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2026 Alumni AWARDS CEREMONY

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The Office of the Dean, Mount Sinai Alumni, and the
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Alumni Association welcome you to the

2026 Alumni AWARDS CEREMONY

Honoring the distinguished service and achievements of individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to medicine, science, and the Mount Sinai community.

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TONIGHT'S MENU

First Course

Autumn B&B Salad (Veg, GF)
Burrata, Roasted Butternut Squash, Baby Arugula, Radicchio, Frisée, White Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrée

Porcini Peppercorn Crusted Filet (GF)
Yukon Golden Beet Mashed, Chives, Agave Fried Brussels Sprouts, Pomegranate Seeds, Red Wine Demi, Golden Frizzle

Vegan option available upon request

Dessert

Orchard Pear & Maple Cake (Nut Free)
Smoked Maple Brown Butter Cake, Bittersweet Chocolate Mousse, Caramelized Pear Compote, topped with Maple Toffee Crunch & Pear Chips

Fresh fruit plate available upon request

Coffee and Tea

EVENING PROGRAM

Welcome Remarks & Award Presentation

Ebby Elahi, MD, MBA, FAAO, FACS, MSSM '96, MSH '00
President, Mount Sinai Alumni
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology and Environmental Health
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Award Presentation

Elise M. Brett, MD, MSSM '94, MSH '97, MSH '99
Vice President, Mount Sinai Alumni
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Bone Diseases
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Director, Elise M. Brett, MD, PC

Larry Attia, MD, SLR '93, SLR '95
President, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Alumni Association
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine (Gastroenterology)
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Closing Remarks

Evan L. Flatow, MD
Dean for Clinical Affairs
Bernard J. Lasker Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Executive Vice President, Clinical Affairs
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We are proud to recognize the distinguished past recipients of the Mount Sinai Alumni Awards and to celebrate their remarkable accomplishments, achievements, and lasting legacy.

To view the full list of past award recipients, open the camera on your mobile device and scan the Flowcode.

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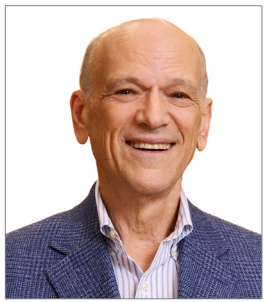
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MESSAGE FROM THE ANNE AND JOEL EHRENKRANZ DEAN AND THE DEAN FOR CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Dear Alumni, Faculty, and Honored Guests,

It is our immense pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 Alumni Awards Ceremony. Thank you for joining us.





This year's event recognizes each deserving recipient's outstanding contributions to biomedical science, academic medicine, or healthcare delivery.

We are immensely proud that these distinguished honorees received their education and training here at Mount Sinai.

This year's event also marks a new beginning. The newly constituted Mount Sinai Alumni organization, guided by its Board of Governors, stands ready to embrace and strengthen the relationship between our educational enterprise and our global alumni network.

We aim to cultivate a highly engaged and influential network of alumni leaders who champion Mount Sinai's educational mission; foster meaningful connections between alumni and the next generation of physicians, scientists, nurses, and health sciences professionals; and leverage alumni expertise and philanthropic support to advance our impact on biomedicine, healthcare, and society.

This year's awards ceremony reflects this shared purpose. We strive to ensure that each honor is meaningful and that the selection process is as inclusive and representative of our diverse alumni community as possible. It is truly an exciting time for our entire alumni community.

Congratulations to tonight's honorees, and enjoy your evening. Here's to a bright future for Mount Sinai Alumni.

Warm regards,

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Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MOUNT SINAI ALUMNI

Dear Fellow Alumni and Honored Guests,

On behalf of the Mount Sinai Alumni Board of Governors and the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Alumni Association, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 Alumni Awards Ceremony.



We have an exceptional group of award recipients this year. Selected from an unprecedented number of outstanding nominees, these honorees have distinguished themselves through extraordinary achievement, leadership, service, and meaningful contributions to their fields. Their accomplishments reflect the remarkable depth of talent within the Mount Sinai community and the lasting impact of our alumni.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the members of our newly formed Mount Sinai Alumni Board of Governors. Their dedication, thoughtful leadership, and commitment have helped establish a strong foundation for this new chapter in alumni engagement. They devoted significant time and care to reviewing nominations and selecting this year's distinguished honorees.

