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2023

# JACOBI MEDALLION

*Reception  
& Award  
Ceremony*

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**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

The Plaza Hotel / New York City

## The Jacobi Medallion

**A**s President of the Associated Alumni in 1952, Dr. William M. Hitzig conceived the idea of commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Mount Sinai Hospital by honoring Mount Sinai physicians for distinguished achievement in the field of medicine or for extraordinary service to the alumni. Dr. Abraham Jacobi, after whom the medallion is named, was one of the early presidents of The Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Board and eventually became President of the AMA. He is credited with founding the specialty of pediatrics and, together with his wife Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi, established the first pediatric clinic in the United States. A man of broad interests, humanistic philosophy, investigative acumen, and clinical skill, he stands as a model not only for Mount Sinai, but for the entire medical profession.



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### WELCOME

Talia H. Swartz, MD, PhD, MSSM '08, MSH '13  
President, The Mount Sinai Alumni Association

### REMARKS

Dennis S. Charney, MD  
Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean  
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President for Academic Affairs  
Mount Sinai Health System

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Sandra K. Masur, PhD, FASCB  
Chair, Jacobi Medallion Selection Committee

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### AWARDING OF THE JACOBI MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

#### ***Presented by***

Sandra K. Masur, PhD, FASCB  
Talia H. Swartz, MD, PhD, MSSM '08, MSH '13

### RECIPIENTS

Burton A. Cohen, MD, MSH '79  
Lakshmi A. Devi, PhD  
Marta Filizola, PhD  
Patricia Kovatch  
I. Michael Leitman, MD, FACS  
Jessica R. Moise  
Ramon Parsons, MD, PhD  
Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS  
Swan N. Thung, MD, FAASLD

### CLOSING REMARKS

# Message from the Chief Executive Officer and the President and Chief Operating Officer



Welcome to the 2023 Jacobi Medallion Awards Ceremony.

Among the greatest honors we can receive are those bestowed upon us by our colleagues, the people who best understand the persistent and steadfast effort required to achieve excellence in biomedicine. This is the essence of the Jacobi Medallion, Mount Sinai’s highest award.

Based upon nominations from alumni and faculty, Mount Sinai has been awarding the Jacobi Medallion since 1952 to recognize members of the Mount Sinai community who, through years of service, have made exceptional contributions to clinical medicine, biomedical research, and medical education.


The Medallion’s namesake, Abraham Jacobi, MD, was affiliated with Mount Sinai for 59 years. In 1878, he established the nation’s first inpatient department of pediatrics at The Mount Sinai Hospital, and today he is known as “the father of pediatrics” for his pioneering work in pediatric medicine.


Following in Dr. Jacobi’s tradition, Mount Sinai this year recognizes the following physicians, researchers, and faculty members for distinguished achievement in medicine and extraordinary service to the Mount Sinai Health System and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai: Burton A. Cohen, MD, MSH '79; Lakshmi A. Devi, PhD; Marta Filizola, PhD; Patricia Kovatch; I. Michael Leitman, MD, FACS; Jessica R. Moise; Ramon Parsons, MD, PhD; Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS; and Swan N. Thung, MD, FAASLD.

Congratulations to the 2023 Jacobi Medallion recipients.

Thank you for joining us in honoring this year’s awardees, and helping the Alumni Association celebrate Mount Sinai’s commitment to academic and medical excellence.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth L. Davis, MD, MSSM '73  
Chief Executive Officer  
Mount Sinai Health System

  
Margaret A. Pastuszko, MBA  
President and Chief Operating Officer  
Mount Sinai Health System

# Message from the Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean



More than any other factor, the tireless dedication of our faculty and administrators has made the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai one of the nation’s great medical schools. Tonight, we honor some of those exceptional individuals with Mount Sinai’s highest award, the Jacobi Medallion.

In the tradition of Abraham Jacobi, MD, a visionary in pediatrics and president of The Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Board for 35 years, this year’s Jacobi Medallion recipients have proven themselves to be innovators who embody the best of Mount Sinai. Their work is inspiring: they are pushing the boundaries of scientific knowledge, educating the next generation of great researchers and clinicians, elevating the practice of medicine, and making a difference in patients’ lives.


Please join me in congratulating the 2023 Jacobi Medallion recipients:

Burton A. Cohen, MD, MSH '79; Lakshmi A. Devi, PhD; Marta Filizola, PhD; Patricia Kovatch; I. Michael Leitman, MD, FACS; Jessica R. Moise; Ramon Parsons, MD, PhD; Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS; and Swan N. Thung, MD, FAASLD.

These Jacobi Medallion honorees exemplify our community of outstanding researchers, clinicians, and educators who put Icahn Mount Sinai on the leading edge of scientific discovery and medical education, and make it possible for us to attract highly talented faculty, trainees, and students.

Thank you for joining us in saluting their contributions to Icahn Mount Sinai, the entire Mount Sinai Health System, and the field of biomedicine.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis S. Charney, MD  
Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
President for Academic Affairs  
Mount Sinai Health System

# Message from the President of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 71st annual Jacobi Medallion Reception and Awards Ceremony! I am honored to be your President of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association. I would like to thank members of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association, especially Dr. Sandra Masur, Chair of the Jacobi Medallion Award Selection Committee, for ensuring the success of tonight’s event.

The Jacobi Medallion was established in 1952 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Mount Sinai Hospital. It honors extraordinary service to The Mount Sinai Hospital, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and the alumni community. This year, the Alumni Association is proud to award nine of Mount Sinai’s most deserving with the Jacobi Medallion. Each of these awardees has been an innumerable and lasting impact on the face of clinical care, research, and education within and outside our Health System.

