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*Dean's Awards &  
Appreciation Day*  
**2023**

## Dean's Message



### Celebrating Excellence & Pushing Boundaries

Welcome to the fourth Dean's Awards and Staff Appreciation Day. Started in 2020 to boost our spirits after the first year of the global pandemic, it has become a highly anticipated annual event to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions of our staff and faculty in the past year.

Indeed, what a remarkable year 2023 has been! LKCMedicine embarked on new journeys and initiatives in the areas of research, education, and corporate services. We pushed boundaries and strived for excellence, made only possible when the foundation is strong, and the people driving these initiatives are capable, committed, and passionate.

This extraordinary spirit and commitment to excellence is precisely what the Dean's Awards celebrate - a testament to the hard work of our staff and faculty. Although today we celebrate the successes of a few, we also acknowledge the efforts of their colleagues bolstering them and creating a conducive environment for growth.

There have been many landmark achievements in 2023 – new announcements, centre launches, public events, new awards and accolades, as well as visibility in the media, kicking off important conversations among experts, healthcare professionals, prospective students and collaborators, our very own medical students and the LKCMedicine staff and faculty.

Our journey thus far is the result of a united team, driven by a shared vision and an unyielding dedication to a common goal. You have worked passionately and tirelessly during the past year. You have blazed a trail, enhancing LKCMedicine's reputation as a leader in medical education and research. You have set the stage for the School's continued growth.

Next year will be another milestone year, where we officially roll out the School's enhanced single degree MBBS programme. Meanwhile we will spread our wings across the globe, exploring partnerships and collaborations to take us further.

At today's ceremony, you will see a snapshot of our accomplishments. Yet, it is sufficient to reflect our calibre in Singapore and globally. Let's continue to break new ground, and maintain our reputation as a world-class academic institution. I'm excited by what the future holds.

Thank you for driving our vision of redefining medicine and transforming healthcare.

With very best wishes,

**Professor Joseph Sung**

Distinguished University Professor

Dean, Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine

Senior Vice-President (Health & Life Sciences), NTU Singapore

# Dean's Awards\*

Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine

To honour and recognise LKCMedicine faculty and staff for their outstanding and significant contributions towards excellence in the School, LKCMedicine has established 10 Dean's Awards in the following categories:

## **Dean's Awards for Research**

This award recognises an individual for his/her excellent research performance and contribution to LKCMedicine in terms of publications, awarded grants, intellectual property and impact of discoveries.

## **Dean's Awards for Education**

This award category is in recognition of an individual for his/her excellent education performance which has impacted educational systems or the student experience at LKCMedicine.

## **Dean's Awards for Service**

This award is in recognition of excellence in service leadership and dedication, where the faculty has displayed a continuous commitment towards service and LKCMedicine's mission, bringing innovative ideas and showing commitment through setting goals and actively working towards them.

## **Dean's Awards for Administration, Values in Action Award**

This award goes to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in living and modelling the values of LKCMedicine: Humility, Integrity, Compassion, Professionalism and Continuous Learning. It recognises his/her work and actions which have consistently upheld at least two of these values, resulting in the exceptional experience of colleagues, stakeholders or partners.

## **Dean's Awards for Administration, Enabler Award**

In this category of award, the individual has demonstrated his/her value as a partner, collaborator or facilitator towards the successful conclusion of a project, issue or challenge at LKCMedicine. The award winner consistently goes above and beyond to enable colleagues, stakeholders or partners to optimise available resources and achieve excellence.

## **Dean's Awards for Administration, Innovation Award**

This award is for an individual or a team that has demonstrated the effective and efficient use of an innovative ideas or technology with tangible impact on efficiency and excellence at LKCMedicine.