Congratulations to all of tonight's award recipients, and sincere thanks to each of you for joining us in celebrating their achievements and our extraordinary alumni community.

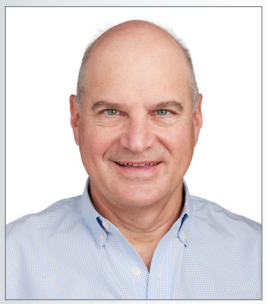
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ST. LUKE'S-ROOSEVELT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Alumni, Guests, and Honorees,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Alumni Association, together with the Mount Sinai Alumni Board of Governors, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2026 Alumni Awards Ceremony.



For 135 years, the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Alumni Association has united generations of physicians, surgeons, trainees, faculty, and house staff connected to St. Luke's, now Mount Sinai Morningside, and Roosevelt, now Mount Sinai West.

Throughout its history, the Association has proudly preserved the traditions of these institutions while fostering fellowship, mentorship, and a shared commitment to excellence in medicine, education, research, and service.

Tonight, we are especially proud to recognize our 2026 Alumni Award recipients. Your achievements, leadership, and dedication reflect the values that have defined St. Luke's-Roosevelt for generations, and we congratulate you on this well-deserved honor.

Warmly,

Larry Attia, MD, SLR '93, SLR '95
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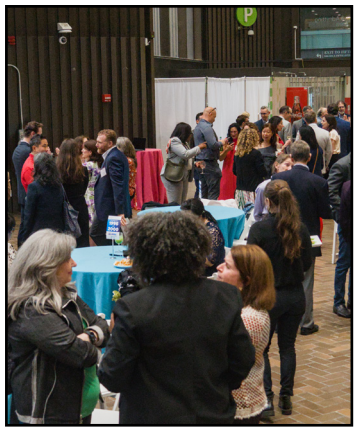
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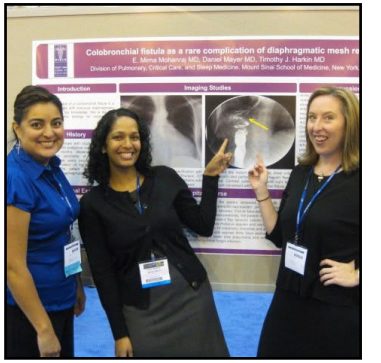






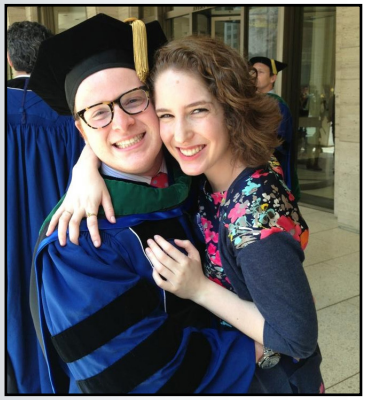


















The Dean's Special Recognition Award

Mirna Mohanraj, MD, MSH '10



Mirna Mohanraj, MD, MSH '10, is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Education and Systemwide Vice Chair for Strategic Community Engagement for the Samuel Bronfman Department of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. At Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West, she serves as a Critical Care attending physician, Chair of the Bioethics Committee, and Associate Program Director of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program.

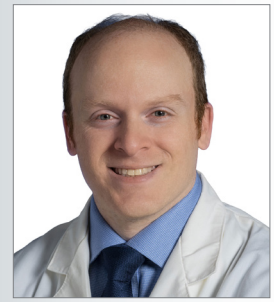
A clinician-educator, bioethicist, and institutional leader, Dr. Mohanraj has dedicated her career to advancing humanism, equity, community engagement, and excellence in medical education. Her work spans critical care, graduate medical education, bioethics, faculty development, and global health, with an emphasis on strengthening connections among patients, learners, clinicians, and communities.

Dr. Mohanraj has led educational programs, ethics initiatives, mentorship efforts, and community-engaged collaborations in New York City and Nepal. Her contributions have earned numerous honors, including the American Thoracic Society Innovation in Fellowship Education Award, the APCCMPD Mid-Career Educator Award, the Dr. Nathan Kase Innovations in Medical Education Award, and the Physicians Foundation Medical Innovator Award.

