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UT SOUTHWESTERN FACULTY RECEIVE HONORS

DALLAS – June 13, 2001 – Faculty members from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas recently were recognized for outstanding achievement in their fields.

Dr. Jef De Brabander, assistant professor of biochemistry at UT Southwestern, was recently awarded a \$40,000, two-year research fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

De Brabander is one of only 104 young researchers from 51 American and Canadian colleges and universities chosen this year for the fellowship, which recognizes scientists in early stages of their careers who show exceptional promise in their fields.

Dr. John Dietschy, chief of digestive and liver diseases at UT Southwestern, was recently presented the Janssen Award for Lifetime Achievement in Digestive Sciences, which is the highest honor given by the American Gastroenterological Association.

The award is given to scientists or clinicians whose talent, dedication and contributions enhance and perpetuate high standards of excellence in gastroenterology.

Dietschy's research has focused on the elucidation of how cholesterol moves through cells, into the blood and then is excreted by the body.

Dr. Daniel Jones, assistant professor of surgery at UT Southwestern, recently received the Young Researcher of the Year Award from the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons.

The award is granted to a young surgeon who has accomplished a body of clinical or basic science research in the area of either flexible endoscopy or minimal access surgery.

Dr. Vicki Nejtek, instructor in psychiatry at UT Southwestern, was recently one of 19 researchers nationally to receive a New Clinical Drug Evaluation Unit award from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Nejtek's work focuses on intervention treatments for patients with a dual diagnosis of psychiatric illness and substance abuse. Her research has shown that the drug quetiapine improves manic symptoms in patients with bipolar disorder and reduces cocaine cravings by 87 percent.

The New Clinical Drug Evaluation Unit is made up of psychiatrists, psychologists, pharmaceutical executives and nurses.

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