

# Leadership Award: Michael Welch, D.O.



Left to right: Nominator Darvi Rahaman, M.D. and Leadership Award recipient Michael Welch, D.O.

Dr. Welch has been with Peak Vista Community Health Centers for 28 years, specializing in Family Medicine, and the past 5 years as their Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Welch is a forward-thinking leader who is always actively seeking the best way to provide the best care possible for our community while focusing on Peak Vista's clinical staff and growth. Dr. Welch envisioned and supported the design and implementation of the Peak Vista Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Fellowship program, which began September of 2015. This is one of few programs in the country intended to allow new nurse practitioners one year of continued clinical and didactic experience so they are better equipped to provide the care our community needs.

It was said by Dr. Rahaman "There are moments in life that are transformative, when we realize that an event or a person or an experience has altered the way we live or think, changing us in ways that we never imagined possible. For me, and for countless others, working alongside of Dr. Welch was one of those moments."

Dr. Welch, congratulations on being awarded the 2018 Outstanding Physician Award for Leadership in medicine.

# Teaching Award: Scott Robinson, D.O.



Left to right: Nominator Michael Welch, D.O. and Teaching Award recipient Scott Robinson, D.O.

Dr. Robinson is currently the Program Director for Peak Vista Family Medicine Residency, and as such, has been instrumental in the design, implementation, and administration of Colorado Springs's only primary care residency.

Through Dr. Robinson's dedicated efforts, he has led the residency program through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education process, successfully achieving accreditation in July, 2017, making the residency dually accredited and able to accept graduating medical student applicants from both M.D. and D.O. institutions.

Dr. Robinson is a great teacher because he teaches at the bedside, assists with exams, and serves as a role model.

Dr. Robinson, congratulations on being awarded the 2018 Outstanding Physician Award for teaching medicine.



# Clinical Outpatient Award: Heather Cassidy, M.D.



Clinical Outpatient Award recipient Heather Cassidy, M.D.

Dr. Cassidy specializes in Internal Medicine and currently practices as an Internist with Kaiser Permanente. She served as a volunteer longitudinal preceptor for two medical students and serves as the Director for Community Engagement at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Colorado Springs Branch.

Several of her students spoke not only of her effectiveness as an educator, but also of her innate ability to relationally connect with her patients.

Dr. Cassidy, congratulations on being awarded the 2018 Outstanding Physician Award for Clinical Outpatient medicine.

# Clinical Inpatient Award: Jaime Baker, M.D.



Left to right: Clinical Inpatient Award recipient Jaime Baker, M.D. and Christine Waasdorp-Hurtado, M.D. presented this award on behalf of Erik Wallace, M.D.

Dr. Baker specializes in Internal Medicine as an Internal Medicine Hospitalist for Kaiser Permanente at Memorial Hospital while also serving as Associate Director for Education and Internal Medicine Liaison for the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Colorado Springs Branch.

Dr. Baker leads the scheduling, educational structure, and content for all twenty-one 3rd year medical students for their four weeks of Inpatient Internal Medicine. She has spent extra time working with struggling students to further improve their knowledge and skills. As a result, these students went on to perform at an "honors" level during their 4th year Internal Medicine sub-internship rotations.

Dr. Baker, congratulations on being awarded the 2018 Outstanding Physician Award for Clinical Inpatient medicine.



# Humanitarian Award: Ron W. Pelton, M.D., Ph.D.



Left to right: Humanitarian Award recipient Ron W. Pelton, M.D., Ph.D. and Nominator Rosa Tellez

For the past 25 + years, Dr. Pelton has specialized in Ophthalmology, Oculofacial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, and Oculoplastics, and has his own private practice.

In addition to his private practice, Dr. Pelton volunteers his time and resources working through Orbis International (The Flying Eye Hospital) and The Hawaiian Eye Foundation. Through these organizations he helps to train ophthalmologists around the world and helps to deliver the miraculous gift of sight.

Dr. Pelton, congratulations on being awarded the 2018 Outstanding Physician Award for Humanitarian medicine.