

2022 UAMS

Excellence in Mentoring Awards

Congratulations to these outstanding mentors!



WOMEN FACULTY MENTORING EXCELLENCE

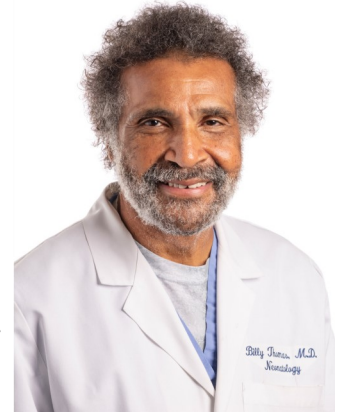
Melissa Zielinski, Ph.D.

"While I would certainly love to hold a job similar to Dr. Zielinski's, I would count myself a success to share the qualities and characteristics that make her a strong and supportive mentor. She is kind, sincere, respectful, helpful, attentive to the growth areas of others, complimentary and confirming of mentee strengths, encouraging, and constantly attuned to the varying developmental needs of her mentees and lab members. She proactively seeks out opportunities to better prepare others for their futures, while managing to balance her many roles and hats with grace."

DIVERSITY FACULTY MENTORING EXCELLENCE

Billy R. Thomas, M.D.

"On countless occasions, Dr. Thomas' soft-spoken yet affirming and resolute presence has been a guiding light on my pathway to success in academic medicine. As is readily apparent from his CV, there are more than 70 people for which Dr. Thomas has served as mentor in an official capacity. It stands to reason that there is a multitude of others that he has unofficially mentored. I have no doubt that they have benefitted from his example and tutelage as much as I have."



CLINICAL EMERGING FACULTY MENTORING EXCELLENCE

Joana M. Mack, M.D.

"Dr. Mack pushed me to think critically about patients, encouraged me to take an active role in research, and advocated for me to pursue a challenging field. ... She has always encouraged me to push the boundaries in order to pursue my clinical goals and dreams."

CLINICAL LEGEND FACULTY MENTORING EXCELLENCE

Larry G. Johnson, M.D.

"Many of us become Mentors to students, residents and fellows as a part of academic citizenship or an opportunity that comes along in the career. Only few do it with passion, and Dr. Johnson is one of those few. Over the years, he mentored many medical students, residents, fellows and junior faculty to choose and grow in the career of their interest. He became a mentor for all the faculty members in our division at UAMS. His art of identifying our unrecognized talents always amazed me."



RESEARCH EMERGING FACULTY MENTORING EXCELLENCE

Taren M. Swindle, Ph.D.

"Taren has multiple facets that make her an outstanding mentor, but I can particularly speak to her qualities as a developer of passion and skill, her desire to open doors for others, and her influence as a successful role model. Taren is actively engaged with the passions and interests of her team and provides us with the opportunities to invest in new skills and capacities, even when the pay-out from the investment is not immediate."

RESEARCH LEGEND FACULTY MENTORING EXCELLENCE

Geoffrey M. Curran, Ph.D.

"Dr. Geoff Curran, an internationally renowned leader and founder in the field of Implementation Science, treats his mentees with kindness and patience, shares his expertise and network with the next generation of scientists, and plays drums on the weekend. The number and successes of his mentees are shadowed only by the authentic and high-energy spirit that he brings to the mentoring relationship."

