



Cedars-Sinai Board of Governors Lauds Winnick Scholars

Four Winnick Scholars presented findings from their cutting-edge clinical work in the biomedical science at this event, which was made possible by a partial grant from Winnick Family Foundation.

Los Angeles, CA (PRWeb) February 9, 2011-- The Winnick Family Foundation Clinical Research Center in Los Angeles was lauded at a recent special event, hosted by the Board of Governors of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

The Winnick Clinical Research Center was funded by a \$5-million endowment gift from the [Winnick Family Foundation](#) as well as from a grant from the National Institutes of Health. The center provides seed money each year to four Winnick Scholars – leading research scientists on the Cedars-Sinai staff who are doing cutting-edge clinical work in the biomedical sciences. The event featured presentations by each of four current Winnick Scholars.

Dr. Shlomo Melmed, MD, Dean of Medical Faculty at Cedars-Sinai, said “We are delighted to welcome Gary and Karen Winnick to this series of presentations so that they can see the remarkable results of their investment and their trust in our research effort. Gary, of course, is not only involved financially but brings to our hospital community a wonderful, probing intellectual curiosity, always seeking to discover the practical application of this important work. Thankfully, breakthroughs in medical knowledge and discoveries result from the research of our Winnick Scholars each year.”

[Gary Winnick](#) told the hospital’s Board of Governors and senior members of its medical staff: “The research presented this afternoon confirms our belief that this clinical research center is attracting and funding the very finest medical talent at Cedars-Sinai. Under the wise guidance of Dr. Melmed, this research is producing world-class scholarship and effective results that are meaningful for clinical colleagues who are fighting disease and extending lives today. Karen and I are proud to play a small, leveraging role in the bigger picture of discovery and progress at Cedars-Sinai.”

Added Dr. Melmed: “The research done by the Winnick Family Foundation Clinical Research Center absolutely stands up with the work produced by any major biomedical research center in the world, confirmed by the additional national and international grants our Winnick scholars attract every year.”

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Here are the 2011 Winnick Scholars and their presentation topics:

- **Dr. Mark O. Goodarzi:** Genetics of insulin clearance in diabetes and advances in polycystic ovary syndrome.
- **Dr. Stanley C. Jordan:** Desensitization protocols in kidney transplantation.
- **Dr. Hyung Lee Kim:** Immunotherapy in renal cell carcinoma.
- **Dr. Julia Y. Ljubimova:** Tumor delivery of polymalic acid.

About the Winnick Family Foundation

The [Winnick Family Foundation](#) encourages project-specific programs but also selectively supports capital campaigns and unrestricted gifts to grantee organizations. There is a preference for projects in Los Angeles and New York – or for those having an international component.

Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick House at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Winnick International Conference Center at the Simon Wiesenthal Center / Jerusalem
- Winnick Children's Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children's Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Fellows at UCLA School of Medicine
- Winnick Gallery at Yeshiva University Museum, Center for Jewish History

Karen and [Gary Winnick](#) and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick's alma mater Syracuse University, and at Gary Winnick's alma mater, Long Island University.

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They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus C.W. Post mansion administrative center – renamed Winnick House – as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick’s late father.

In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.’s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah’s Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children’s Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

The Foundation also supports charities operating outside the United States, including the International Medical Corps, Flora and Fauna, World Wildlife Fund, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Israel Museum, the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Zoo, Heifer International and the Bloomfield Science Museum at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit <http://www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com> on the Web.

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