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*Funding research that leads to the  
prevention and cure of asthma and  
allergic and immunologic disease*

# Annual Report

2021–2022



# Message from Council Chair

## Dear Colleagues, Friends and Supporters:



The AAAAI Foundation has had an incredibly positive year thanks to your generous commitment to our mission to jump start the allergy/immunology careers of physician scientists. During the past decade, we realized that the number of physician scientists in Allergy/Immunology was not keeping pace with the needs of our specialty and teaching institutions. Since the mission of the foundation became focused on this singular goal, we have now funded the research of 21 early career physicians. Over half of the total awards that the AAAAI Foundation has made occurred during the past five years. You will see in our annual report that among all our awardees, the majority have garnered additional funding. For every dollar invested, our physician scientist awardees have generated more than \$10 in funding. Most importantly, the work that these individuals have accomplished has resulted in multiple critical manuscripts that have changed our practices in order to improve the lives of our patients. Thank you for your continued generosity.

This year you will see that the Foundation Council has made some major changes. The Council is the appointed group that leads the fund-raising efforts on behalf of the AAAAI Foundation. Since the reorganization of this council in 2016, the leaders of the subcommittees have not changed. During the AAAAI Presidency of Dr. Giselle Mosnaim, we began planning for a larger council that would have term limits. At the conclusion of the business meeting in 2022, five new members were appointed as subcommittee vice chairs. You will see their names included in the annual report. The AAAAI is honored to have numerous superbly talented members. Thus, as we plan for the succession of each position, we believe it was critical to have a self-nomination process for these positions. We will be looking for nominations for two subcommittee vice chairs as we go forward this year. If you have an interest and talent in fundraising and dedication to the AAAAI Foundation mission, please consider self-nominating yourself for consideration. Thank you.

Please enjoy the content of our annual report. We are proud of your incredible generosity and please continue to be committed to our mission through donations and service.

Sincerely:

Kevin J. Kelly, MD FAAAAI

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# 2021-2022 Faculty Development Awards Impact Study Results

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# \$9,040,000

has been provided by the Foundation  
in major awards since 1993

# \$101,990,399

in federal grants have been granted to our award  
recipients after the Foundation provided initial support

# 41 of our 42

major awardees have continued their  
careers in Allergy/Immunology



# 2021 Financials

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Corpus Value End of 2021

**\$21,751,482.09**

Grants Paid Out 2021

**\$960,000.00**

Revenue

**\$1,248,163.77**

Total Expenses

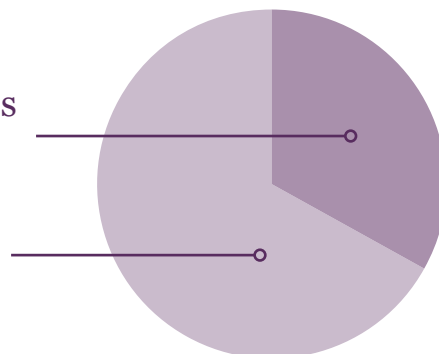
**\$171,220.32**

Administrative Expenses

\$56,677.08

Fundraising Expenses

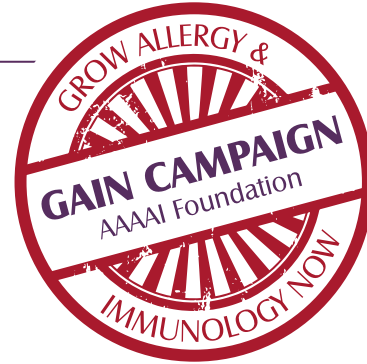
\$114,543.24





## 2021 GAIN Campaign

The GAIN (Grow Allergy & Immunology Now) Campaign is our annual fundraising campaign going directly to our Current Use Fund. In 2021, we executed another successful GAIN Campaign, which made it possible for us to award four Faculty Development Awards in 2022.



Thank you to all of our supporters!

