



### **Distinguished Behavioral Health Provider Award**

*To nominate a colleague please email the nomination form to [jennifer@asmbs.org](mailto:jennifer@asmbs.org).*

The Integrated Health Section of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) acknowledges the significant contributions of metabolic and bariatric behavioral health providers to patients, families, communities, and the profession. In recognition of their dedicated service, we are proud to present the Distinguished Behavioral Health Provider Award.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this award is to honor an ASMBS Integrated Health behavioral health provider who has gone above and beyond to champion the core values of behavioral health, including Clinical Excellence, Advocacy, Research, and Education. This individual exemplifies leadership in these areas, serving as a role model and actively promoting the principles of metabolic and bariatric behavioral health among peers, hospital administrators, and external organizations.

#### **Award Criteria:**

- The nominee must be a current ASMBS behavioral health provider member.
- Must be an active member of ASMBS.
- Must be actively participating in the field of metabolic and bariatric surgery.
- Must be nominated by a bariatric professional who is an ASMBS member. (Note: Self-nominations and nominations of past recipients are not permitted.)

The candidate must also show excellence in one or more of the following areas:

- Demonstrates clinical excellence in promoting the emotional and physical well-being of metabolic and bariatric patients by working with patients, colleagues, and family members, in a respectful, empathic manner.
- Participates in local, regional, state, or national advocacy with regard to metabolic and bariatric care efforts, access to care, or collaborates with other agencies participating in advocacy/legislative efforts pertaining to bariatric care.
- Provides leadership in the field of research related to metabolic and bariatric care, quality improvement studies; authors or co-authors articles, manuscripts, participates in literature review, journal boards, evidence-based protocols, guidelines, or position papers.
- Displays commitment to education for metabolic and bariatric professionals, especially behavioral health professionals, through presentations in educational programs, seminars and conferences, participation with IH Committees,

publishing, or other activities related to increasing competency for colleagues and knowledge of the care of bariatric patients and families.

**Nomination Process:**

- Complete the application.
- Provide any supporting materials for the candidate.

**Nomination Deadline:** The deadline for submission is Friday, April 5, 2024. All forms and support materials must be submitted by this date. No exceptions are considered.

**Award Presentation:** The Distinguished Behavioral Health Provider Award will be presented at the ASMBS Annual Meeting.