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Vermont Medical Society Members Adopt 2022 Policies, Tap New Officers, Present 2020 Leadership Awards and UVM Medical Student Scholarship

Montpelier, Vt. (Nov. 9, 2021) – The Vermont Medical Society (VMS) physician and physician assistant members met this month virtually for the 208th VMS Annual meeting. Hosted in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter, the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians and the Vermont Psychiatric Association, the meeting was well-attended and included CME sessions focused on access to health care, health equity, and the COVID-19 pandemic. VMS members adopted four 2022 policies, elected a new slate of 2022 Society officers, awarded the Mildred Reardon medical student scholarship and honored 2021 VMS Leadership awardees.

VMS members adopted four policy resolutions, which this year focused on ensuring Vermonter's access to primary care, telehealth, mental health and home health services. [Click here for the full text of the resolutions.](#) VMS resolutions are catalysts for the organization's legislative efforts and these resolutions will inform the organization's public policy efforts on behalf of its 2,400 physician and physician assistant members. Click for the full press release: [Vermont Medical Society Adopts New Policies for 2021](#)

VMS members also elected a new slate of officers and named **Simha Ravven, M.D.** as the returning VMS President. Dr. Ravven is the Chief Medical Officer of the Howard Center in Burlington, VT and Assistant Clinical Professor in Law and Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine. VMS members named **Ryan Sexton, M.D.**, the President of Medical Staff at Northeastern Vermont

Regional Hospital (NVRH), as the President-Elect and **Rebecca Bell, M.D., M.P.H.**, pediatric intensivist at UVMMC and President of the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter, as Vice President. Click for the full press release: [Vermont Medical Society Taps New Officers](#)

VMS members recognized five individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of Vermonters and the nation during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Trey Dobson, M.D.**, emergency physician at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), received the *Vermont Medical Society's 2021 Distinguished Service Award*. **Saeed Ahmed, M.D.**, an addiction medicine psychiatrist who practices in Rutland, Vermont, received the *Vermont Medical Society's 2021 Physician of the Year Award*. **Kristen Pierce, M.D.**, an infectious disease specialist in Burlington, VT, received the *Vermont Medical Society's 2021 Physician Award for Community Services*. **Christine Finley, R.N., M.P.H.**, Vermont's former Immunization Program Chief, was awarded the *Vermont Medical Society's 2021 Citizen of the Year Award*. The American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter (AAPVT) received the *Vermont Medical Society's 2021 Founder's Award*. Click for the full press release: [Vermont Medical Society Honors Outstanding Service 2021](#)

The Vermont Medical Society's Education and Research Foundation (VMSERF) awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine student **Nina Feinberg**. The scholarship program was created to encourage young physicians to return to Vermont after completing their residency training and is named in honor of Dr. Mildred Reardon, a faculty member at the Larner College of Medicine at UVM. Click for the full press release: [Vermont Medical Society Awards Medical School Scholarship 2021](#)

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