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awards

Kudos

And the winners are:

The National Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence went to **Donald Dickson Despommier, Ph.D.**, who said he was surprised that a professor of parasitic diseases would be singled out for his efforts in medical education. But he must be doing something right. Puneet Masson, a third-year at Despommier's Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, said, "Everyone goes to class when he lectures."

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine was recognized with the 2003 Paul R. Wright Excellence in Medical Education Award, given to an institution that best fosters the development of socially responsible physicians. The university has distinguished itself with institution-wide support of a mission to improve health and the health care of the community.

AMSA's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) People in Medicine Health Achievement Award for exemplary achievement in promoting the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered health issues was given to the **University of Southern California's (USC) Medical Gay and Lesbian Organization** for its efforts in getting LGBT issues introduced in USC's curriculum-making it one of only a handful of schools to have done so.

[2003 Convention Recap](#)



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