

University of Nebraska Medical Center Gold Humanism Honor Society Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award - College of Medicine Faculty

Instructions:

1. Email Trek Langenhan, MD (trek.langenhan@unmc.edu) with:
 1. Name of nominator and nominee
 2. A letter of support from nominator: should emphasize what makes the candidate an outstanding role model with emphasis on empathetic patient care, teaching accomplishments, personal attributes of effective communication and listening skills, and interpersonal sensitivity.
 3. A personal statement from nominee: Should highlight evidence of meeting the award criteria delineated below. Two-page length maximum.
 4. Nominee's current CV formatted using UNMC guidelines.
2. Due date/time: January 26th, 2026, at 8 am
3. The winner (1) will be notified via email prior to January 31, 2026, and announced at the UNMC GHHS student induction ceremony on the morning of January 31, 2026.

Eligibility criteria:

- All full time and part time UNMC College of Medicine faculty members with ≥ 2 years experience at UNMC.
- Self-nomination is not permitted

Award Criteria:

Nomination and selection should reflect the candidate's commitment to humanism and patient-centered care. Nominees should create and foster a healthcare environment that is kind, safe, and trustworthy.

- MD or DO and/or a faculty member with substantial clinical teaching responsibilities
- consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
- serves as a role model—illustrates professional behavior by example
- approachable and accessible to students
- welcomes opportunities for teaching and one-on-one mentorships with students
- exhibits enthusiasm and skill in professional and personal interactions with students
- shows respect for the viewpoint of others, even when it differs from their own
- demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse backgrounds
- demonstrates and models the values of equity and inclusion in their daily work and life
- displays effective communication and listening skills
- understands patients' need for interpretation of complex medical diagnoses and treatments and makes an effort to ensure patient comprehension—shows respect for the patient's viewpoint
- sensitive to the patients' psychological well-being
- effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members
- cooperative, respectful and easy to work with - engenders trust and confidence
- adheres to professional and ethical standards
- committed to reflection and objective self-evaluation of his/her skills