

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty and 3rd and 4th year Medical Students, GWUMC

FROM: Office of Health Research, Compliance and Technology Transfer

DATE: January 29, 2009

RE: Nominations for 2009 Doris DeFord Speck and George Speck, M.D. Endowed Prize in the School of Medicine for Student Medical Research

As many of you know, Dr. George Speck, alumnus of SMHS Class of 1941, generously established an annual award in loving memory of his first wife, Doris DeFord Speck. Dr. David Speck, continuing in this tradition on behalf of his parents, will honor a medical student, who, in the words of his father will be: “a wonderful, caring doctor”, and who has demonstrated exceptional aptitude for a dedication to biomedical research. Since the award was established, the Faculty Senate Committee on Research has chosen a 3rd or 4th year medical student who best embodies these characteristics from nominations from the faculty. The 2008 awardee was Alan A.Z. Alexander and the 2007 awardee was Douglas Olson.

Any 3rd or 4th year medical student who wishes to be considered for this prize or any faculty member who desires to sponsor a student should assemble a **single PDF document** consisting of the following:

- 1) **Cover letter** from the faculty sponsor, to include the following: student’s name; title of project; role of student in completing research project; period of time during which research was accomplished; continuing research involvement and commitment; and, critical assessment of the relative merit of the student compared to peers.
- 2) **One-page abstract** of the research project to be written by the student and organized as follows: Hypothesis; Brief Summary of Key Methods; Results; and, Conclusions. Where appropriate, Potential Clinical Impact and Future Direction(s) of the study can be included and a single table of figures of essential data can accompany the one-page summary.
- 3) One paragraph summary of the potential impact of the research project on the **future career** of the applicant – to be written by the student.
- 4) A list of abstracts, manuscripts and published papers on which the student appears as an author with a brief description of the role of the student in the preparation of each publication.
- 5) The applicant’s CV (3 page limit)

The PDF document should be sent to the Joyce D. Javois, Speck Prize Nomination, resjdj@gwumc.edu, no later than NOON on February 25, 2009.

This prestigious award, which includes a cash prize and certificate, will be presented by Dr. David Speck on Research Day, April 1, 2009. The awardee will give an oral presentation of the research findings on Research Day and have his/her name added to the plaque mounted on the wall outside of Ross Hall 712.