



Association of Women Surgeons

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Association of Women Surgeons Announces Recipients of the 2011 Awards August 2, 2011

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2011 AWS Foundation Awards. A special reception and dinner is planned for the Awards Ceremony and 30th Anniversary Celebration on Monday, October 24, 2011 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Special guests will include Dr. Patricia Numann, American College of Surgeons President and Founder of AWS, and the 2011 Award Recipients (listed below).

The Association's most prestigious award, the **Nina Starr Braunwald Award**, is awarded to **Margaret Dunn, MD, FACS**, Executive Associate Dean at Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University and President and CEO of Wright State Physicians for her work with the association and leadership in advancing women in surgery.

The **Olga Jonasson Distinguished Member Award** is given to an AWS member surgeon who exemplifies the ideals and mission of the association. This year's award is presented to **Pauline Chen, MD, FACS**, Transplant Surgeon and columnist for the *New York Times*.

The **AWS Past Presidents' Honorary Member Award** is given to an individual or individuals who are supportive of the goals of the association. This year's award is presented to **John L. Tarpley, MD** and **Margaret Tarpley MLS** of Vanderbilt University.

The **Hilary Sanfey Outstanding Resident Award** is given to a resident who demonstrates potential as a future leader in surgery. This year's award is presented to **Maureen Tedesco, MD** of Stanford University. She was nominated by Thomas Krummel, MD, Department Chair at Stanford.

The **Patricia Numann Medical Student Award** was established to encourage and support female medical students pursuing a career in surgery. The winner is chosen based on her expressed interest in surgery, potential leadership qualities or research contributions to the field of surgery, and recommendations. This year's recipient is **Rajshri Mainthia**, studying at Vanderbilt University. Her nomination was supported by Roland Eavey, MD, SM and Guy M. Maness, MD, Department Chair at Vanderbilt.

If you would like to participate in this year's special celebration program, please visit our Website: www.WomenSurgeons.org. Tables and individual tickets may be purchased for the Awards Dinner; acknowledgements and/or advertisements in honor of the Award recipients or in recognition of AWS' 30th Anniversary may also be taken out in the Awards Dinner Program Book.

AWS' mission is to *inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals*. For more information about AWS, please visit www.WomenSurgeons.org or e-mail us at info@WomenSurgeons.org.