

2018 THOMAS J. LEMLEY AWARD FOR HEALTH DISPARITY Guidelines

The Health Disparities Committee invites you to enter this year's competition. We have cash prizes for students. We have a free conference registration and a one-year PSPA membership for fellows. In years past, the committee has received essays, videos, and PowerPoint™ presentations for this competition. We will continue to encourage creativity by welcoming multimedia projects for the 2018 competition.

We welcome projects that include, **but are not limited** to:

- Essay
- Photo slide show
- PowerPoint™ presentations
- Videos (music or documentary)

Last year's winners: First Place – Christy Lee Rivard
Thomas Jefferson University
Second Place – Lauren Barton
Drexel University

About the Committee: The Health Disparity Committee serves to advance the PSPA's commitment to diversity in all its various aspects.

What are Health Disparities? The Health Resources and Services Administration define health disparities as differences in presentation and outcomes of disease. Once considered issues pertaining only to race and ethnicity, health disparities are also products of poor access to healthcare, poverty, environmental exposures, lower education levels, and behavioral concerns.

Who was Thomas J Lemley? Tom Lemley was born and raised in a decaying manufacturing town in Eastern Ohio. He joined the Air Force and became a PA in 1976. He rose among the ranks finishing his career teaching at the USAF PA Program and serving as the chief physician assistant in the Air Force, providing guidance to the USAF Surgeon General and his command staff at the Pentagon on physician assistant issues. With his help, PA utilization in the USAF expanded from primary care to other areas of medicine and surgery. Through his counseling and encouragement, many young enlisted men and women applied for and became PA students. Tom retired from the USAF and came home to Pennsylvania to begin his second PA career. He joined the PSPA and became involved in its activities.



Tom brought this Diversity Award competition to life in 2004 with a vision of the PSPA finding ways to increase awareness of the diverse needs of patients. With Tom's guidance, the Health Disparities Committee (formerly called the Diversity Council) sought ways to look at issues of health disparities and attempt to highlight the efforts of those who are doing their share not only to increase awareness but also shed light on solutions. Tom passed away in 2008 but he lives on in our hearts. Many who were fortunate enough to know him called him a friend and mentor.

Eligibility: PA students and PA fellows are invited to participate. **All contestants must be a PSPA member in good standing at the time the project is submitted. All contestants must also be active PSPA members at the time that the prizes are awarded.**

Evaluation: Every effort is made to select judges from all PSPA regions. Judges review the projects and provide evaluation scores. Judging criteria include: practical application to the physician assistant education/profession/practice, enhancement of PA profession knowledge base, and quality of presentation. Award winners are determined by the highest average scores.

Awards: Awards will be presented at the 2018 PSPA Annual Conference which will be held at Kalahari Resorts in Pocono Manor, PA during the Student Challenge Bowl/Awards Ceremony. Winners (and family members) will receive complimentary registration for the awards ceremony.

Prizes:

Student Division	
1st Place -	\$1,500
2nd Place -	\$1,000

Fellow (PA-C) Division

1st Place -	Conference registration for the following year
2nd Place -	Membership for the following year

Topic: **STANDARD OF CARE**

This year, the PSPA Health Disparities Committee would like PSPA members, fellows and students, to present disparities in standard of care in underserved populations and for patients who are underinsured or uninsured. Projects or essays should consider issues that prevent patients from receiving the care they need or deserve.

Standard of care refers to the degree of care and skill of the average health care provider who practices, taking into account the medical knowledge that is

available to the provider. According to the National Institutes of Health, standards articulate minimal, acceptable or excellent levels of performance that lead to expected outcomes in health care. The NIH asserts that practice guidelines assist the health care practitioner with patient care decisions about appropriate diagnostic, therapeutic, or other clinical procedures for specific clinical circumstances.

Deadline: **June 15, 2018**

Format: Students and fellows can submit essays, videos, narrated PowerPoint® presentations, or narrated photo slideshow. Other formats will be considered, but approval should be requested before submission.

Essay

All essays should be formatted using double space and 12-point Times New Roman font. Do not use decorative or italic fonts. The paper is to be 1,000 to 1,500 words in length.

Historically, this format is the most common format seen in this competition. Your work should have a title. The manuscript must be submitted in numbered sequential order. Please expand all acronyms on first mention. (Example: WBCs for white blood cells). Also, provide units of measure for all laboratory values or other clinical measures that are expressed in number form. (Example: mg/dL when providing a blood glucose level.) Refer to drugs using their generic names and trade names. Provide the named salt if it will help to clarify which drug you are talking about. (Example: Cefuroxime axetil, an oral form, or Cefuroxime sodium for IM or IV forms). Provide appropriate headings and sub-headings throughout the text in order to clarify the organization of information for the reader. All references should be from peer-reviewed, reputable resources within the medical community and be formally referenced.

PowerPoint® Presentation

Create a 20- to 25-slide PowerPoint® presentation regarding the role of physician assistants in addressing the topic. The presentation should simulate a seminar appropriate for an advisory board who is contemplating how physician assistants employed by their organization could play a role in addressing the issues identified.

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Videos

All entries should include opening credits that list all participants who deserve credit for the

project submitted. Nudity and use of inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Videos are to be of tasteful, respectful, ethical, and moral in nature. The video should be no more than 3 minutes in length. Be creative and show off your talents.

Photo Slide Show

The slide show should contain no more than 25 photos. Music and/or narration should be added to the slide show. Lyrics/transcript of narration should be included with entry. Nudity and use of inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Photos and music are to be of tasteful, respectful, ethical, and moral in nature.

Submission: A letter of submission should be e-mailed to committee co-chair, Jane Arenas. The letter should confirm that the submitted work is original, created by the primary author or co-authors (not ghost-written by anyone not named as an author) and is free from pharmaceutical company or medical education company sponsorship or funding. The project should be identified in all correspondence and the required contact information should be found in the body of your letter or e-mail. In the letter of submission, you should list each table, figure, algorithm, photograph, radiograph, etc., in the article and clearly state whether the item is original to you or, if it is not, state who holds the copyright. Provide complete reference (specifying which manual of style is used) for each item utilized from another source.

All entries submitted should be accompanied with the following statement:

(For individual assignments)

I certify that this assignment is presented as entirely my own intellectual work. Any words and/or ideas from other sources (e.g. printed publications, Internet sites, electronic media, other individuals, groups, or organizations) have been properly indicated using the appropriate scholarly citation style required by the department or College. I have not submitted this assignment in its entirety to satisfy the requirements of any other PSPA competition.

(For group projects)

We certify that this assignment is presented as entirely our own intellectual work. Any words and/or ideas from other sources (e.g. printed publications, Internet sites, electronic media, other individuals, groups, or organizations) have been properly indicated using the appropriate scholarly citation style required by the department or College. We have not submitted this assignment in its entirety to satisfy the requirements of any other PSPA competition.

Essays should be sent as an attachment via email. CDs or USB flash drives containing videos, PowerPoint® presentations, and photo slide show should be sent via postal mail. The letter of submission, sent via email, should include information regarding the expected arrival of the package.

Essays, videos, PowerPoint™ presentations, or slide shows previously or simultaneously submitted for other PSPA competition/scholarship or publication elsewhere are not eligible for this particular PSPA sponsored health disparity competition.

Please contact Jane Arenas via email at jane.arenas38@gmail.com with any questions. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 2018. Essays can be sent via email. Videos, picture slide shows, and PowerPoint presentations can be sent via google drive or via USPS (on a USB flash drive, CD-ROM, DVD) addressed to:

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