UCSF School of Medicine

From the Dean

Dear School of Medicine Community,



The annual **Lloyd "Holly" Smith, Jr. Award**, now in its 25th year, recognizes exceptional service to the School of Medicine. It is the school's most prestigious award and comes with a $8,000 prize.

The Holly Smith Award provides an opportunity to celebrate our colleagues who embody the qualities and contributions exemplified by **Holly Smith, MD**, professor emeritus and former associate dean, who passed away in June 2018. These include: dedication to the School of Medicine, variety in roles played, commitment to sustaining UCSF's position as a world-class institution, and accomplishing all of the above with humor and grace.

Holly was a luminary in the fields of medical education and research. Many of UCSF's greatest successes were realized as a direct result of his innovative ideas and unwavering devotion to leading by example.

We are seeking nominations that reflect the great diversity of people at UCSF and encourage you to think of candidates at every level of the organization. There will be up to four awards: one for faculty and one for staff with 5-15 years of service; and one for faculty and one for staff with more than 15 years of service.

Read more about the award and please consider nominating a colleague. Nominations are due by March 21, 2025.

The School of Medicine thrives because our people support each other, our students, and our patients, as we strive for collective excellence. Thank you for helping us to recognize the outstanding work of our staff and faculty, who make the UCSF School of Medicine a great place to work, learn, teach, and discover.

Sincerely,
Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD
Dean, School of Medicine

"I am so honored to receive the Holly Smith Award, and am fortunate to be able to spend my career working with inspiring and devoted colleagues at UCSF committed to building a healthier world for all."
-**Margot Kushel, MD,** *2024 Holly Smith Award winner*

"Dr. Holly Smith brought sweeping change to UCSF. I am incredibly honored to receive the Holly Smith Award, as I aspire to do the same - working with colleagues across the university in our collective pursuit to advance diversity, equity, belonging, and anti-oppression. This award is significant to me because when I started my career at UCSF, I had the great pleasure of working with and being entertained by Holly. He was a great man who set a high bar and challenged everyone around him to be and do better. I am humbled to be associated with him."
-Stephanie Belger, *2024 Holly Smith Award winner*

"I am humbled to receive the Holly Smith award. Dr. Smith was a shining example of innovation, commitment, humor, and impactful leadership, values which inspire me."
-**Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH***, 2024 Holly Smith Award winner*

"I am deeply honored to receive the Holly Smith Award. Having met Dr. Holly Smith, I was inspired by his wit, grace, and visionary leadership. Dr. Smith's transformative contributions to UCSF, fostering a culture of excellence and dedication, have left an indelible mark on our institution. This award motivates me to continue his legacy, working diligently to improve patient care, support my colleagues, and advance the mission of UCSF with the same spirit of innovation and humanity that Dr. Smith exemplified."
-Michelle Mourad, MD*, 2024 Holly Smith Award winner*

"I'm thrilled to receive this award. While I didn't know Dr. Smith, his dedication to not only improving UCSF, but doing so with a sense of humor and kindness is what I strive for."
-Allison Savage, *2024 Holly Smith Award winner*

