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*****Dallas scientists win award

DALLAS--Two scientists with The University of Texas Health Science Center have been selected as co-recipients of the 1978 Passano Award.

Drs. Michael S. Brown and Joseph L. Goldstein will share the award and will equally divide \$12,000 presented "in recognition of the brilliant work which unraveled the heretofore impenetrable yarn of blood cholesterol at levels of molecular physiology, human pathology and genetics," say foundation officials.

The presentation will be made at a dinner to be announced this spring. The Passano Foundation was formed in 1943 with the purpose of encouraging medical science and research--particularly that having a clinical application. It is named for the late Edward Boteler Passano, former chairman of the board of Williams & Wilkins.

Since initiation of the awards in 1945, nine of the awardees have subsequently received the Nobel Prize.

The Dallas scientists already have been honored with a number of accolades for their work in identifying the exact mechanism by which a genetic defect causes overproduction of cholesterol--causing early death from heart attack or stroke.

Awards both have won include the Heinrich-Wieland Prize for Research in Lipid Metabolism for 1974; the Pfizer Award for Enzyme Chemistry of the American Chemical Society for 1976; Harvey Society Lectureship for 1977; and the Bernstein Award of the New York State Medical Society for 1977.

Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Goldstein are designated as Paul J. Thomas Professors at the medical school.

Dr. Goldstein is chairman of the Department of Biophysics and Molecular Genetics and Dr. Brown is director of the Center for Genetic Disease in that department.

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