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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.

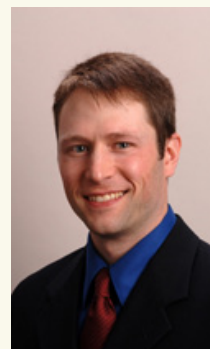
To expand upon the history and nature of this award: The Dr. Rodman E. Sheen and Thomas G. Sheen Award has been presented annually since 1968 "to further the study of medicine and the science of medicine and to compensate an outstanding Doctor of Medical Science in the United States for each year."

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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