Burton A. Cohen, MD, MSH ’79; Lakshmi A. Devi, PhD; Marta Filizola, PhD; Patricia Kovatch; I. Michael Leitman, MD, FACS; Jessica R. Moise; Ramon Parsons, MD, PhD; Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS; and Swan N. Thung, MD, FAASLD.

The founding mission of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association was to support lifelong education and mentorship among former house staff and the attending physicians of The Mount Sinai Hospital. With the establishment of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, the Alumni Association expanded to welcome members of its first graduating class. We continue to strive to diversify our honorees in all ways. We now also welcome members of the growing health care system and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

We thank you all for being a part of Mount Sinai and the School of Medicine’s legacy and future. Congratulations to all recipients and enjoy tonight’s program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Talia Swartz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Talia H. Swartz, MD, PhD, MSSM ’08, MSH ’13  
President, The Mount Sinai Alumni Association  
Senior Associate Dean for MD/PhD Education  
Director, MD/PhD Program  
Associate Professor of Medicine, Infectious Diseases  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

# Message from the 2023 Jacobi Medallion Selection Committee Chair



We celebrate the 2023 Jacobi Medallion Award recipients tonight. They exemplify the highest ideals of our community. The range and quality of their contributions have enriched our knowledge, our workplace, our patients, our students and trainees, and beyond. We celebrate them all: Burton A. Cohen, Lakshmi A. Devi, Marta Filizola, Patricia Kovatch, I. Michael Leitman, Jessica R. Moise, Ramon Parsons, Bruce E. Sands, and Swan N. Thung, and we look forward to the continuing impact of their contributions to Mount Sinai and to the larger biomedicine community.

The Jacobi award was established in 1952 on the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Mount Sinai Hospital. The award is equally meaningful 55 years after the founding of our medical school in 1968. In the earlier years, the Jacobi Medallion honored physicians who were so outstanding that they were known as physicians’ physicians, many of whom made seminal clinical observations that defined syndromes and diseases. And today we continue to honor these outstanding physician colleagues as well as outstanding clinician educators, scientists, and administrative leaders who make up our Mount Sinai community.

It is my honor to chair the Jacobi Medallion Selection Committee again. The number of truly excellent nominations we receive is ever more impressive. Each nominee is notable for their contributions to biomedicine or their extraordinary service especially to The Mount Sinai Hospital, Mount Sinai Health System, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, or the Alumni Association. The quality of these candidates humbled the committee members, and made us feel very proud; it also made our task very challenging. The nominees’ depth and breadth indicated the extraordinary pipeline of talent connected with our institution.

Thank you for joining us to honor this year’s Jacobi Medallion Award recipients who exemplify contributions to our diverse community. We look forward to celebrating many more of our extraordinary colleagues in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra K. Masur". The signature is in a cursive script.

Sandra K. Masur, PhD, FASCB  
Chair, Jacobi Medallion Selection Committee  
Professor, Ophthalmology and Pharmacological Sciences  
Chair, Committee on Special Awards  
Director, Office for Women’s Careers  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

# Message from the Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs



On behalf of the Mount Sinai Office of Alumni Relations, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the recipients of the 2023 Jacobi Medallion!

- Burton A. Cohen, MD, MSH '79
- Lakshmi A. Devi, PhD
- Marta Filizola, PhD
- Patricia Kovatch
- I. Michael Leitman, MD, FACS
- Jessica R. Moise
- Ramon Parsons, MD, PhD
- Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS
- Swan N. Thung, MD, FAASLD

It is members of the Mount Sinai community, such as yourself, that make this institution the remarkable place that it is. Special recognition to Dr. Sandra Masur for heading the Jacobi Medallion 2023 Nomination Committee, as well as the members of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association for their efforts in making this evening a success.

I would also like to recognize with gratitude the many alumni who have left us over the past year. Mount Sinai will honor their legacies for generations to come.

Congratulations again on this incredible honor! I am grateful to work with physicians and scientists who are so dedicated to their institution, its patients, and the community it serves.

Sincerely,

Alexis Colvin, MD, MSSM '02  
Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs  
Professor, Leni & Peter W. May Department of Orthopedic Surgery  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

## *In Memory*

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING  
JACOBI MEDALLION RECIPIENTS WHO  
PASSED AWAY SINCE LAST YEAR.

*Gone, but certainly not forgotten*

- Randall P. Griepp, MD
- Kurt Hirschhorn, MD
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Congratulations to Dr. Swan Thung. Thank you for your  
contributions to liver cancer research. We are so happy for  
your recognition and grateful for your kindness.  
Gayle and James Chin

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In honor of Dr. I. Michael Leitman, congratulations on  
this prestigious award

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Congrats Dr. Burton Cohen, 2023 Jacobi Medallion recipient

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a 2023 Jacobi Medallion Recipient

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# Thank You

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Congratulations to Jacobi Recipient Dr. Burton Cohen on this well-deserved honor

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Congratulations to our great friend and 2023 Jacobi Recipient  
Burton A. Cohen, MD, MSH '79

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The Samuel Bronfman Department of Medicine congratulates all the Jacobi Medallion recipients on this well-deserved honor

