

UCSF Academic Senate

— 2024 —

Clinical Excellence Awards

Senior Faculty

“Dr. Valle-Oseguera's exceptional clinical skills, innovative contributions to patient care, dedication to team-based care, and unwavering commitment to diversity make her an ideal candidate for the Clinical Excellence Award.”

—Shannan Takhar, PharmD, BCACP,
Assistant Professor, UCSF Department of Clinical
Pharmacy, & Numerous Colleagues



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Samantha Valle-Oseguera, PharmD *School of Pharmacy*

For her outstanding clinical expertise, innovative approach to patient care, and dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion, Samantha Valle-Oseguera, MD, has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the Clinical Excellence Award for Senior Faculty in the School of Medicine.

Advancing UCSF PRIDE Values

Valle-Oseguera has established herself as a leader in clinical pharmacy through her role at Kaweah Health's Dinuba Rural Health Clinic. She successfully created a clinical pharmacy service in a federally designated Rural Health Clinic that previously had no pharmacist on the team. Her practice is characterized by comprehensive medication management for chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease, with a strong focus on providing care in patients' preferred languages. As one of only two Spanish-speaking ambulatory care pharmacists, she frequently receives compliments from patients who appreciate her bilingual communication and her approachable manner.

Valle-Oseguera is committed to innovation within the clinical realm, implementing improved clinical pathways, streamlining patient care experiences, and undertaking novel quality improvement initiatives. She is instrumental in currently piloting Eng a co-visit model involving both a physician and a pharmacist, which will serve as a model for other clinics within the organization.

About the Academic Senate Clinical Excellence Awards

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Early Career Faculty

“Rebecca goes beyond simply prescribing medications, actively listening to patients’ needs and addressing barriers like affordability. Her tireless efforts to help patients understand their treatment options and navigate complex pharmacy regulations have led to better outcomes.”

—Cathi Dennehy, PharmD, Professor,
UCSF Department of Clinical Pharmacy



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Rebecca Chung-Yan Leon, PharmD, APh *School of Pharmacy*

For her strong clinical acumen, innovative approach to patient care, and dedication to professional development, Rebecca Chung-Yan Leon has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the Academic Senate’s Clinical Excellence Award for Early Career Faculty in the School of Pharmacy.

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Leon stands out as an exceptional clinician and leader, driving numerous impactful programs aimed at enhancing patient care and addressing healthcare disparities. She has made significant contributions, including the development of a comprehensive opiate overdose prevention training course and the creation of a disparities-focused Asthma Care Management program.

Leon is a passionate advocate for healthcare equity and a faculty advisor for interprofessional education initiatives. Her work in training healthcare providers across disciplines, such as her webinar on integrating social determinants of health into clinician workflows, has been instrumental in promoting a deeper understanding of these critical issues at UCSF and beyond. In addition to advancing clinical care, Leon is a leader in community outreach programs for underserved populations.

Known for her clinical expertise, commitment to patient-centered care, and dedication to equity, Leon has been a dedicated mentor and educator, fostering collaborative, interdisciplinary approaches to addressing systemic healthcare challenges.

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“Scott was instrumental for teaching me and my team how to conduct clinical trials at UCSF and always demonstrated unwavering patience and generosity with his time... He modeled the values that UCSF prizes.”

—Nominating Committee Member Maria Dall’Era, MD,
Professor and Chief, UCSF Division of Rheumatology

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Scott Fields, PharmD *School of Pharmacy*

For his exceptional contributions to clinical research, patient care, and mentorship, Scott Fields has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the Academic Senate’s Clinical Excellence Award for Senior Faculty in the School of Pharmacy.

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Fields has been a cornerstone of UCSF Health’s Investigational Drug Service (IDS), transforming it from a one-person operation to a comprehensive, multi-campus department managing over 800 clinical trials.

Scott’s role has been indispensable, not just in routine circumstances but especially so in times of crisis. His leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and MPOX outbreak exemplified his commitment to ensuring patient access to critical medications and maintaining high standards of equity, safety, and access.

Known for his collaborative approach, Scott has mentored countless teams, earning widespread recognition for his vast knowledge, patience, and generous support—from study inception to execution.

His dedication to patient care, his colleagues, and the research community has earned him numerous awards. Fields’ exemplary career and unwavering commitment to excellence make him a deserving candidate for this award.

He transformed the role of the Investigational Drug Pharmacist and his impact on the UCSF community, both patients and providers, will be felt long after his retirement.