# Dean's Awards\*

for Research



“*The fruition of my work would not have been possible without the tireless dedication of the students and staff in the lab, together with the continued support from the team at Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved.*”

**Assistant Professor Hiroshi Makino**

Nanyang Assistant Professor  
Scientist Module Lead, Visual System

“*It is a great honour to win this award. I would like to thank the people in my lab. They have worked really hard for a number of years, and I am really grateful to their dedication. Everyone in the research office, Research Administration and Support Services in particular, have helped out with grants. I am really grateful to all the support staff in the School and University. I would also like to thank the Animal Research Facility and the fish facility staff who have been fantastic and very helpful. Also, to my other research colleagues whom I bounce ideas off all the time. LKCMedicine has been a great place to work, and it has really helped my research. Thank you to the whole School and to everyone who has supported me.*”

**Assistant Professor Tom Carney**

Assistant Professor of Developmental Biology  
Scientist Module Lead, Foundations of Medicine



# Dean's Awards\*

for Education



“ I am both surprised and humbled to be given this award as I constantly feel that I am the one on the receiving end of support and encouragement from both colleagues and students. It has been a privilege and inspiration to be able to work with such generous and helpful people. ”

**Dr Han Siew Ping**  
Lecturer, Physiology/Medical Education

“ I am very pleased to know that I have won this year's LKC Medicine Dean's Award for Education. Although it is a surprise, it gives me immense pleasure and contentment to know that the hard work we have put in is well noticed, appreciated and honoured by the School. This award is definitely a motivation to work even harder and accomplish more in the coming years. I would like to offer a special thanks to my students, whose queries keep me busy learning new concepts and exploring innovative ideas to complement my teaching. ”

**Dr Vivek Perumal**  
Senior Lecturer, Anatomy



“ It's always a pleasure to teach LKC Medicine students as learning, especially in a clinical context, is more effective when students take the lead in clerking cases and discussing problems lists, come up with differential diagnoses, and formulate management plans. As team-based learning and problem-based learning form the basis of the teaching from the very beginning, LKC Medicine students are very quick to grasp the main clinical issues, incorporate the multidisciplinary teams into their management plans as well as ask relevant questions when in doubt which makes teaching the students so much more enjoyable as they are actively engaged throughout the process. ”

**Assistant Professor Richard Roshan Goveas**  
Senior Consultant, Geriatric Psychiatry  
Institute of Mental Health

## Dean's Awards\*

for Service



“ I am deeply humbled and honoured to receive this award. I hope to build on this recognition to further our endeavour in creating a more vibrant student life and enhancing our student wellbeing system. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Dean, Vice-Deans, and Chief Operating Officer for their leadership and support. I am also very thankful to the House Tutors, Postgraduate Tutors and the admin team for their support and guidance. Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the students for the privilege of allowing me to share their journey at LKCMedicine with them. Thank you everyone!

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**Mr Emmanuel Tan**

Assistant Dean, Student Wellbeing  
Lecturer, Medical Education

## Dean's Awards\*

for Administration, Values in Action Award

“ I am sincerely grateful and truly humbled by this recognition. Ever since the School was established, this is the first time an award has been given in recognition of Health and Safety (H&S) efforts for the School. I firstly would like to express my gratitude to God for granting me His favour and for the favour of the judging panel. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Hannah Soh for taking the time to nominate me for this award. Dr Sini Mathew deserves a special mention for mentoring and guiding me throughout my time at LKCMedicine; she played a significant role in helping me secure this award.

I also want to express my appreciation to the safety representatives, other staff, and students at LKCMedicine for their unwavering support over all these years.

Finally, last but not least, I would like to thank my family who has been a constant source of support throughout these years, especially during those moments when I had to dedicate more time to work, sometimes at the expense of family time.

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**Mr Sowpati Jayaker**

Senior Assistant Manager, Health & Safety

## Dean's Awards\*

for Administration, Values in Action Award (Special Mention)



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*I am honoured to receive the Dean's Award for Administration, Values in Action – Special Mention. It is a privilege to contribute to an environment that fosters excellence and positive experiences for our esteemed colleagues, stakeholders, and partners. I extend my sincere thanks to the Management and my superiors for the opportunity to serve the School through the Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA). It is important to emphasise that the achievements of OFA are the result of concerted teamwork and support, hence, I am also grateful for the unwavering dedication and encouragement from my exceptional team at OFA.*  
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**Ms Nina Leong**  
 Assistant Manager, Faculty Affairs

## Dean's Awards\*

for Administration, Enabler Award

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*That I am the first research officer to receive this individual award, which is in its fourth year, and which is one of three individual awards that research officers are eligible to receive, speaks volumes about the honour and recognition that researchers receive in LKCMedicine and beyond. To the research officers among us who give the scientific part of yourselves generously, who work long-term on consecutive short-term contracts, who put your lives on hold to strive for professional excellence, and who are gone before anyone knows you, I am proud to share this award with you. And I thank you.*  
 ”

