

SGIM and ACLGIM Announce the Frederick L. Brancati Mentorship and Leadership Award

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Dr. Fred Brancati inspired many trainees to pursue academic general internal medicine (GIM). Moreover, he motivated all of those around him to feel that our careers in GIM were worthwhile and served a greater purpose, even when the external conditions said otherwise. In response to the outpouring of inquiries regarding how to recognize his contributions to GIM, the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) and the Association of Chiefs and Leaders in GIM (ACLGIM) are honored to announce the Frederick L. Brancati Mentorship and Leadership Award. SGIM President Eric Bass sees this award as “a perfect way to remember how much Fred meant to so many people as an exceptionally superb mentor and inspirational leader.”

True to his approach to leadership and mentorship, prior to his death, Dr. Brancati expressed a desire to recognize junior faculty who inspire and mentor trainees to pursue GIM—faculty who might not otherwise be recognized for their efforts. This award will recognize such junior faculty and provide support for their

trainees who aspire to become leaders in the transformation of health care through innovations in research, education, and practice. Nisa Maruther, one of Fred’s mentees, said, “This award embodies Fred’s ability to single out those intangible contributions that are valued implicitly but just not recognized.” Each award will include money for the junior faculty awardee and support for one or two of the awardee’s trainees to join SGIM and attend an ACLGIM leadership program.

The Brancati Award will complement SGIM/ACLGIM initiatives to inspire trainees to pursue GIM and to enhance their leadership training. This award is intended to help transmit Dr. Brancati’s love of GIM to the next generation of leaders in GIM. Stewart Babbott, ACLGIM president, said, “The format of this award embodies Fred’s focus on mentoring, his support of junior faculty, and his vision for developing the next generation of teachers, researchers, and clinicians.”

We are gratified to have received more than \$80,000 in pledges and donations to date to



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establish this award and have had tremendous support from colleagues around the country whose lives were enriched by Dr. Brancati. We are pleased to offer this award for the coming year. Go to <http://www.sgim.org/career-center/awards-and-grants/nomination-awards> for more information on nominations and donations.