VI. DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (M.D.) POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

D. Scholastic Honors

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society is a national professional organization whose aims are the “promotion of scholarship and research in medical schools, the encouragement of a high standard of character and professionalism among medical students and graduates, and the recognition of high attainment and service in medical science, patient care, and related fields”. Election is based on academic excellence, and on activities and achievements that promote the values of AOA. The top 25 percent of the medical school class is eligible for nomination to the society. From this top quartile of students, up to one-sixth of the class may be elected to the society based on academic achievement, leadership, character, community service, and professionalism. Students may be chosen in the junior or senior year.

The Gold Humanism Honor Society, sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, recognizes students who best exemplify and manifest humanism in their interaction with patients, peers, faculty, and community. Additionally, elected students demonstrate excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Society membership participates in a community service project that is formulated by the group. Election is limited to no more than twenty-five students from the graduating class.