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2021–	Talia H. Swartz	1964	Albert Cornell (H. 1937)	1927	Burrill B. Crohn (H. 1910)
2019–21	Eric M. Genden	1963	Vernon A. Weinstein	1926	Harold Neuhoﬀ (H. 1907)
2017–19	Burton A. Cohen	1962	Emanuel Klempner (H. 1936)	1925	Abraham Hyman (H. 1908)
2015–17	Donald Bergman	1961	Max Ellenberg (H. 1938)	1924	Murray H. Bass (H. 1910)
2013–15	Lyris A. Schonholz	1960	Gabriel P. Seley (H. 1938)	1923	Bernard S. Oppenheimer (H. 1904)
2011–13	Jeffrey T. Laitman	1959	Harry Rosenwasser (H. 1930)	1921–22	Walter J. Highman (H. 1907)
2009–11	Martin S. Goldstein (H. 1971)	1958	Elmer S. Gais (H. 1927)	1920	Herbert L. Celler (H. 1903)
2007–09	Elliot J. Rayfield	1957	Solomon Silver (H. 1929)	1919	Sidney Haas (H. 1897)
2005–07	Barry Stimmel (H. 1970)	1956	Arthur H. Aufses, Sr. (H. 1923)	1917–18	Edward A. Aronson (H. 1902)
2003–05	William G. Stein (H. 1963)	1955	Harry I. Weinstock (H. 1925)	1916	Sidney Yankauer (H. 1902)
2001–03	Jeffrey S. Freed (H. 1976)	1954	Joseph Laval (H. 1926)	1915	S. S. Goldwater (H. 1902)
1999–01	Avi Barbasch (H. 1980)	1953	Samuel Karelitz	1914	Herman Schwarz (H. 1901)
1997–99	Wayne S. Fuchs (S. 1979; H. 1983)	1952	William M. Hitzig (H. 1932)	1913	Israel Strauss (H. 1890)
1995–97	Albert M. Lefkovits (H. 1967)	1951	Samuel H. Klein (H. 1931)	1912	Louis Hausworth (H. 1898)
1993–95	Richard D. Moss (H. 1962)	1950	Charles K. Friedberg (H. 1930)	1911	Emanuel Libman (H. 1891)
1991–93	Samuel L. Guillory (S. 1975; H. 1979)	1949	Leo Edelman (H. 1917)	1910	Charles Elsberg (H. 1895)
1989–91	Daniel H. Present (H. 1966)	1948	Arthur R. Sohval (H. 1931)	1909	Martin Ware (H. 1894)
1987–89	Mark H. Swartz (S. 1973; H. 1977)	1947	Richard M. Brickner (H. 1925)	1908	Albert A. Berg (H. 1896)
1985–87	Nathaniel Wisch (H. 1961)	++		1907	Percy Fridenberg (H. 1892)
1983–85	Roger N. Levy (H. 1965)	1942	Harry Weiss (H. 1927)	1906	Walter Brickner (H. 1898)
1981–83	Jerome D. Waye (H. 1962)	1941	Arthur M. Master (H. 1923)	1905	Frederick Mandelbaum (H. 1891)
1979–81	Eugene W. Friedman (H. 1948)	1940	Samuel Rosen (H. 1925)	1904	Edwin Sternberger (H. 1892)
1976–79	David R. Coddon (H. 1957)	1939	Irving Simons (H. 1911)	1903	Edward Fridenberg (H. 1880)*
1976	Joel Hartley (H. 1941)**	1938	Percy Klingenstein (H. 1922)	1902	Samuel M. Brickner (H. 1894)
1974–76	Gerald Friedman (H. 1962)	1937	Ernst P. Boas (H. 1916)	1901	E. J. Ware (H. 1886)
1973	Louis S. Lapid (H. 1947)	1936	Frederic D. Zeman (H. 1921)	1900	Charles May (H. 1884)
1972	Norman Simon (H. 1947)	1935	David Beck (H. 1915)	1899	Howard Lilienthal (H. 1888)
1971	Robert A. Nabatoff (H. 1946)	1934	Joseph B. Stenbuck (H. 1921)	1896	Albert Fridenberg (H. 1879)
1970	J. Lester Gabrilove (H. 1944)	1933	Richard H. Hoffman (H. 1910)		
1969	Albert S. Lyons (H. 1942)	1932	Daniel Poll (H. 1913)		
1968	Ezra M. Greenspan (H. 1946)	1931	Bernard H. Eliasberg (H. 1910)		
1967	Alan H. Barnert (H. 1942)	1930	Samuel H. Geist (H. 1910)		
1966	Alvin J. Gordon (H. 1941)	1929	John C. A. Gerster (H. 1908)		
1965	Leon Ginzburg (H. 1925)	1928	George Baehr (H. 1910)		

++ Alumni business suspended during World War II, 1943–46  
\* Died December 1903 of “a stroke of apoplexy” at age 48  
\*\* Died before taking office  
H– The Mount Sinai Hospital  
S– Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai



# Past Jacobi Medallion Recipients

2022	Joseph D. Buxbaum, PhD	2019	Nina A. Bickell, MD, MPH	2015	Gary C. Butts, MD	2009	Charlotte Cunningham-Rundles, MD, PhD	2002	Kenneth L. Davis, MD	1995	Valentin Fuster, MD																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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Frederick H. King, MD  
Burton I. Korelitz, MD  
Gail Kuhn Weissman, RN

