The Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. Award

The Office for Diversity Affairs is soliciting nominations for the 2021 Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. Awards. We welcome your input in this effort!

This award is presented annually to members of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Medical Center community who have made outstanding contributions to the institution and community in fostering opportunities for underrepresented minorities in our educational, training, and research programs. Faculty members, house staff, graduate students, and medical students are all eligible for this award.

Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. was passionate about increasing opportunities for underrepresented minorities in medicine and the biomedical sciences. Dr. Watkins became the first African American student to be admitted to Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1966 and was the only African American student at Vanderbilt until he graduated in 1970. Dr. Watkins distinguished himself as a student, being selected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, and as a physician-scientist at Johns Hopkins Medicine. Dr. Watkins embodied the attributes important in serving as a renowned role model for those who pursue careers in medicine and the biomedical sciences.

Please submit your nominations through the https://redcap.link/0gkxyc77 by September 7, 2021.

The Levi Watkins, Jr. Lecture will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.