Promoting Humanistic Values in Medicine
Sustaining the Gold Humanism Honor Society which promotes humanistic values in medicine

SUMMARY
The Gold Humanism Honor Society honors senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and others recognized for "demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service," as noted on its website.

Every year, chapters at each of some 70 medical schools typically induct about 18 new student members, as well as up to two faculty members and six residents. Candidates are nominated by faculty and their peers; typically, a faculty-student committee at each school makes the final selection.

Key Results
- Through May 2008, a total of 4,421 medical students, 1,037 residents and 898 faculty members have been elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society. There are 70 society chapters at schools of medicine nationwide.
- The society hosted its first biennial conference for society members in fall 2004. A second conference was convened in September 2006. These conferences are designed to address:
  - Overcoming challenges to effective communication.
  - Transitioning to residency while sustaining individual core values.
  - Maintaining integrity in the face of difficult ethical issues.
  - Becoming effective change agents to improve the health care environment.

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Afterward

The third biennial conference was held on September 25–27, 2008.