**1988** Eugene W. Friedman, MD  
Milton H. (Mike) Sisselman  
Leonard Steinfeld, MD  
Edwin A. Weinstein, MD

**1987** Robert M. Berne, MD  
Ephraim Donoso, MD  
Bernard C. Meyer, MD  
Melvin D. Yahr, MD

**1986** Yun Peng Huang, MD  
Paul A. Kirschner, MD  
Gene H. Stollerman, MD  
Alvin S. Teirstein, MD

**1985** James F. Holland, MD  
Robert S. Litwak, MD  
Gabriel P. Seley, MD  
Jerome D. Wayne, MD

**1984** David R. Coddon, MD  
Samuel K. Elster, MD  
Charlotte Friend, PhD  
Sidney M. Silverstone, MD

**1983** Mortimer E. and Richard A. Bader, MDs  
John DeHoff, MD  
Leonard I. Malis, MD  
Lotte Strauss, MD

**1982** Ellen Fuller-Zweifach, RN  
Ezra M. Greenspan, MD  
Horace L. Hodes, MD  
Barry Stimmel, MD

**1981** Lester Blum, MD  
Thomas C. Chalmers, MD  
Samuel H. Klein, MD  
Ralph H. Moloshok, MD

**1980** Jack and Jane Aron  
Lester R. Cahn, DDS  
Jacob Churg, MD  
Arthur R. Sohval, MD

**1979** Arthur H. Aufses, Jr., MD  
Simon Dack, MD  
Alfred P. Fishman, MD  
Peter Vogel, MD

**1978** David A. Dreiling, MD  
Arthur M. Fishberg, MD  
Bernard E. Simon, MD  
Rosalyn S. Yalow, PhD

**1977** Sidney W. Gross, MD  
Alfred L. Rose  
Bernard S. Wolf, MD  
Tsai-Fan Yu, MD

**1976** Irving J. Selikoff, MD  
Robert S. Siffert, MD  
Louise Siltzbach, MD  
Alfred R. Stern

**1975** Sheldon R. Coons  
Henry Dolger, MD  
Jean Pakter, MD  
Robert Turrell, MD  
Louis R. Wasserman, MD

**1974** Henry D. Janowitz, MD  
Albert S. Lyons, MD  
Ira A. Schur  
Norman Simon, MD

**1973** J. Lester Gabrilove, MD  
Alvin J. Gordon, MD  
Hans Popper, MD  
Frederick H. Theodore, MD

**1972** George L. Engel, MD  
Richard H. Marshak, MD  
S. David Pomrinse, MD

**1971** James Felt, Posthumous  
Joseph A. Gaines, MD  
Max L. Som, MD

**1970** Alan H. Barnert, MD  
Claire Hirschfield  
Saul Jarcho, MD

**1969** Joseph Harkavy, MD  
Gordon D. Oppenheimer, MD  
Isidore Snapper, MD  
Martin R. Steinberg, MD

**1968** Irving B. Goldman, MD  
Alan F. Guttmacher, MD  
Samuel M. Peck, MD

**1967** Dr. and Mrs. Arhur H. Aufses, Sr.  
Percy Klingenstein, MD  
George Lee

**1966** Eugene Braunwald, MD  
Albert Cornell, MD  
Joseph L. Goldman, MD  
Lester R. Tuchman, MD

**1965** Gustave L. Levy  
Milton Mendlowitz, MD  
Robert A. Nabatoff, MD

**1964** Morris A. Goldberger, MD  
M. Ralph Kaufman, MD

**1963** Max Ellenberg, MD  
Leon Ginzburg, MD

**1962** Burrill B. Crohn, MD  
John H. Garlock, MD  
Samuel Rosen, MD

**1961** Morris B. Bender, MD  
Joseph Klingenstein  
Coleman B. Rabin, MD

**1960** Murray H. Bass, MD  
Eugene Metzger  
Harold Neuhoof, MD

**1959** Solomon Silver, MD  
Moses Swick, MD

**1958** Bernard H. Eliasberg, MD  
Isidor C. Rubin, MD

**1957** Paul Klemperer, MD  
Israel S. Wechsler, MD  
David Wexler, MD

**1956** George Baehr, MD  
Samuel Karelitz, MD  
Eli Moschcowitz, MD

**1955** Ralph Colp, MD  
Reuben Ottenberg, MD  
Jonas Salk, MD  
Kaufman Schivek, MD, Posthumous  
Harry Weiss, MD

**1954** David Beck, MD  
Richard Lewisohn, MD  
Bernard S. Oppenheimer, MD  
Bela Schick, MD

**1953** William M. Hitzig, MD  
Harry Rosenwasser, MD  
Gregory Schwartzman, MD  
Israel Strauss, MD  
Bella Trachtenberg

**1952** Leo Edelman, MD  
Elmer S. Gais, MD  
Joseph H. Globus, MD  
Abraham Hyman, MD  
Arthur M. Master, MD  
Sadao Otani, MD  
Mount Sinai Hospital  
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2023

# JACOBI

*Recipients*

# MEDALLION

## *Burton A. Cohen, MD, MSH '79*



**Burton A. Cohen, MD**, is an Associate Clinical Professor of Diagnostic, Molecular and Interventional Radiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Cohen has been associated with Mount Sinai since 1976, serving as Resident, then Chief Resident, in the Department of Radiology. He was on the full-time staff at Mount Sinai until 1985, serving as the First Chief of Computed Body Tomography. Since 1985, he has been in private practice as a partner at New York Medical Imaging Associates, a prominent radiology practice on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

Dr. Cohen has been published in 39 peer-reviewed journals. He is the author of six book chapters and many abstracts and exhibits on a wide range of radiologic subjects. He has presented at a number of national meetings.