**Dr Wayne Freeman Chong**  
 Research Fellow, Dementia Research Centre



# Dean's Awards\*

for Administration, *Innovation Award (Team)*

“ We are grateful for the staff and faculty who were involved in this event, both in education and research. They put in a lot of effort and also showed their dedication into making the Art & Science of Medicine Festival 2023 a successful event. The event would not have been possible without the help of our students who had participated in this event. All in all, it was a very good event which showcased the School as one community. ”

## The Art and Science of Medicine Festival Team

**Ms Siti Rohanah Koid**

**Ms Mariam Rahman**

Communications and Outreach

**Mr Max Cheung**

Dean's Office

**Associate Professor Sunny Wong**

**Associate Professor Wong Wei Chin**

Faculty

**Mr Ken Wong Kang Ning**

Research Administration and  
Support Services

**Mr Darren Lim**

**Ms Ramani Saravanan**

Office of Medical Education

**Mr Kelvin Foo**

Facilities and Operations

**Ms Rebecca David**

Medical Library

**Dr Alvin Chew**

Research





# Dean's Awards\*

for Administration, *Innovation Award (Team)* (Special Mention)

“ We are excited to learn that the #askLKCMedicine series of events has won a special mention of the Dean's Award for the Administration (Innovation). We would like to thank the team for the incredible teamwork as it was the inter-division and department collaborative spirit that helped us to achieve our goal of increasing awareness of our application process and interest in joining our School. We are honoured to contribute to its ongoing journey of achievement.

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## #askLKCMedicine Team

**Professor Kwek Tong Kiat**  
Associate Professor Reddy Mogali  
Faculty

**Ms Ruth Choe**  
**Ms Jowe Chu**  
**Mr Samuel Lim Weichen**  
Education Management

**Ms Yang Lishan**  
Office of Medical Education

**Ms Siti Rohanah Koid**  
**Ms Mariam Rahman**  
**Ms Siti Nur Iman**  
**Mr Kelvin Nick Yap**  
**Ms Ai Ling Sim-Devadas**  
**Ms Retna Devi**  
Communications and Outreach