Total 2021 GAIN Campaign Funds Raised:

# \$242,185.02



## 2021 RSL Challenge



The 2021 RSL Challenge was proudly sponsored by



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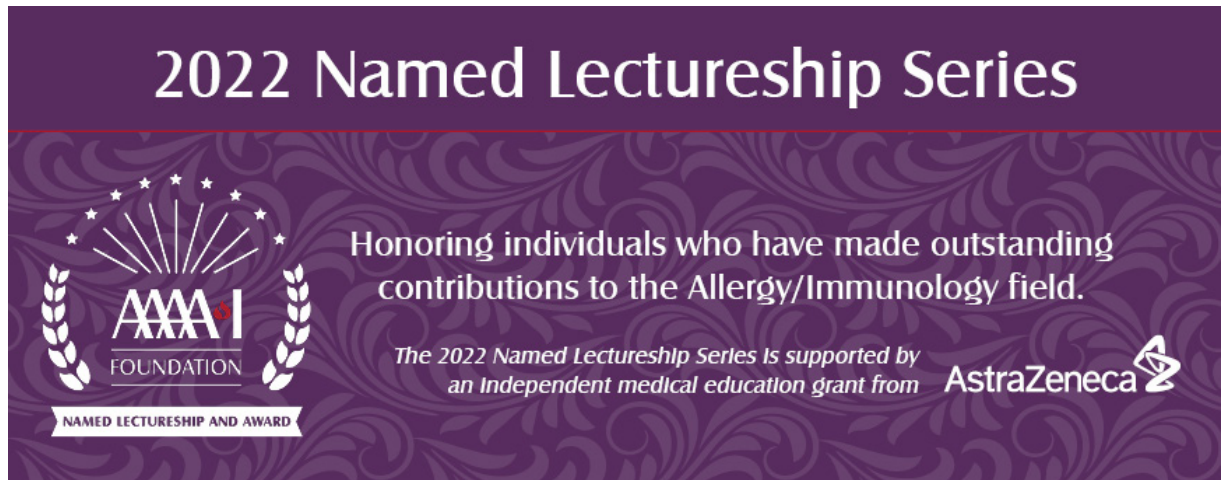
We are grateful for everyone who donated and fundraised for your Regions. In November alone, we raised over \$35,000 from your contributions. Your support enables research that strengthens the A/I specialty and improves patient outcomes.

Visit [aaaaifoundation.org](http://aaaaifoundation.org) for more details

Thank you to everyone who made the 2021 RSL Challenge a success



# 2022 Lectureships



## Lectureships presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting

Bench to Bedside: K. Frank Austen, MD FAAAAI & Albert L. Sheffer, MD FAAAAI Lectureship and Award

Isil Berat Barlan Memorial Lectureship (inaugural year)

Michael M. Frank, MD FAAAAI Lectureship

The Heritage Lectureship: Honoring Drs. Becker, Dolovich, Middleton, Salvaggio and Zweiman

Bettina C. Hilman, MD Lectureship

Allen P. Kaplan, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Creating Knowledge for Our Future

Phillip E. Korenblat, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future

Dennis K. Ledford, MD FAAAAI and University of South Florida Allergy & Immunology Division Lectureship

Robert F. Lemanske, Jr., MD FAAAAI Lectureship

Donald Y.M. Leung, MD PhD-JACI Editors Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future

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David S. Pearlman, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Contributing to Discovery and Education

Gary S. Rachelefsky, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future

Gail G. Shapiro, MD FAAAAI Memorial Lectureship

John W. Yunginger, MD FAAAAI Memorial Lectureship

For more information on honoring a colleague with a lectureship in 2024 or 2025, please contact the Foundation staff at [foundation@aaaai.org](mailto:foundation@aaaai.org)



# 2022 Awardees

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The AAAAI Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2022 Faculty Development Awards! These annual awards of \$240,000 each provide strategic funding at a critical point in their career development. Congratulations, awardees!



## Sergio E. Chiarella, MD

The AAAAI Foundation & Donald Y.M. Leung, MD, PhD, FAAAAI, Faculty Development Award  
Title: Investigation of Tmem178 as a Novel Endogenous Inhibitory Pathway in Asthma  
Institution: Mayo Clinic- Division of Allergic Diseases



## Jocelyn Farmer, MD PhD

Title: Define Immune Correlates of a Protective Response to SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine in Patients with Humoral Immunodeficiency  
Institution: Massachusetts General Hospital



## Hsi-en (John) Ho, MD

Title: Dissecting Differential Inflammatory Response to Microbial Translocation in Primary Antibody Deficiencies  
Institution: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai



## Jessica W. Hui, MD

Title: The Role of Temperature on the Skin Barrier and the Development of Atopy  
Institution: National Jewish Health

## Words From Previous Awardees

### 2019 Awardee: Maria J. Gutierrez, MD, MHS

**Project:** Antibody Secreting Cell Dysfunction and Infection Risk in Rheumatoid Arthritis

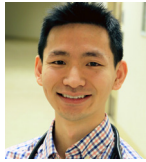
*“Because of my Foundation Faculty Development Award, I have expanded my clinical interest in two important problems in clinical immunology: 1) Pulmonary manifestations of inborn errors of immunity (IEI) and 2) autoinflammatory diseases. Developing a clinical practice focused on these conditions has provided a platform for medical education and clinical training of A/I fellows at our institution. In the future, I expect to help advance our knowledge of the patients with these disorders.”*

