Sikorski honored as inaugural UCSF Psychiatry Golden Apple Award recipient

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Longtime faculty member John Sikorski, MD [2], was honored earlier this week as the inaugural recipient of the UC San Francisco Department of Psychiatry's Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry. He was chosen by the department's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Training Program fellows.

Sikorski, who completed his own child psychiatry residency at the then-Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute, has been a faculty member in the department since 1971.

"I knew every one of those people on the wall personally," he told the audience while pointing to the portraits of former department chairs lining the Langley Porter Auditorium, "so it's a real pleasure to have that survival capability and still be so relevant and loved."

In his time at UCSF, he has worked with hundreds of child and adolescent psychiatry fellows as an educator and clinical supervisor. Throughout his career he has been involved with
numerous academic and community mental health organizations, including the International Association for Child/Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Northern California Psychiatric Society, San Francisco Medical Society, and the San Francisco Mental Health Advisory Board.

In 2006, he received the J. Elliot Royer Award in Community Psychiatry in recognition of his significant contributions to the advancement of psychiatry.

Video of 2017 Golden Apple Award

About UCSF Psychiatry

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry [3] and the Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute are among the nation's foremost resources in the fields of child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric mental health. Together they constitute one of the largest departments in the UCSF School of Medicine and the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences, with a mission focused on research (basic, translational, clinical), teaching, patient care and public service.

UCSF Psychiatry conducts its clinical, educational and research efforts at a variety of locations in Northern California, including UCSF campuses at Parnassus Heights, Mission Bay and Laurel Heights, UCSF Medical Center, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, the San Francisco VA Health Care System and UCSF Fresno.

About the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences

The UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences [4], established by the extraordinary generosity of Joan and Sanford I. "Sandy" Weill, brings together world-class researchers with top-ranked physicians to solve some of the most complex challenges in the human brain.

The UCSF Weill Institute leverages UCSF?s unrivaled bench-to-bedside excellence in the neurosciences. It unites three UCSF departments?Neurology, Psychiatry, and Neurological Surgery?that are highly esteemed for both patient care and research, as well as the Neuroscience Graduate Program, a cross-disciplinary alliance of nearly 100 UCSF faculty members from 15 basic-science departments, as well as the UCSF Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, a multidisciplinary research center focused on finding effective treatments for Alzheimer?s disease, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson?s disease, and other neurodegenerative disorders.

About UCSF

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