A proud alumnus of Icahn Mount Sinai, Dr. Cohen has been very active in the teaching programs at Mount Sinai and in the Alumni Association, including serving as its President. He is an engaged member of the Alumni Advisory Committee and served on the Admissions Committee of the medical school for 37 years.

Dr. Cohen has been recognized by his colleagues and named on many Best Doctors Lists, including *New York Magazine* (Castle and Connolly) and Top Doctors in the Metropolitan Area, the Region, and America. He has also been recognized many times by Super Doctors.

In May 2022, the Mount Sinai Alumni Association presented Dr. Cohen with its Master Clinician Award at its Alumni Reunion and Awards Ceremony in recognition of his distinguished service and achievements.

Dr. Cohen resides on Long Island with his wife Gail, an RN who is a Clinical Research Coordinator. They have three children: Lauren, an Obstetrician and Gynecologist; Adam, an attorney whose wife Naomi is a Neonatologist, and Jonathan, an Oral Surgeon whose wife Anna Gribetz is a Social Work Manager in Oncology at Mount Sinai. Burt and Gail are blessed with six grandchildren who are their pride and joy.

## *Lakshmi A. Devi, PhD*



**Lakshmi A. Devi, PhD**, is a Professor in the departments of Pharmacological Sciences, Psychiatry, and Neuroscience. She also serves as the Vice Chair of Education for the Department of Pharmacological Sciences at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Devi is an internationally recognized leader in molecular biology and pharmacology. She has authored more than 200 scientific research articles and mentored more than 90 trainees; many are now in faculty and/or leadership positions in academia and industry.

Dr. Devi's expertise in pharmacology, systems biology, and molecular neuroscience is a unique combination. Her investigations into the brain's response to drug abuse and opioid addiction are at the forefront of neuropharmacology research. Dr. Devi's groundbreaking studies have continuously received support from the National Institutes of Health. Previous grants have led to major scientific contributions to the fields of addiction research and neurodegenerative disorders.

More than a decade ago, Dr. Devi's group made a seminal discovery by demonstrating that membrane proteins such as G protein-coupled receptors form interacting complexes that also serve as novel therapeutic targets. Dr. Devi's group has identified compounds to target these complexes, and efforts are underway to develop these drugs for the treatment of chronic pain, substance abuse, and addiction. Ongoing research at the Devi Laboratory is also aimed at identifying receptors involved in the regulation of feeding, depression, and Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Devi has won many honors and awards, including the National Institute of Drug Abuse Senior Scientist and Mentoring Award, the Dean's Award for Excellence in Basic Research, the NIH MERIT Award, the National Institute of Drug Abuse Senior Research and Mentorship Award, the Gaisman Frontiers in Biomedical Research Award, and the Outstanding Woman in Science Award from the New York chapter of the Association of Women in Science. In 2019, Mount Sinai bestowed Dr. Devi with an Endowed Professorship in Molecular Pharmacology. The following year, the Faculty Council presented her with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Devi received her PhD from the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada. She did her postdoctoral training at the Vollum Institute in Portland, Oregon, and at the Addiction Research Foundation in Palo Alto, California.

## *Marta Filizola, PhD*



**Marta Filizola, PhD**, holds the Sharon and Frederick Klingenstein/Nathan Kase, MD Professorship and is a tenured professor in the departments of Pharmacological Sciences, Neuroscience, and AI and Human Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, where she is also Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Filizola is renowned internationally for her contributions in the field of computational biophysics of membrane proteins, with a special emphasis on G Protein-Coupled Receptors. She has more than 20 years of experience in the application of computational and theoretical chemistry methods to biochemical and biomedical problems, and to rational drug design. She has co-authored several patents and published more than 130 research articles, reviews, and book chapters. Dr. Filizola has mentored more than 50 trainees, and as one of the few female investigators specialized in computational biophysics, she is extremely motivated to increase the participation of women performing research in quantitative sciences. Since joining the faculty at Icahn Mount Sinai in 2007, Dr. Filizola has supervised 12 postdoctoral and 11 graduate and undergraduate female scientists.

The Filizola Laboratory uses a number of cutting-edge computational tools and approaches, including molecular modeling, bioinformatics, cheminformatics, molecular dynamics simulations, enhanced sampling algorithms, free-energy perturbations, and artificial intelligence and machine learning. Dr. Filizola's team has devoted special effort to the subfamily of opioid receptors to discover novel painkillers with reduced side effects. Her lab also works toward the discovery of novel therapeutics to treat renal, hematologic, neoplastic, bone, and/or fibrotic diseases.

Dr. Filizola has received numerous awards and honors, and her work has consistently been supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health. In her role as Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Icahn Mount Sinai, she participates in all school-wide decisions and strategic planning related to graduate education and postdoctoral training, all while maintaining the highest academic and ethical standards for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences faculty and trainees.

Dr. Filizola earned her PhD from the Second University of Naples in Italy. She did her postdoctoral work at the Molecular Research Institute in Mountain View, California, and at Icahn Mount Sinai.



## *Patricia Kovatch*



**Patricia Kovatch** joined the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai as the founding Dean for Scientific Computing and Data in 2011. She is a tenured Professor in the Departments of Genetics and Genomic Sciences and Pharmacological Sciences.

