

### *Benjamin Rush Awards Official Descriptions*

The purpose of the PPS Awards at the Benjamin Rush Gala is to recognize and honor the accomplishments of our members and friends of the Society. There are several awards described below. We do not expect to award all of them each year. Rather, we seek the best fit with the worthiest recipients, being mindful of diversity. Nominations should be accompanied by a letter indicating the rationale for the individual's honor and a current CV. Although we do not encourage self-nominations, we will consider them if accompanied by the nominee's CV and a seconding letter from a PPS member.

***Paul J. Fink Leadership Award*** – Dr. Fink was a leader in Philadelphia psychiatry and on a national APA level. Holding faculty positions at Hahnemann, Jefferson, Temple, and Einstein, he trained generations of psychiatrists. This award recognizes a PPS member demonstrating psychiatric leadership through education, research, community engagement, or advocacy for all mental health consumers. (Membership required)

***Lifetime Achievement Award*** – This award, ideally presented to a senior PPS member, recognizes a lifetime of career activities that have advanced psychiatry and its patients through practice, teaching, and/or research. (Membership required)

***Outstanding Practitioner Award*** – This is awarded to a private practitioner of note in the Society as elected by the membership at large, the Council, and/or a Committee. Nominees should show evidence of clinical skills, leadership, personal ethics and integrity, and/or innovation. (Membership required)

***Outstanding Educator Award*** – This is given to a PPS member who has shown substantial teaching or research abilities. We welcome suggestions from colleagues, university faculty, and department chairs. (Membership required)

***Benjamin Rush Amicus Award*** - to be awarded to a friend of the society and to persons with mental illness, a non-psychiatrist who has brought recognition to mental illness/health over the past year. Recipients can be from the public or private sector, program innovators, legislators, or consumer advocates. (Given to a non-member)

***Daniel Blain Award*** – Dr. Blain was the APA's first medical director, serving in the 1940s and 1950s; he was the APA president in 1964–65 and superintendent of Philadelphia State Hospital (Byberry) from 1966–1970. Dr. Blain, throughout his life, materially changed the structure and delivery of psychiatry, in administration, organization, government, and institutions. The award recognizes dedication and service to the profession of psychiatry. (Membership required)

***Robert Jones Award*** – Given to a member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to improving the profession of public psychiatry. Dr. Jones was known for his devotion to

physician mental health, depression, burnout and practitioner self-awareness. He was very active in the APA on the local, state and national levels. This award reflects his dedication to these. He was also a scholar and author about Benjamin Rush, as well as an educator and administrator. (Membership required)

**Publication** – for articles directed to non-psychiatrists in Pennsylvania. (Membership not required)

**Jack Greenspan Early Career Award** – presented to a psychiatrist who has been out of training for up to seven years and has established and excelled in the practice of psychiatry in Pennsylvania or has made a substantial contribution to the Philadelphia Psychiatric Society and/or organized psychiatry. This individual should possess potential leadership abilities and interest in the Philadelphia Psychiatric Society. The award is in the amount of \$400 and will be presented at the Benjamin Rush Gala. Nominations may be made by a colleague or be self-nominated. (Membership required)

**Jack Greenspan Resident Award**- presented to a resident who has excelled in the practice of psychiatry in an area residency program and/or has made a substantial contribution to the Philadelphia Psychiatric Society and/or organized psychiatry. Nominations may be made by a colleague or be self-nominated. (Membership required)