### 2019 Awardee: Caroline L. Sokol, MD, PhD

**Project:** Innate Immune Control of Th2 Differentiation

*“With the funding support from the AAAAI Foundation Faculty Development Award, my laboratory sought to uncover how allergens are initially detected by the immune system. To our surprise, we found that sensory neurons were the initial detectors of allergens in the skin, linking the sensation of itch with the initiation of the allergic immune response. This has major impacts for not only how we understand the basic mechanisms of allergic immune initiation, but also has impacts on how we treat itch. Specifically, whether or not the itch associated with some allergic disorders (such as atopic dermatitis) might actually play roles in sensitization to allergens.”*

## 2021



### **Derek Chu, MD PhD**

Tree Nut Allergen Thresholds, Biomarkers, and Methods of Desensitization- TITAN and TRADE studies



### **Torie Grant, MD**

Allergen Exposure Reduction as a Disease-Modifying Strategy in Allergen-Sensitized Children with Asthma



### **Melanie Ruffner, MD PhD**

Investigation of the Role of STAT6 Signaling in Proton-Pump Inhibitor Response in Eosinophilic Esophagitis



### **Cosby Stone, MD MPH**

Defining the Key Epidemiologic and Immunogenetic Risk Features of True IgE Mediated Cephalosporin Allergy

## 2020



### **Mark Gorelik, MD**

Follistatin Like-1 Protein is a Modulator of Immune Response in Inflammatory Vasculitis



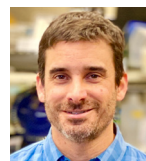
### **Onyinye I. Iweala, MD PhD**

Glycolipids and Invariant Natural Killer T Cells in Alpha-gal Syndrome



### **Michael G. Sherenian, MD**

The Role of Hemostasis in Atopic Dermatitis



### **Jeffrey Wilson, MD PhD**

Investigations into the Glycolipid form of the Mammalian Oligosaccharide Galactose- $\alpha$ -1,3-Galactose ( $\alpha$ -Gal) as an Agent of IgE-mediated Delayed Anaphylaxis and Atherosclerosis

## 2019



### **Matthew C. Altman, MD Mphil**

Regulatory Circuits between Antiviral Type I Interferon and Th2-Type Inflammation in Pediatric Asthma



### **Maria J. Gutierrez, MD**

Antibody Secreting Cell Dysfunction and Infection Risk in Rheumatoid Arthritis



### **Paul J. Maglione, MD PhD**

How B Cell Developmental Defects Shape Manifestations of Common Variable Immunodeficiency



### **Caroline L. Sokol, MD PhD**

Innate Immune Control of Th2 Differentiation





# Thank You to 2022 Sponsors

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# 2022 Foundation Benefit

## Annual Meeting events summary

After two years without in-person events, we were grateful to gather with the supporters who make our mission possible: to fund research that leads to the prevention and cure of asthma and allergic and immunologic disease.

### 2022 AAAAI Foundation Benefit

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2022 Benefit dinner and the presentation of our 2022 Faculty Development Awards



Congratulations to all of our awardees and grant recipients!





# 10th Annual 5k Run/Walk

## 10th Annual 5k Run/Walk

On February 28, we held our 10th Annual 5k Run/Walk in Downtown Phoenix, Arizona. We would like to thank everyone who participated, and everyone who fundraised.

Congratulations to our individual winners:

### Fastest 5k (Men):

- 1st: Bob Miyake
- 2nd: Nicholas Hartog
- 3rd: Eric Oliver

### Fastest 5k (Women):

- 1st: Nikol Strother
- 2nd: Matea Deliu
- 3rd: Whitney Salinas

### Greatest Fundraising

- 1st: Stephen Lawhon
- 2nd: Stokes Peebles
- 3rd: Russell Settipane

In addition to our individual competitions, six teams participated in our competitions. Congratulations to our team winners:

### Fastest 5k (Team):

- 1st: UT Southwestern
- 2nd: Iowa
- 3rd: Pharvaris 2

This event proudly sponsored by Takeda



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We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 AAAAI Annual Meeting in San Antonio! For up-to-date information on our special events and lectureships, please visit [aaaafoundation.org](http://aaaafoundation.org).



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