
Spring 2014	Jo Ellen Wilson	Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry
December 2013	Benjamin Ferrell	Fellow, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
June 2013	Anna Person	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
June 2013	Clark Kensinger	Resident in the Department of Surgery
March 2011	Brittany Peters	Resident in the Department of Pediatrics
December 2010	William Heerman	Resident in the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics
April 2010	Aida Yared	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
February 2010	Nicole Herring	Fellow in the Department of Pharmacology
January 2010	Joseph Neimat	Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery
January 2010	Elizabeth Ann Sastre	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
November 2009	Charles Rush	Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
January 2008	Alexander Parikh	Assistant Professor of Surgery
November 2007	Kyla Terhune	Fellow in Critical Care
September 2007	Ellen Clayton	Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Law
August 2007	Derek Riebau	Assistant Professor of Neurology
July 2007	Rebecca Bauer	Resident in Orthopaedic Surgery
June 2007	Waldon Garriss III	Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
May 2007	Alfred Mansour	Resident in Orthopaedic Surgery
May 2007	P. David Charles	Associate Professor of Neurology
April 2007	Jared Antevil	Resident in Surgery
February 2007	Stephan Russ	Resident in the Department of Emergency Medicine
November 2006	Joyce Johnson	Associate Professor of Pathology
August 2006	Bryan Cotton	Assistant Professor of Surgery
July 2006	Robert Miller	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
April 2006	Christopher Sizemore	Intern in Obstetrics and Gynecology
March 2006	J. Matthew Hassan	Chief Resident in Urologic Surgery

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February 2006	Anderson Spickard III	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
November 2005	Arthur Fleischer	Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences
September 2005	Robert O. Carpenter	Resident in Surgery
August 2005	Amber Degryse	Resident in Internal Medicine
July 2005	Bryan Ludwig	Resident in Neurology
June 2005	John Zic	Assistant Professor of Dermatology
January 2005	Kristina Storck	Chief Resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology
November 2004	Ginger E. Holt	Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation
May 2004	William Stone	Professor of Medicine
February 2004	Adrian Jarquin-Valdivia	Assistant Professor of Neurology
December 2003	Eric Sumner	Resident in Internal Medicine
September 2003	Scott M. Rodgers	Assistant Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
August 2003	Jason Martin	Resident in Internal Medicine
June 2003	James L. Netterville	Professor of Otolaryngology