This year, the award was given to two residents. It is made from a fund established as a tribute to Dr. Senescu, through the generosity of his students, friends and colleagues. Dr. Senescu was the first Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine (1964-73).

This award is made annually to a fourth-year resident in recognition of work done during his or her four years of training within our Department. It recognizes a resident who has demonstrated exceptional abilities, is dedicated to patient care and has shown a special interest either in public sector psychiatry, by contributing to the community, or in academic work. Special consideration will be given to a resident who has been involved in a creative project (not necessarily an academic research project) undertaken with the intention of contributing in some way to the improvement of the human condition -- to the lessening of pain or the furthering of pleasure in life.”