

Dr. Duane & Joyce Cady

Physicians of Tomorrow Awards

The AMA Foundation presented MSSNY/Dr. Duane and Joyce Cady Physicians of Tomorrow Awards to rising fourth-year medical students Victor Hoang, Natasha Ramsey and Michelle Smith. Each recipient was nominated by their medical school and will receive a \$10,000 scholarship recognizing academic achievement.

The **Physicians of Tomorrow Awards** were created in 2004 to provide financial assistance to medical students facing spiraling medical school debt. On average, medical students in the U.S. graduate with a debt load of nearly \$162,000. A large debt burden may deter many from practicing in underserved areas of the country or practicing primary care medicine. To date, over 1 million has been granted to exceptional medical students across the nation.

**2015 Medical Society of the State of New York/Dr. Duane and Joyce Cady
Physicians of Tomorrow Award Recipients**



**Victor Hoang, Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine
Medical Society of the State of New York/Dr. Duane and
Joyce Cady Physicians of Tomorrow Recipient**

Hoang has spent summers working with Project Vietnam, building clinics and providing medical care for underserved villages in Vietnam. He has been awarded a Welch Scholars Grant in recognition of leadership, research, and academic achievement. While a student at Touro, Hoang has served as the president of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Student Organization. He earned a bachelor's degree in molecular environmental biology from the University of California Berkeley.



**Natasha Ramsey, New York University School of Medicine
Medical Society of the State of New York/Dr. Duane and Joyce
Cady Physicians of Tomorrow Award Recipient**

At New York University (NYU), Ramsey is pursuing a dual MD/MPH degree. She founded the Students Teaching About Real Subjects (STARS) Program, an all-girls health group dedicated to creating a safe environment to discuss topics surrounding sexual health. She also volunteers with the FOCUS program, mentoring NYU undergraduates who are first-generation college and/or minority students. Ramsey earned a bachelor's degree in public health from Rutgers University.



**Michele Smith, University at Buffalo School of Medicine and
Biomedical Sciences**

**Medical Society of the State of New York/Dr. Duane and
Joyce Cady Physicians of Tomorrow Award Recipient**

Smith was awarded the John and Janet Sung Scholarship for incoming first-year University at Buffalo medical students who demonstrate academic merit, need, and compassion for medicine. She served as fundraising chair and community service chair for the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY). She led MSSNY's partnership with St. Jude Children's Hospital to create a statewide event benefitting New York state pediatric oncology patients. Smith graduated summa cum laude from Siena College in Loudonville, NY, earning a

bachelor's degree in biology.