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AMA Foundation Honors Kevin Contrera With National Leadership Award

CHICAGO – Kevin Contrera, an MD student at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, is a recipient of the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation's 2014 Leadership Award. This national award recognizes medical students, residents/fellows, and early career physicians for achievements in community service, medical education, and public health.

The AMA Foundation will honor 15 outstanding individuals with Leadership Awards at its annual <u>Excellence in Medicine Awards</u> celebration on June 6, 2014, in Chicago. Award recipients will receive special training to develop their skills as future leaders in community affairs and organized medicine.

Kevin Contrera

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Kevin Contrera is a third-year medical student at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine committed to integrating a greater understanding of clinical research into our country's health policy. He has spent two terms representing medical students in the American Medical Association House of Delegates, during which he led his local section in one of the largest membership increases in the country. As chair of the Medical Student Section's Committee on Legislation and Advocacy, he built a national grassroots network that rallied to preserve federal funding for graduate medical education. Kevin has received a fellowship with the National Institutes of Health to pursue a master's degree in public health.

The Excellence in Medicine Award program is presented in association with Eli Lilly & Co., Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc., PhRMA, and Pfizer Inc.

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