The Dean's Special Recognition Award *recognizes a Mount Sinai alumna or alumnus who has made significant contributions through humanitarian work, including public service, health equity, global health, or community support, or through a cross-disciplinary career spanning multiple departments or fields.*

The Jeffrey T. Laitman, PhD Award for Achievement in Medical Education

David J. Berman, MD, MEd, FASA, ISMMS '13, MSH '17



David J. Berman, MD, MEd, FASA, ISMMS '13, MSH '17, is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care at the University of Pennsylvania, where he specializes in high-risk obstetric anesthesiology, anesthesia for fetal surgery, complex airway management, and medical education.

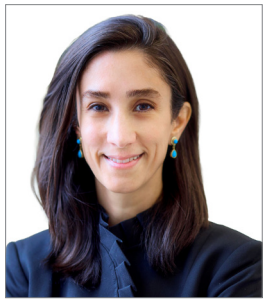
Dr. Berman earned his medical degree from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and completed his anesthesiology residency at The Mount Sinai Hospital. He subsequently completed a fellowship in Obstetric and Fetal Anesthesiology and a Master's in Education for the Health Professions at Johns Hopkins University, where he served on the faculty from 2018 until 2026.

During his tenure at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Berman served as Associate Residency Director and founded the Categorical Intern Year, contributing to the development and education of anesthesiology trainees. He also served as Vice Chair of the School of Medicine Faculty Senate. In addition to his academic and clinical responsibilities, Dr. Berman serves as an oral board examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology and provides expertise through the international Malignant Hyperthermia Hotline.

The Jeffrey T. Laitman, PhD Award for Achievement in Medical Education *honors Dr. Jeffrey T. Laitman, Distinguished Professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and a nationally recognized educator. The award recognizes a Mount Sinai alumna or alumnus who has made major contributions to medical education through curriculum innovation, mentorship, scholarship in pedagogy, or the development of new approaches to instruction.*

The Terry Ann Krulwich Physician-Scientist Alumni Award

Fanny M. Elahi, MD, PhD, MSSM '11



Fanny M. Elahi, MD, PhD, MSSM '11, is a physician-scientist and tenured Associate Professor of Neurology, Neuroscience, and Artificial Intelligence and Human Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She cares for patients with neurodegenerative diseases while leading a research program focused on the vascular drivers of brain aging and dementia.

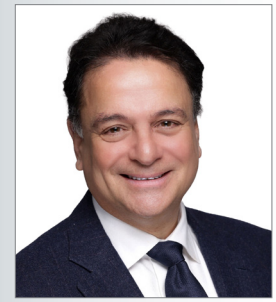
Dr. Elahi's research integrates genetics, brain tissue and biofluid molecular phenotyping, artificial intelligence, and stem cell models to identify therapeutic targets for neurodegenerative disease. Her work has helped establish vascular and immune dysfunction as interlinked drivers of brain aging and neurodegeneration, creating new avenues for prevention, biomarker development, and therapeutics. She has authored more than 100 publications and developed several noninvasive predictive biomarkers for vascular brain degenerative diseases.

Dr. Elahi has held leadership roles in national and international dementia research efforts, including serving as Chair of the Alzheimer's Association Vascular Cognitive Disorders workgroup. She currently leads multiple research initiatives supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other organizations and serves as lead investigator for the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative Healthcare System Preparedness and Accurate Diagnosis program at Mount Sinai.

The Terry Ann Krulwich Physician-Scientist Alumni Award *honors Dr. Terry Ann Krulwich and recognizes a Graduate School alumna or alumnus who has demonstrated exceptional impact in biomedical sciences or public health through original research, scholarship, mentorship of trainees, or institutional leadership.*

The J. Lester Gabrilove Master Clinician Award

Prakash Krishnan, MD, MSH '04



Prakash Krishnan, MD, MSH '04, is Professor of Medicine in Cardiology and Radiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and System Director of Endovascular Services for the Mount Sinai Health System. A leader in peripheral vascular disease, he is internationally recognized for the catheter-based treatment of complex peripheral arterial disease and chronic limb-threatening ischemia, with a focus on limb preservation, innovation, and advancing vascular care.

