

Dr. Ron Maier Receives 2013 Sheen Award

The Department of Surgery is pleased to announce that **Ronald Maier, MD, FACS**; Professor, Jane and Donald Trunkey Endowed Chair in Trauma; Chief of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn Surgery; Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery and Surgeon in Chief at Harborview Medical Center has been selected as the 2013 Dr. Rodman E. Sheen and Thomas G. Sheen Award. His colleagues within the Department of Surgery congratulate him on this extraordinary and well-deserved honor.



Ron Maier, MD, FACS

The Sheen Advisory Committee established the following criteria for evaluating nominees:

- nominees should be on the frontiers of medical science doing work that has great promise;
- nominees should be currently involved in teaching and research in medicine;
- nominees' work should be of the highest quality and ongoing; and,
- nominees should not be retired or semi-retired, i.e., the Award should be used to encourage the significant scientific work ahead of them.

The rigorous criteria and selection process ensure that only the exceptional "Doctor of Medical Science" is nominated and receives the award. Dr. Maier abundantly meets these criteria and is a worthy nominee and winner.

Dr. Maier received his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine in 1973 followed by a one-year clerkship in surgical and gross pathology at the University of London's St. Bartholomew's Medical College in London along with a simultaneous one-year externship in Medicine and Oncology at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado and a Research Assistantship in Immunology at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Maier surgical internship was completed at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and his general surgery residency training at the University of Washington in Seattle. From 1978 through 1981, he completed a two-year research fellowship in immunopathology and was a research associate in immunopathology for one-year at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California.

In 1981, Dr. Maier returned to the University of Washington School of Medicine (UW), where he has spent the majority of his professional career. His academic career is simply outstanding. He has contributed to or has been co-author on 59 book chapters and has been a contributing or co-author on over 300 published peer-reviewed articles. In October 2013, he will deliver the ACS Scudder Oration on Trauma.

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Throughout his career, Dr. Maier has received many awards. A few are: The John K. Stevenson Award for Teaching Excellence and Dedication to Resident Education in 2012; the Flance-Karl Award from the American Surgical Association in 2007; the Lifetime Achievement Award in Trauma Resuscitation from the American Heart Association in 2007; and the ACGME's Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award in 2010. He has held numerous leadership roles in both national and international medical organizations. He served as President of the Society of University Surgeons from 1991-1992; President of the Shock Society from 1993-1994; President of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma from 2000-2002; President of the Surgical Infection Society from 2002-2003; President of the U.S. Chapter of the ISS/SIC from 2003-2005; President of ISS/SIC from 2009-2011; and President of the Halsted Society from 2011-2012. Over the years, he has been an involved member of the ACS Committee on Trauma, serving as Chair of their Injury Prevention and Control Committee.

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He has presented his work around the globe, giving over 300 lectures on topics related to trauma, critical care medicine, and surgical immunology. He has received NIH and industry financial support for his research totaling over 20 million dollars. Most recently in 2012, he received a five-year grant to study the Impact of Aging on the Immune Response to Traumatic Brain Injury This award totaled \$2,911,591 (\$387,054 annually).

Dr. Maier has a long history of mentorship, having mentored over 120 basic research and clinical trauma fellows, NIH researchers, medical and predoctoral students, and international visiting scientists. His influence is strong and indelible on the UW Trauma Surgery Department. He has built a strong cadre of well-trained clinicians, successful researchers and outstanding teachers. Young faculty in the Trauma, Critical Care and Burns are provided direction, the benefit of his years of experience and wisdom, while at the same time encouraged to be independent clinicians and academicians: a difficult achievement for any leader.

To expand upon the history and nature of this award: The Dr. Rodman E. Sheen and Thomas G. Sheen Award has been presented annually since 1968 "to further the study of medicine and the science of medicine and to compensate an outstanding Doctor of Medical Science in the United States for each year."

Thomas G. Sheen, was a well-known tailor, clothier and real estate professional in Atlantic City. In 1938 he created an extraordinarily important and philanthropic legacy to honor doctors who have made outstanding contributions to mankind through the fields of medicine and medical research. Mr. Sheen's legacy was inspired by a deep affection for his brother, Dr. Rodman E. Sheen who was a radiologist and pioneer in the medical use of Roentgen rays. Dr. Sheen was injured in the course of his research when a Roentgen tube exploded in his lab.

A local New Jersey committee known as the Sheen Advisory Committee makes the final selection for the Sheen Award each year and the recipient is a featured speaker at the annual meeting of the New Jersey Chapter of the College This advisory committee consists of 10-12 members and is made up of physicians from the southern New Jersey region where the Sheen family lived and worked. Half of the members are surgeons, and the other half represent a spectrum of other medical specialties. A stipulation in the trust agreement specifies that a national medical organization is to be consulted for selection of the recipient. Through 1981, the American Medical Association administered the Award, and since 1982 the American College of Surgeons' Honors Committee has been considering nominees and making recommendations.

One other Department of Surgery faculty member has won this award to date: Dr. Alec Clowes, Professor, Vascular Surgery Division was the prize recipient in 2003. Additionally, Dr. Mary-Claire King Professor, Medicine (Medical Genetics) & Genome Sciences, who identified mutations that cause breast cancer.

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Dr. Carlos A. Pellegrini, Chair, UW

Department of Surgery, states: "I was particularly proud to get the note below from Dr. Frank Lewis, the Executive Director of the American Board of Surgery. I thank you again, those of you who participated in this project... and as you can see our department has made the major contributions to this worthwhile effort. Thank YOU."

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