David C. Leach Award



Named to honor the ACGME's former Executive Director, Dr. David C. Leach (1997 – 2007), and his commitment to resident education and physician well-being, this award recognizes resident/fellow-led projects and innovations.



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About the project:

"Dr. Molani single-handedly established the first educational social media initiative in the history of the UNMC Pathology Department and created a platform that allows residents and faculty to share a wealth of knowledge that is often sequestered within the specialty. Her efforts were exceptionally important in a time where

recruitment numbers for pathology have been steadily declining, pathologist visibility is low, and few individuals (including physicians of other specialties) have regular exposure to pathologists and their contributions to patient care. She encouraged the department to create a Twitter account and an Instagram account to engage different audiences. The department established both accounts. She became the Editor-in-Chief of the Instagram account and has regularly shared content contributed by residents and faculty."

"Over the course of 18 months, the Pathology & Microbiology Instagram account has grown to more than 1600 followers, which makes it the second largest official social media account affiliated with the University of Nebraska. It has become a platform for residents to share rare cases, research, upcoming opportunities such as conferences and scholarships, and accomplishments. It has also allowed residents to network and collaborate with colleagues from around the world. Additionally, the account has become a recruitment tool as it provides exposure to pathology, laboratory sciences, and the resident experience."