Dr. Krishnan established Mount Sinai's Endovascular Intervention Program and founded its Endovascular Intervention Fellowship, training physicians in advanced vascular therapies. He is the founder and Course Director of the New York Endovascular Summit and, since 2012, has directed the monthly CCC Live Cases Peripheral webcast, using live case demonstrations to educate physicians in 179 countries and reaching more than 25,000 viewers each month.

A clinical investigator, Dr. Krishnan has authored more than 170 peer-reviewed publications and served as principal investigator and national investigator for numerous clinical trials. His work has helped advance drug-coated balloon therapy, bioresorbable scaffolds, deep venous arterialization, renal denervation, and percutaneous transmural arterial bypass. Throughout his career, he has distinguished himself through clinical excellence, innovation, education, advocacy, and mentorship, while remaining deeply committed to improving outcomes and expanding treatment options for patients with complex vascular disease.

The J. Lester Gabrilove Master Clinician Award *honors Dr. J. Lester Gabrilove, a founding figure of modern endocrinology at Mount Sinai, and recognizes a Mount Sinai alumna or alumnus in active clinical practice who has made significant contributions to medicine through clinical excellence as a master clinician.*

Mount Sinai Graduate School Alumni Award
George W. Huntley, PhD, MSH '93



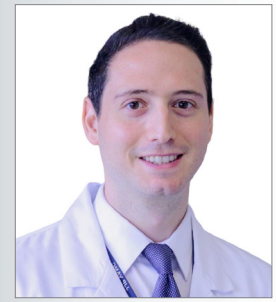
George W. Huntley, PhD, MSH '93, is a Professor of Neuroscience and a member of The Friedman Brain Institute at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He joined Mount Sinai's Neuroscience Department in 1993 and leads a research program focused on the development and plasticity of cortical synaptic circuits in health and disease. His research has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1993, with additional support from several foundations.

For the past 19 years, Dr. Huntley has directed Mount Sinai's Neuroscience PhD training program. He serves as Principal Investigator of a longstanding NIH T32 training grant supporting neuroscience students. Dr. Huntley has trained postdoctoral fellows and PhD, MD/PhD, and master's students, served on more than 45 dissertation committees, and lectured in graduate and medical school courses for three decades. He has also served as the Graduate School Ombuds for the past 12 years.

Dr. Huntley's contributions to science, teaching, and mentorship have been recognized with numerous honors, including Mount Sinai's Excellence in Science Mentorship Award, Neuroscience Mentoring Distinction Award, Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, and Excellence in Teaching Award.

The Mount Sinai Graduate School Alumni Award *recognizes a Graduate School alumna or alumnus who has demonstrated exceptional impact in biomedical science research through original scholarship, scientific leadership, or mentorship.*

The Postgraduate Trainee Award
Oren Cohen, MD, MSH '23



Oren Cohen, MD, MSH '23, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, with additional appointments in the Cardiovascular Research Institute and the Leni and Peter May Department of Medical Education. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and subspecialty training in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and Sleep Medicine at The Mount Sinai Hospital, where he served as Chief Resident and Chief Fellow.

As a physician-scientist, Dr. Cohen's research focuses on precision medicine in obstructive sleep apnea and the drivers of associated cardiovascular disease. His work uses artificial intelligence and causal machine learning to identify distinct patient phenotypes and develop predictive models for determining which patients may derive the greatest cardiovascular benefit from CPAP therapy. His research is supported by a National Institutes of Health (NIH) K01 Career Development Award and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine Foundation Physician-Scientist Training Award.

Dr. Cohen has held leadership roles within the American Thoracic Society and serves as Course Director for the pre-clinical Pulmonary course at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. His research has been published in journals including *Nature Communications Medicine*, *CHEST*, and *Annals of the American Thoracic Society*.

The Postgraduate Trainee Award *recognizes a Mount Sinai postgraduate training alumna or alumnus whose subsequent research, scholarship, or translational work builds upon the training received at Mount Sinai and continues the trajectory established during their postgraduate training at the institution.*

The Saul Horowitz, Jr. Memorial Award

James W. Rocco, MD, PhD, MSSM '94



James W. Rocco, MD, PhD, MSSM '94, is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, where he holds the Mary E. and John W. Alford Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Cancer Research and directs the Head and Neck Disease Specific Research Group at the James Cancer Hospital.