Her arrival at Mount Sinai immediately elevated the institution's computational and data ecosystem to a level beyond what most medical centers could imagine. These new data analytic capabilities helped Mount Sinai to usher in an era of precision medicine, bringing Mount Sinai recognition from the *New York Times*, *Wired* and *Fast Company*. Dean Kovatch and her multi-disciplinary team of experts at the intersection of technology, biomedical science and medicine, have enabled multi-scale, AI-powered science through close collaborations with researchers and clinicians across the Mount Sinai Health System. These partnerships support over \$100 million in NIH-funded computational and data science research per year, resulting in over 1,500 publications over the last 10 years and has enabled new research funding.

As a Principal Investigator (PI), Dean Kovatch has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 2014. She has received multiple NIH equipment awards from the Office of the Director for high-performance computing and data infrastructure that have accelerated research and discovery and reduced cost for Mount Sinai. She was awarded a training grant from the National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering for the Community Research Education and Engagement for Data Science. She is also the PI and Director for the Data Repository and Management Core for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences' Human Health Exposure Analysis Resource.

Before coming to Mount Sinai, Dean Kovatch previously served as the director of an institute for computational science for the National Science Foundation at a Department of Energy national laboratory. This institute deployed the third fastest supercomputer in the world in 2009.

## *I. Michael Leitman, MD, FACS*



**I. Michael Leitman, MD**, is a Professor in the departments of Surgery and Medical Education and Dean for Graduate Medical Education at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He also serves on the Didactic (Teaching) Faculty of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and as a Course Co-Director for GME Residents and Fellows Leadership Program at Icahn Mount Sinai. Additionally, Dr. Leitman is Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Chief of General Surgery at Mount Sinai Beth Israel. He previously held the position of Site Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Mount Sinai Beth Israel.

Dr. Leitman is renowned as an innovator of minimally invasive techniques for the treatment of abdominal conditions. He is also known for his research on the outcomes following the surgical treatment of breast cancer, colon cancer, lower gastrointestinal hemorrhage, gallbladder disease, and morbid obesity.

A fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, Dr. Leitman has been recognized as a Harold C. Case Scholar and Commonwealth Scholar. He is also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the Society of Surgical Oncology. He is a member of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, where he serves as a member of the Continuing Education Committee. He is the author of more than 200 peer-reviewed scientific articles, book chapters, and published abstracts. He is on the editorial board of 20 surgical journals.

Dr. Leitman was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and the Alpha Omega Alpha honor societies. He was the recipient of the 2008 Murry G. Fischer Distinguished Educator Award from Beth Israel. Since 2013, Dr. Leitman has been included in *New York Magazine's* (Castle Connolly) list of Top Doctors. In 2022, he received the Mount Sinai Faculty Council Lifetime Achievement Award.

A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Leitman received both his bachelor's degree and Medical Degree from Boston University. He did his postdoctoral training in surgery at New York-Presbyterian's Weill Cornell campus before completing his fellowship in surgical critical care at North Shore University Hospital on Long Island. While at Cornell, Leitman was under the tutelage of American surgical pioneer G. Tom Shires, MD.



## *Jessica R. Moise*



**Jessica R. Moise, BA**, is the Grants and Contracts Officer and the Senior Associate Dean for Sponsored Programs at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. In her three decades in research administration, she has effectively managed the complexity of Icahn Mount Sinai's prodigious growth and the rapidly changing scope of its research capabilities. These traits have made her a sought-after thought leader by the federal government.

Ms. Moise's work is crucial to the processing of Icahn Mount Sinai's institutional funding sources. In her role as Grants and Contracts Officer at Icahn Mount Sinai, she oversees and acts as the institutional signatory for more than \$600 million annually in Sponsored Programs awards, including \$463 million per year in funding from the National Institutes of Health. Nationally, Icahn Mount Sinai ranks 14th in NIH grant awards to Medical Schools.

Ms. Moise is responsible for hiring, training, and supervising a Grants and Contracts Office staff of 30 people in all areas of pre-awards grants administration. She also creates and enforces institutional policy, presents to senior leadership on grant-related topics, and implements electronic submission software and its processes. Additionally, she represents Icahn Mount Sinai at the Federal Demonstration Partnership and Commons Working Group, a cooperative initiative among 10 federal agencies and more than 200 institutional recipients of federal funds.

Ms. Moise has used her expertise in navigating the NIH grants system to deliver numerous presentations at regional, national, and international meetings of the Society of Research Administrators. She has also presented at the NIH's Yearly Grants Management Specialist Training program. Ms. Moise is a member of the Society of Research Administrators International, the Federal Demonstration Partnership, the Institutional Dual Use Research of Concern Committee, and other standard institutional committees and working groups such as Export Control, Research Administration, and Research Compliance. She previously served on the Academic Review Board at the *Journal of Research Administration*.

Ms. Moise began her career at Icahn Mount Sinai as a Study Coordinator in Neurology, where she was responsible for handling all administrative and regulatory aspects of the Neuro-AIDS Research Program, including adverse event reporting. She also handled a variety of NIH applications and assisted Principal Investigators in preparing consents, protocols, and case report forms.

Ms. Moise earned her BA in Psychology from Eugene Lang College in New York City.

## *Ramon Parsons, MD, PhD*



**Ramon Parsons, MD, PhD**, is an Icahn Scholar, the Director of The Tisch Cancer Institute, the Ward-Coleman Chair in Cancer Research, and a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Oncological Studies at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is also the Director of the Mount Sinai Tisch Cancer Center for the Mount Sinai Health System.