**Mr Kesler Castellano**  
IT Systems and Services

**Mr Gaius Lim**  
Facilities and Operations



## *Long Service Award\**

20 Years of Service



**Ms Tan Chui Sun, Tricia**

Senior Assistant Director, Curriculum, Education Management

## *Long Service Award\**

15 Years of Service



**Dr Andrew Ang Chyze Whee**

Director, Research Administration and Support Services

# Long Service Award\*

10 Years of Service



**Ms Chung Kai Wen Karen**  
Research Associate



**Professor David Becker**  
Professor, Tissue Repair  
and Regeneration



**Professor George  
James Augustine Jr**  
Professor, Neuroscience  
and Mental Health



**Dr Ghosh Krishna Kanta**  
Senior Research Fellow



**Ms Ivis Wee**  
Assistant Director, Student Life &  
Support, Education Management



**Ms Ivy Atiqah Cheang**  
Senior Executive, Plans  
and Governance



**Dr Kim Jin Sook**  
Senior Research Fellow



**Ms Lim Qiu Li**  
Senior Assistant Manager, Student Life  
& Support, Education Management



**Associate Professor  
Luo Dahai**  
Associate Professor, Infection  
and Immunity

# Long Service Award\*

10 Years of Service



**Assistant Professor  
Navin Kumar Verma**  
Assistant Professor, Immunology  
and Cell Biology



**Ms Tay Yu Ling, Winnie**  
Senior Assistant Manager, Research  
Administration and Support Services

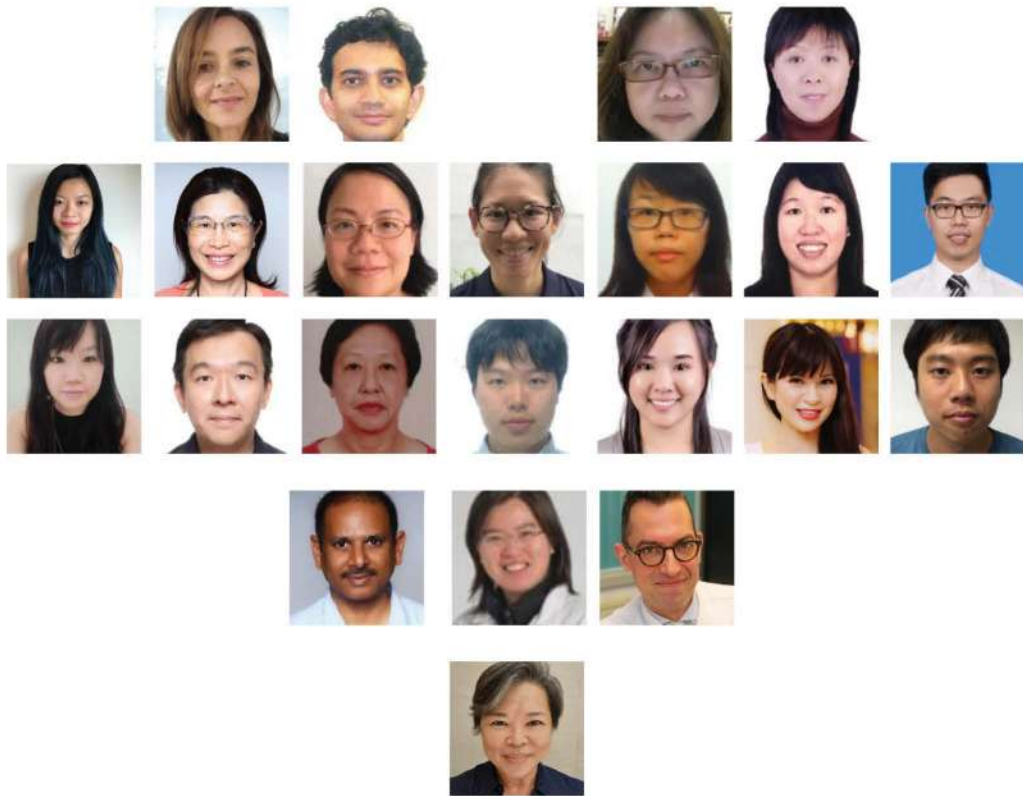


**Ms Wong Yin Cheng**  
Assistant Manager, Research  
Administration and Support Services



**Dr Zhang Jingbo**  
Principal Research Fellow

*Long Service Award<sup>+</sup>*  
5 Years of Service



*Thank you for all your  
hard work and dedication!*

## Long Service Award\*

5 Years of Service

### Mr Aloysius Chow

Research Associate

### Dr Cheng Hong Sheng

Research Fellow

### Ms Chew Yee Lin, Eileen

Senior Assistant Manager,  
TARIPH, Research Administration  
and Support Services

### Dr Harsha Mahabaleshwar

Research Fellow

### Dr Kho Sok Hong

Research Fellow

### Associate Professor

#### Konstantina Griva

Associate Professor, Health  
Psychology/Behavioural Medicine

### Ms Lee Ser Lin

Manager, Good Research  
Practice, Research  
Administration and  
Support Services

### Ms Leong Li Zi

Research Assistant

### Dr Li Li

Education Associate,  
Office of Medical Education

### Ms Lim Hooi Nee

Senior Executive, Plans  
and Governance

### Ms Ling Pei Wen Flora

Assistant Manager, Finance

### Dr Low Yanwen Dorrain

Research Fellow

### Professor Maurice Adrianus

#### Monique Van Steensel

Professor, Dermatology  
and Skin Biology

### Ms Neo Sui Hoon

Assistant Laboratory Officer,  
Animal Research Facilities

### Ms Ng Cher Cheen

Veterinarian, Animal  
Research Facilities

### Dr Ng Hong Kiat

Research Fellow

### Associate Professor

#### Ngeow Yuen Yie

Associate Professor,  
Genomic Medicine

### Dr Ranganath Vallabhajosyula

Senior Lecturer, Anatomy

### Ms Sim Wei Shan

Assistant Manager,  
Research Support, Finance

### Ms Teo Peck Chun, Peggy

Manager, Research  
Administration and  
Support Services

### Dr Tomoki Naito

Research Fellow

### Professor Wang Yulan

Professor of Metabolomics  
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