The Kienle Center offers a unique set of awards to recognize humanistic health care. The details of each award are given below. A nominating sheet is attached: you may copy this if you wish to make nominations in several categories. Return your nominations by March 1, 2013.

3rd Year Student

Medical Student Humanitarian Award
The Association of Faculty and Friends and The Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine will present The Medical Student Humanitarian Award to a 3rd year medical student in recognition of outstanding humanitarian service. To be eligible, the student will have completed the majority of his/her third-year clerkships by June 30, 2012. The tribute and accompanying $1000 award will be presented at the Fall Convocation. The person we seek to honor is that distinguished medical student who has most exceeded expectation in supporting others by simple but consistent acts of care and concern. We envision a student who has not only demonstrated a solid academic record, but also valuable community service in expressing a spirit of unselfish concern for the welfare and comfort of others.

Resident

Mary Louise Witmer Jones Resident Humanitarian Award in Memory of Jane Witmer Kienle, M.D.
On her death in 1997, Mary Louise Witmer Jones of Medford, New Jersey, established an endowment to make possible an annual award in memory of her sister, Jane Witmer Kienle, M.D. The purpose of this award is to recognize a Milton S. Hershey Medical Center resident physician who demonstrates the highest standards of compassion and concern for his/her patients. This tribute and its accompanying $1000 award will be presented at the Fall Convocation. To be eligible, the physician must have completed one year of residency training at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and must be continuing residency at this institution for at least one additional year following the award. The resident physician we seek to honor is that individual who has demonstrated qualities such as: consistent acts of compassionate concern for fellow healthcare workers and community; empathic awareness of the patient’s experience of illness and treatment; and the ability to serve as an effective role model in the delivery of humane medical care.

Nurse

Nurse’s Humanitarian Award in Honor of Lawrence F. Kienle, M.D.
To be eligible for this award, a nurse must meet the criteria that makes tangible the vision of Dr. Lawrence F. Kienle and his late wife, Jane Witmer Kienle, M.D. The award will honor Lawrence F. Kienle, M.D. for the generous support and guidance that he has continuously provided to the Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine. Dr. Kienle is an active benefactor, and was cobenefactor with his wife, Jane, until her demise in 1991. The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and the Penn State College of Medicine have benefited greatly from the projects made possible by the generosity of the Doctors Kienle. The person we seek to honor at the Fall Convocation with an award of $1000 is that distinguished nurse who has shown exceptional humanism by simple but consistent acts of care and concern. We envision a nurse who has demonstrated acts of caring as well as valuable community service in expression of a spirit of unselfish concern for the welfare and comfort of others. Please use the following criteria in considering your nominee for this award: demonstrates consistent acts of compassionate caring and concern for her/his patients, fellow healthcare workers, and community; demonstrates empathetic awareness of the patient’s experience of illness and the desire to facilitate the healing process; serves as an effective role model in the delivery of humane nursing care; shows respect for others; demonstrates cultural sensitivity with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds; displays effective communication and listening skills; understands a patient’s need for interpretation of complex medical and nursing diagnoses and treatment and makes an effort to assure patient comprehension; shows respect for the patient’s dignity; pays attention and is sensitive to the patient’s psychological well-being; effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members; engenders trust and confidence; adheres to professional ethical standards; displays personal commitment to objective self-evaluation of his/her own skills.
The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award for Medical School Faculty presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

This award is given to recognize and honor medical school faculty who demonstrate the highest standard of compassion and sensitivity in their interaction with patients. This year $1000 will be presented during the medical school commencement activities to one faculty member from each of a number of selected medical schools throughout the United States. Please use the following criteria to consider which medical school faculty member to nominate for this prestigious award:

- consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
- serves as a role model—illustrates professional example by behavior by example—for students and colleagues
- is approachable and accessible to students
- welcomes opportunities for one-on-one mentorships with students
- exhibits enthusiasm and skill in professional and personal interaction with students
- shows respect for everyone with whom he/she comes in contact
- demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds
- displays effective communication and listening skills
- understands a patient’s need for interpretation of complex medical diagnosis and treatment and makes an effort to assure patient comprehension—shows respect for the patient’s viewpoint
- pays attention and is sensitive to the patient’s psychological well-being
- effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members
- engenders trust and confidence
- adheres to professional ethical standards
- is personally committed to objective self-evaluation of his/her own skills
Please complete the form indicating your nominee together with a caption of the candidate as a person and a description of the actions which you believe qualifies the individual for the award.

I, ____________________________________________, nominate _______________________________________

for one of the following awards: (please ✓)

☐ The Medical Student Humanitarian Award
☐ The Mary Louise Witmer Jones Resident Humanitarian Award in Memory of Jane Witmer Kienle, M.D.
☐ The Nurse’s Humanitarian Award in Honor of Lawrence F. Kienle, M.D.
☐ The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award for Medical School Faculty

for the following reasons:

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Signature ________________________________ Date ________________________________

Printed name ________________________________ Department (required) ________________________________

Telephone Number (required) ________________________________ Mail Code (required) ________________________________

Only those receiving this form may nominate. You may nominate one candidate for each award. Submit completed form to Philip K. Wilson, Ph.D., Director, The Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine, Department of Humanities, Mail Code H134, by March 1, 2013. You may copy this form if you wish to nominate more than one candidate or additional forms are available upon request—call Lori at 717/531-8778.