Dr. Parsons is a highly acclaimed researcher in cancer genetics, with an emphasis on breast cancer. His research goals include identifying the genetic and biochemical changes that lead normal cells to develop into aggressive cancer cells. He made a seminal finding when he discovered a tumor suppressor gene that is often mutated in cancer called PTEN. Dr. Parsons showed that PTEN is part of the PI3 kinase signaling pathway and determined that genes from this pathway are frequently altered in breast and other cancers. This foundational work led to FDA approval of therapy targeting this pathway for patients with metastatic breast cancer. His original paper identifying PTEN has been cited thousands of times.

Dr. Parsons has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and mentored more than 40 trainees. He is the recipient of multiple honors, including the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)'s Outstanding Investigator Award for Breast Cancer Research, the National Cancer Institute Outstanding Investigator Award, and the National Institutes of Health Research Service Award.

Dr. Parsons is a member of the AACR, the National Academy of Medicine, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and the Association of American Physicians. He was Chair of the AACR Special conferences committee for two terms from 2011-2017; the committee initiated and planned more than 75 scientific meetings on different cancer-related topics. He is a past and current recipient of grant support for several projects and a member of the NCI Cancer Centers Study Section.

Dr. Parsons joined Icahn Mount Sinai in 2013. He earned his MD and PhD from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and did his postdoctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He was a professor at Columbia University Medical Center before joining Mount Sinai.

## *Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS*



**Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS**, is the Dr. Burrill B. Crohn Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the Chief of the Dr. Henry D. Janowitz Division of Gastroenterology at the Mount Sinai Health System.

Dr. Sands is an expert in the management of inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) and has earned an international reputation for his care of patients with complex and refractory disease. He is widely recognized for his innovative treatment of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis and for his expertise in the clinical investigation of new therapeutics. His earliest clinical trial work was with infliximab, a chimeric monoclonal anti-tumor, necrosis-factor antibody that has revolutionized the treatment of Crohn's disease. Dr. Sands was among the first to report on the efficacy of infliximab in ulcerative colitis, which was later borne out in large, randomized, controlled trials.

His research also explores IBD epidemiology and includes the creation of a population-based cohort of IBD in Rhode Island, a project funded by both the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Sands has served as an Associate Editor for the journal *Gastroenterology*, and has published nearly 300 original manuscripts in leading journals such as *Gut*, *Gastroenterology*, and the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*. He was the lead investigator of the landmark studies ACCENT 2, UNIFI, and VARSITY, which were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*; and SEAVUE, which was published in *The Lancet*.

Dr. Sands is a past Chair of the Clinical Research Alliance of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. He also served as Chair of the Immunology, Microbiology and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Section of the American Gastroenterological Association. Additionally, he was the Chair of the International Organization for the Study of IBD. In 2016, Dr. Sands was awarded the Dr. Henry Janowitz Lifetime Achievement Award from the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, that organization's highest honor.

Dr. Sands earned his MD from Boston University and trained in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. After completing GI fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), he joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School and served as the Acting Chief of the Gastrointestinal Unit at MGH before moving to Mount Sinai in 2010.

## *Swan N. Thung, MD, FAASLD*



**Swan N. Thung, MD**, is a Professor of Pathology, a Founding Member of the Mount Sinai Liver Cancer Research Program, and an Associate Member of The Tisch Cancer Institute at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is also an attending pathologist at the Mount Sinai Health System.

Dr. Thung is an esteemed researcher who specializes in pathology, with a special focus on liver pathology, immunopathology, and liver cancer. Her research interests range from acute processes to chronic liver diseases associated with fibrosis, cirrhosis, and malignancies.

Dr. Thung has spent her entire career at Icahn Mount Sinai and the Mount Sinai Health System. She was part of the team that started the Liver Pathology Division. The following year, Icahn Mount Sinai began offering a Liver Pathology Fellowship program under Dr. Thung's direction. It is believed to be the only Liver Pathology Fellowship program of its kind in the world.

Dr. Thung has helped steer the Liver Cancer Research Program since its inception in 2003, transforming it into a world leader. She has authored or co-authored two books, along with more than 400 peer-reviewed articles, 150 book chapters, and 140 abstracts. She serves on the editorial boards of numerous medical journals. Dr. Thung has mentored 35 trainees, including several Visiting Fellows who were drawn to the excellence of the Liver Pathology programs at Mount Sinai under her stewardship. Many of those Visiting Fellows now hold prestigious research positions throughout the world.

In 2014, the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases elected Dr. Thung as a Fellow. Residents at Icahn Mount Sinai bestowed her with their Senior Pathology Faculty Recognition Award in 2015. In March 2022, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hans Popper Hepatopathology Society. For several years running, Dr. Thung has been recognized as a Top Doctor by *New York Magazine* (Castle Connolly). She has been named one of the Exceptional Women in Medicine every year from 2017 to 2022.

Dr. Thung received her MD from the University of Indonesia Medical School in Jakarta, Indonesia. She did her postdoctoral training at the Catholic Medical Center of Brooklyn and Queens, the Veterans Administration Medical Center in the Bronx, and at Icahn Mount Sinai.

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would like to thank all members of the  
Mount Sinai Alumni Association for their  
unwavering dedication, support and service to  
the Mount Sinai Community.

THE MOUNT SINAI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Mount Sinai Alumni Association was founded in 1896 to support lifelong educational and social relationships among former house staff and attending physicians of The Mount Sinai Hospital. The Alumni Association expanded to welcome members of the School of Medicine with the graduation of its first class in 1970. As the school grew, so did the association. The alumni community now consists of graduates of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, including the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, current and former house staff of The Mount Sinai Hospital and current and former faculty members. To keep up with the high demands and increasing costs in the education and training of our physicians and scientists, The Mount Sinai Alumni Association has been a true partner to the Office of the Dean and the Office of Alumni Relations at Mount Sinai by focusing its philanthropic goals and priorities to support the students and the School.

