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Lawrence James Rizzolo, PhD, FARVO  
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Dear Dr. Rizzolo,

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I am delighted to tell you that you have been selected as a recipient of the Charles W. Bohmfalk Teaching Prize for 2012 for teaching in the basic sciences. This honor, established through the generosity of the Bohmfalk family, carries an award of \$5,000.

Each year one prize is given to a faculty member teaching in the basic sciences and an identical prize to a faculty member teaching in the clinical sciences. Recently, departmental chairs, directors of medical studies, faculty members and medical students were asked to nominate deserving faculty. A Bohmfalk Prize Committee consisting of faculty and students reviewed the responses and made the selections.

You have consistently received outstanding reviews from students and faculty and I wish to share with you some of the comments made by those who nominated you:

*“Dr. Rizzolo’s Human Anatomy course is amazing. He has clearly put a tremendous amount of work into designing a course that helps us learn anatomy deeply, thus establishing a strong foundation for the rest of our training. The structure of the course and the materials are wonderful. They enable us to learn anatomy WITHOUT MEMORIZING. If all of our courses were as strong as Dr Rizzolo’s, the Yale SOM would establish itself in a new tier above all other medical schools.”*

*“[He] created a great anatomy learning system.”*

*“[He showed] commitment, dedication, passion.”*

*“No one is more dedicated to conveying educational information than Dr. Rizzolo. Without his teachings during the basic science years, our knowledge would have no tangible scaffolding in which to place the pieces.”*



These are powerful expressions attesting to great teaching and dedication to students. I hope that you can be present during the formal graduation exercises here at the School of Medicine on Monday, May 21, 2012, to receive this prize. Please let Mary Kennedy in the Office of Student Affairs (203-785-5678 or [m.kennedy@yale.edu](mailto:m.kennedy@yale.edu)) know if you will attend. I congratulate you for this extraordinary recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob", written in a cursive style.

Robert J. Alpern, MD

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