

Geisel School of Medicine
Gold Honor Society Induction Process

June or July

- Email goes out to graduating class (email below)
- Eligible students will be those who have completed a minimum of 4 core clerkships (to allow for staggered students who start the clerkship year late).
- Split year 4 students will be eligible in the first year of their split.
- Students on an ASY between M3 and M4 or in the MD-MBA program will be eligible during the ASY or as they start the MBA
- The idea is to ensure that students are eligible to be nominated by the peers that know them best rather than by the year they graduate.
- The only exception will be MD/PhD students who are greater than 1 year separated from their class. MD/PhD students will be eligible in their final year of medical school



The Thomas P. Almy Chapter of the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) was established at the Geisel School of Medicine in 2005 to recognize and honor those individuals who are exemplars in their humanistic behaviors, their commitment to service, and their attitudes toward others.

One of the things that makes this award particularly meaningful is that recipients are nominated by their classmates. This is a chance to honor those classmates whom you have seen go above and beyond in their level of caring for patients, staff, peers, as well as the Geisel local, and global communities.

While there are many definitions of “humanism”, one offered on the Arnold P. Gold website is: “Humanism encompasses those attitudes and behaviors that emanate from a deep sensitivity and respect for others, including full acceptance of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Further, humanism is exemplified through compassionate, empathetic treatment of all persons while recognizing each one’s needs and autonomy. Implicit in this description of humanism is the presence of attributes that include integrity, excellence, compassion, altruism, respect, empathy, and service.”

Students (generally 15% of the graduating class or percentage determined by the National Gold Foundation each year) with the most votes will be inducted into the GHHS. A small advisory committee consisting of the Student Affairs and DICE office will review the candidate slate and break a tie and/or put forward a nominee in the event of unusual circumstances where a student has been overlooked/is not known to the graduating class.

Attributes of a Gold Humanism nominee:

The GHHS seeks members who consistently demonstrate humanism and professionalism in their interaction with patients, colleagues, and other health professionals. Specifically, candidates should display:

1. Personal integrity and sound moral reasoning
2. Compassion and empathy
3. Dedication to being an advocate for patients and peers
4. Effective communication and listening skills
5. Sensitivity to a person's psychological well-being
6. Cultural sensitivity and competence in working with persons of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds
7. The ability to engender trust and confidence among patients, staff, colleagues
8. Consistently positive interactions among all members of the community
9. Dedication to high professional standards for themselves and others
10. A willingness to help others and seek help from others
11. Involvement in community activities such as volunteer service.
12. A willingness to improve oneself through seeking and accepting feedback
13. Compassion, concern, respect, integrity and commitment to humanistic goals, especially in the face of adversity
14. Completion of a minimum of 4 core clerkships.

Being elected to the Gold Humanism Society is an honor and is something to take great pride in as a Geisel student. This is an honor society that celebrates the essence of being a humanistic physician. Selection to the honor society will be included in your MSPE letter when applying for residency.