



April 30, 2021

To:

Dr. Brittani James  
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Department of Family and Community Medicine, UICOM

**Subject: Notification of 2021 GHHS Faculty Award**

Dear Dr. James,

On behalf of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Chapter, we are delighted to inform you that you have been selected as the recipient of the "2021 GHHS Faculty Award".

Congratulations!

This is a great honor and recognition. This is the third year of the award and you were chosen among your peers, all the faculty at UICOM Chicago. Here's what nominators said about you:

*"Dr. James has been an advocate for students of color, especially Black students, over the last tumultuous year. She has moderated race climate conversations between students and administration and has also put the interests of the students at the center. She also founded The Institute for Antiracism in Medicine and is the Antiracism Curriculum Committee Co-Chair of the COM. Not to mention, she is a role model and mentor for countless students on campus. Dr. James navigates these difficult conversations with grace but without compromising the goals of the discussion. We are so thankful for her and the work she is advancing."*

*"The amount of work and hours she has put into the anti-racism curriculum and diversity, equity, and inclusion is incredible. UIC is going to be a better place to learn from because of her."*

**About The GHHS Faculty Award**

Each year, the students inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society select one University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago faculty member who exhibits the values of the Arthur P. Gold Foundation as well as the specific goals of UICOM at Chicago GHHS chapter. This faculty member, who may be either clinical or non-clinical faculty, exemplifies the practice of approaching his, her or their field with humanity, humanism and empathy. This person is others-driven, whether in their clinical practice, their teaching, or their contribution to UIC or the community. More important than what the awardee has done for others within their discipline will be their ability to inspire the students of UIC towards a humanistic approach, leading them to value the person at the center of the patient, and encouraging them to consider their future in medicine with advocacy and humility.

***The Mission of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS)*** is to recognize individuals who practice humanistic patient care and who can serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine. The power of the Society lies in bringing together like-minded individuals to sustain their own humanism and to inspire and nurture humanism in others. Membership in GHHS goes beyond selection and induction into an honor society; its members have demonstrated compassion, empathy and humanism in their prior work and have a responsibility to model, support, and advocate for compassionate, patient-centered care throughout their careers.

Typically, we would have celebrated your award during our in person GHHS induction ceremony before COM graduation. This year, due to COVID-19 public health emergency, the GHHS induction ceremony has been canceled. We will be sending you further details once we work out the logistics to celebrate your award.

Congratulations again on your well-deserved recognition!

With best regards,

UICOM at Chicago GHHS Co-Chairs

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