Dr. Rocco earned his MD and PhD through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medical Scientist Training Program at Mount Sinai before completing residency training in otolaryngology–head and neck surgery at Johns Hopkins. He joined the Harvard Medical School faculty in 1999, directing head and neck research at Massachusetts Eye and Ear and Massachusetts General Hospital. Recruited to Ohio State in 2015, he became Department Chair in 2017 and later served as Interim Dean of the College of Medicine.

Dr. Rocco's laboratory studies the molecular determinants of head and neck cancer, including intratumor genetic heterogeneity. He developed the MATH biomarker, has maintained continuous NIH R01 funding as principal or co-principal investigator for more than two decades, and has published more than 140 peer-reviewed papers. He also holds national leadership roles in head and neck cancer research and care.

The Saul Horowitz, Jr. Memorial Award *honors the memory of longtime Mount Sinai Trustee Saul H. Horowitz, Jr. Presented since 1978, the award recognizes a medical school graduate or member of the Mount Sinai house staff who has made significant contributions as a teacher, investigator, and/or practitioner in medicine, demonstrating outstanding leadership, innovation, or impact.*

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Distinguished Young Physician of the Year

Avinash Singh, MBBS, SLR '19



Avinash Singh, MBBS, SLR '19, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine and Assistant Program Director of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program at Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West. After earning his medical degree from Gauhati Medical College and Hospital in India, he moved to Mount Sinai for his Residency in Internal Medicine and went on to complete his Chief Residency and Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship before joining the division faculty.

Dr. Singh's work aims to improve access and care for the diverse communities served by Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West, particularly in Harlem and Upper Manhattan. His clinical and scholarly work focuses on pulmonary vascular disease and venous thromboembolism. At the Mount Sinai Morningside Venous Thromboembolism Clinic, he has helped expand access to specialized post-pulmonary embolism care. As Site Lead for the Pulmonary Embolism Response Team, he works with multidisciplinary teams to improve care for patients with complex pulmonary thrombotic vascular disease.

A clinician-educator and mentor, Dr. Singh has served as faculty for regional and national educational programs and serves on the Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West Clinical Ethics Committee. He remains committed to advancing medical education, equitable care, and patient-centered clinical practice.

The St. Luke's-Roosevelt Distinguished Young Physician of the Year *is presented by the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Alumni Association and honors the clinical training tradition of St. Luke's-Roosevelt. The award recognizes a former trainee, within 10 years of training, who has distinguished themselves as a rising clinical leader in the field.*

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Distinguished Alumni Award
Christine F. Stavropoulos, MD



Christine F. Stavropoulos, MD, is an Associate Professor of Infectious Diseases at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and an infectious diseases consultant within the Mount Sinai Health System. A longtime clinician and educator, Dr. Stavropoulos has maintained deep ties to St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, now Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West, throughout her career.

Following her fellowship in Infectious Diseases at St. Luke's-Roosevelt, Dr. Stavropoulos joined the faculty and helped establish one of New York City's first HIV/AIDS maternity clinics with Dr. Michael Grieco. She then joined Dr. Judy Axelrod and grew their private practice to include Dr. Tracy Zivin-Tutela and Dr. Dalilah Restrepo. Their infectious diseases practice developed strong relationships across medical and surgical specialties. Their work strengthened infection prevention practices, facilitated outpatient home infusion services, and provided continuity of care for patients transitioning from inpatient to outpatient treatment.

Throughout her career, Dr. Stavropoulos has served on numerous committees and remained actively involved in teaching and publishing with residents and fellows. Following the integration of St. Luke's-Roosevelt into the Mount Sinai Health System, she rejoined the faculty as an Associate Professor and in-hospital consultant.

The St. Luke's-Roosevelt Distinguished Alumni Award *is presented by the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Alumni Association to a former trainee who has distinguished themselves as a master clinician. The award honors the longstanding clinical training tradition of St. Luke's-Roosevelt, now Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West.*

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