



## Association of Women Surgeons

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### **PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **Association of Women Surgeons Awards Dinner**

On Monday, October 4, 2010, the Association of Women Surgeons held their annual Awards Dinner at The National Press Club in Washington DC. With over 120 people in attendance, Dr. Rosemary Kozar presented the awards to six recipients for their professional achievements.



*Gayle Woodson, MD, FACS, Lasalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS, Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, FACS  
with AWS President Rosemary Kozar, MD, PhD, FACS*

The Association's most prestigious award, the *Nina Starr Braunwald Award*, was presented to **Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, FACS** of Johns Hopkins Medical Institutes, for her work with the association and leadership in advancing women in surgery. Dr. Freischlag accepted her award and thanked, individually, the over thirty supporters who were present that evening to support and congratulate her.

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 was presented to **Gayle Woodson, MD, FACS** of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Renamed in 2007 in honor of Claude Organ, MD, FACS, the *Claude Organ Honorary Member Award* is given to an individual who is supportive of the goals of the association. This year's award was presented to **Lasalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS** of Howard University.

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*AWS President Rosemary Kozar, MD, PhD, FACS with Elizabeth David, MD, Starr Poster Winner, Elizabeth Malm-Buatsi, MD, Victoria Stager, MD and Shelly Choo*

The 2010 *Hilary Sanfey Outstanding Woman Resident Award* is given to a resident who demonstrates potential as a future leader in surgery. This year awards were presented to two residents: **Elizabeth David, MD** of Georgetown University Hospital and **Victoria Stager, MD** of Baylor University M.C.

The *Patricia Numann, MD, FACS 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. The 2010 recipient is **Shelly Choo** of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

### Additional Awards of Note

**Nancy L. Cho, MD** of Brigham & Women's Hospital was selected as the 2011 recipient of the Association of Women Surgeons Foundation and Genomic Health, Inc. Fellowship for her project entitled *Predictors of Adenoma Recurrence in a Colorectal Adenoma Prevention Trial*.

**Katie S. Nason, MD, MPH** of the University of Pittsburgh was selected as the 2011 recipient of the Association of Women Surgeons Foundation and Ethicon Endo-Surgery Fellowship for her project entitled *Applying Proteomics to the Exploration of Differential Pathways to Carcinogenesis in Esophageal Adenocarcinoma*.

**Therese M. Duane, MD, FACS** of Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center was selected as a Visiting Professor to represent the Association of Women Surgeons at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

**Catherine Wittgen, MD, FACS** of Saint Louis University was selected as a Visiting Professor to represent the Association of Women Surgeons at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

### About AWS

The Association of Women Surgeons' mission is to inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals. AWS, 5204 Fairmount Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515; phone 630/655-0392; fax 630/493-0798; e-mail [info@WomenSurgeons.org](mailto:info@WomenSurgeons.org); website [www.WomenSurgeons.org](http://www.WomenSurgeons.org).