Menu



Mediterranean Station

- Rosemary Lemon Marinated Lamb Skewers with Sweet Peppers and Onions
- Tagine Spiced Chicken Kebab, Preserved Lemon, Saffron, and Spices
- Miniature Spanakopita, Accented with Fresh Dill
- Greek Salad, Gem Lettuce, Marinated Tomato, Olives and Feta
- Grilled Vegetable Toasted Couscous, Lemon Olive Oil and Roasted Tomatoes
- Warm Pita and Grilled Naan Bread
- Hummus, Charred Eggplant, Raita Sauce

Carving Station

- Smoked Beef Brisket with Apple Cider Barbecue Glaze
- Citrus Poached Salmon, Dilled Cucumbers and Sauce Verte
- Crispy Smashed Fingerling Potatoes with Fried Sage
- Roasted Root Vegetables with Lemon and Oil

Asian Station

- Chef Carved Beijing-Style Peking Duck
- Lotus Bun, Hoisin Sauce, Cucumber, Scallions
- Assorted Steamed Chinese Dim Sum: Vegetable, Beef, and Chicken
- Soy, Mustard and Red Chili Sauces
- Organic Vegetable Fried Rice
- Chilled Sesame Noodles

Kosher Buffet and  
Gluten Free Breads Available

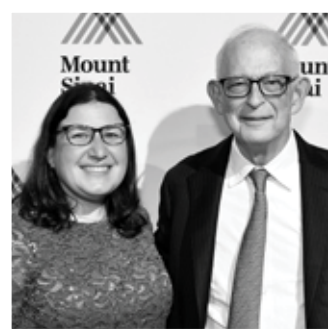
Plated Desserts in the Grand Ballroom

- Blackout Cake Redux
- Chocolate Crèmeux, Malted Milk Chocolate Custard, Devil's Food Cake, Blackout Chocolate Glaze, Chocolate Pretzel Crunch and Sugar Beet Gel
- S'mores
- Toasted Italian Meringue, Dark Chocolate Gelato and Graham Crumble

Coffee and Tea Service



2022  
Jacobi Medallion Reception and Award Ceremony













## Use These Resources to Keep In Touch with the Alumni Association

### Alumni Gmail Accounts

Sign up for a Mount Sinai Alumni Gmail account—a great way to stay connected with Mount Sinai and your fellow graduates.

Please email [alumni@mssm.edu](mailto:alumni@mssm.edu) for set up instructions.

### Become an Alumni Advisor

Please take a moment to register on our new alumni advising platform, *Alumni Connect*. Stay in touch with fellow alumni, offer mentoring to current students, and stay up-to-date about the latest alumni events and information.

Register here: <https://mountsinaialumni.xinspire.com>

### Register for Doximity

Doximity.com is the largest online social network in the country for health professionals. If you have not yet registered with Doximity.com, please follow the steps below to create an account. This will allow you to vote in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Hospitals" and "Best Children's Hospitals" rankings, as well as residency rankings.

Register here: [www.doximity.com](http://www.doximity.com)

### Alumni Discount for Mount Sinai CME Courses

Mount Sinai Alumni are eligible for a 10% discount on registration fees for up to two CME activities sponsored by ISMMS per year. In order to take advantage of this offer, please contact [cme@mssm.edu](mailto:cme@mssm.edu) with subject line "Alumni Discount."

Learn more at:  
<https://icahn.mssm.edu/education/cme/courses>

### Support Mount Sinai Students

With the support of our alumni and faculty, Mount Sinai has become a thriving center of biomedical education, where scientists-in-training pursue their passions and interests without fear of failure and where medical students follow the paths that most interest them, without crushing burdens of debt.

Please consider making a gift at: <http://giving.mountsinai.org/scholarships>

## Mount Sinai Alumni



The Office of the Dean, The Mount Sinai Alumni Association, and the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Alumni Association invite you to

*Save the Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023*

# 2023 ALUMNI REUNION AWARDS CEREMONY DINNER AND EVENT SERIES

A special welcome and recognition to the Classes of 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973 celebrating their 50th anniversaries along with other milestone graduation years: the Classes of 1978, 1983, and 1998.

Mark your calendar for a series of special events from Wednesday, May 10 to Friday, May 12 to acknowledge and celebrate the many achievements of members within the Mount Sinai Alumni Community.

For more information, please contact the Office of Special Events at [events@mountsinai.org](mailto:events@mountsinai.org).

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 positivity rate in New York City and other key factors. We will observe CDC guidelines, NYS and NYC restrictions, and Mount Sinai policies. Event details may be subject to change. More information will be communicated prior to the event.



**Icahn School  
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On behalf of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai,  
congratulations to the 2023 recipients of the Jacobi Medallion:

***Burton A. Cohen, MD, MSH '79***

***Lakshmi A. Devi, PhD***

***Marta Filizola, PhD***

***Patricia Kovatch***

***I. Michael Leitman, MD, FACS***

***Jessica R. Moise***

***Ramon Parsons, MD, PhD***

***Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS***

***Swan N. Thung, MD, FAASLD***

We are honored to celebrate your distinguished achievements,  
and salute you for your dedication, support and commitment to Mount Sinai.

Dennis S. Charney, MD  
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