



2026 State of the Medical School Address

June 3, 2026

**Auditorium G
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center**

Lebanon, New Hampshire



SURVEY COMING SEPT. 21, 2026

2026 LEADING FORWARD FEEDBACK SURVEY

- **What:** annual Faculty & Staff survey
- **When:** September 21 - October 9
- **Why:** To facilitate honest feedback from Staff and Faculty that will inform progress on our strategic goals and narrow areas of focus for the future.
- **How:** Look for an email from "Leading Forward Feedback" via Culture Amp

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Welcome and State of the Medical School Presentation

Research Excellence Awards

Leading Forward Awards

Reception

2026 Research Excellence Awards

The Geisel School of Medicine Research Excellence Awards program celebrates the outstanding scientific contributions and advancements within our community. Nominations were submitted by our Geisel community and reviewed by the Research Excellence Award Committee. Honorees were selected for their outstanding scholarly contributions in one of two categories:

Research Excellence Awards: Recognizes outstanding contributions to Dartmouth biomedical research.

Citizen Awards: Celebrates exceptional contributions to Dartmouth's research environment.



The Honorees for the 2026 Research Excellence Awards

**Research Excellence Award for
Senior Faculty in Foundational Sciences**
Anna Tosteson

**Research Excellence Award for
Senior Faculty in Clinical Sciences**
Peter Wright

Research Excellence Award for Non-Faculty
Miriam Lee

Outstanding Citizenship Award for Faculty
Jointly awarded to Steve Fiering
and Yina Huang

2026 Research Excellence Awards Committee

Chair: Susan Roberts
Eric Henderson
Claudia Jakubzick
James O'Malley



2026 Leading Forward Awards

Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine introduced the Leading Forward Awards in 2024 to honor the outstanding contributions of our staff and faculty, recognizing their commitment to Geisel's core values: Integrity, Inclusion, Innovation, Community and Excellence. This year we received 56 nominations representing 10 departments across Geisel. The Leading Forward Awards Committee reviewed each of the nominations and five individuals were selected for their significant contributions to Geisel and their demonstration of our school's values. Please join us in thanking this year's honorees for their outstanding contributions.

2026 Leading Forward Awards Winners

Deanna Chyn

The Dartmouth Institute, Associate Program Director
and Senior Research Programmer Analyst

Ashleigh Erickson

The Dartmouth Institute, Senior Research
Programmer/Analyst

Karen Thompson

Microbiology and Immunology,
Senior Research Administrator II

Jeremy Klockars

Medical and Health Sciences Libraries,
Information Services Manager

Robert Gerlach

Dartmouth Cancer Center, Associate Director
for Administrative and Scientific Affairs



**Other Nominees for the 2026
Leading Forward Awards**

Cheryl Bush
Daniel Lucey
Lisa Adams
Mary Chamberlin
Lori Dickerson
Muhammad Abubakar Khan

2026 Leading Forward Awards Committee

Chair: Alex Wilcoxon
Charles Barlowe
Stephen McAllister
Susan Shaker
Christian Spalding
William Torrey

Faculty and Staff Awards and Recognition Highlights

Isobel Bowles, PhD

Received an RNA Society Research Presentation Fellowship

Alicea Bursey

Received the Leadership Award at Dartmouth's 2025 Lone Pine Staff Recognition Awards ceremony

Carrie Colla, PhD

Elected to the National Academy of Medicine

Felicia Goodrum, PhD

Awarded the Wolfgang and Patricia Joklik Distinguished Service Award from the American Society of Virology

Minda Gowarty, MD

Named the 2026 American Board of Obesity Medicine Candidate of the Year

Nicholas Jacobson, PhD

Received the 2026 Dartmouth Rising Star Innovator Award

Periannan Kuppusamy, MSc, PhD

Received the 2026 IES Fellow Award from the International EPR/ESR Society

Kevin F. Kwaku, MD, PhD

Named president-elect of the Association of Black Cardiologists



Soni Lacefield, PhD

Honored with the Ira Herskowitz Award from
the Genetics Society of America

Steven Leach, MD

Inducted into the American Academy of Sciences and Letters

Prerna Malaney, PhD

Named a V Scholar by the V Foundation for Cancer Research

Albert Mulley, MD, MPP

Recognized by the Royal Society for Public Health
for lifelong contributions to improving the public's health
in the UK and beyond

Brian Pogue, PhD

Received the Dartmouth Technology Innovation &
Commercialization Award

Shawna Pratt, PhD

Received an American Heart Association Fellowship

Samuel Stull, PhD

Awarded a 2026 CPDD Travel Award for
Early Career Investigators

Charles R. Thomas Jr., MD (D'79)

Received the Lifetime Achievement Award
at the Dartmouth Social Justice Awards



Faculty Appointed to Endowed Professorships

Ruth E. Berggren, MD

Named the Elizabeth DeCamp McInerny Endowed Professor

JoAnna Leyenaar, MD, MPH, MSc

Named the Paul Batalden Chair for Clinical Improvement
and Professional Development

Nathan Goldstein, MD

Named the Hermon O. West Professor in Medicine

John T. Mullen, MD, FACS

Named the William N. and Bessie Allyn Professor in Surgery

In Memoriam

Jack Hoopes, DVM, PhD

Professor of Surgery and Radiation Oncology at Geisel School
of Medicine, and Adjunct Professor of Engineering at
Thayer School of Engineering

Gustav E. Lienhard, PhD

Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Gregory McHugo, PhD (D'79)

Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and of Health Policy
& Clinical Practice

Brian O'Sullivan, MD (D'75 DMS'79)

Professor of Pediatrics and Section Chief for
Pediatric Pulmonology



Upcoming Events

Welcome Back Social

September 15, 2026

Class of 2030 White Coat Ceremony

September 25, 2026

Geisel Tailgate – Dartmouth Homecoming

October 3, 2025

Geisel School of Medicine and Dartmouth Health Biomedical Research Day

December 3, 2026

Annual Medical Student Research Poster Night

December 3, 2026

Geisel New Year Celebration

January 13, 2027

Class of 2029 Transition Ceremony

February 12, 2027

MD Class of 2027 Match Day Ceremony

March 19, 2027

Class of 2027 Medical Student and Faculty Awards Ceremony

May 7, 2027

Class of 2027 Medical Student Investiture Ceremony

May 8, 2027

Class of 2027 Health Sciences Awards Ceremony

June 10, 2027

Class of 2027 Health Sciences Investiture Ceremony

June 11, 2027

Dartmouth College Commencement

June 13, 2027



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