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The Journal Thanks a Mentor

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In the fall of 2014, when first putting together a new team of associate editors, guest editors and statistical consultants for the Journal, I reached out to a person whose thoughtfulness and perspective were guaranteed to add value. I peered across Highway 40 from my office, where on a clear day, I could track Doug Mann, Lewin Chair and Professor of Medicine at Washington University and Cardiologist-in-Chief at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. And a few additional minor details: world renowned heart failure cardiologist and former President of the Heart Failure Society. Previously, we had worked together on a number of clinical trials and I certainly knew about his laboratory-based research and clinical engagement. However, having his ready counsel was not only timely but instrumental to our successful launch beginning in 2015. Even after taking over as the inaugural editor of *JACC: Basic to Translational Science*, Doug made himself available to review papers for us and offer advice.

We are therefore thrilled that the HFSA Lifetime Achievement Committee has named Dr. Mann as the next recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. I won't delve deeply into his professional biography but it is singularly remarkable. His training at major institutions and programs (Temple University, University of California-San Diego and Massachusetts General Hospital), major awards (including the Simon Dack Award for Outstanding Scholarship and the Distinguished Mentor

Award, both from the American College of Cardiology, and the Hugh McCullough Award from the American Heart Association), research accomplishments in myocyte biology and left ventricular remodeling, and educational contributions are well documented, but his dedication to the training of legions of cardiology fellows is where the proverbial rubber has met the road. I cannot recall a single conversation with Doug that did not include some mention of fellows and teaching. He has been and continues to be committed to developing the next generation of academic leaders, not for any self-aggrandizing reasons but in order to ensure the continued growth of our discipline and by extension progress in the care of patients with heart failure.

Most importantly however, Doug is a mensch. When he asks, "how are things going?", it is with genuine interest. In that context, he is the anti-Ed Koch, the former New York City mayor who famously or perhaps infamously asked, on multiple occasions, "How'm I doin'?"

In sum, we are delighted that Doug Mann is being recognized for his innumerable accomplishments and contributions to the field of heart failure. From the JCF Editor's standpoint, we look forward to continued input, reviews and involvement, and our next opportunity to share ideas at the 23rd annual Scientific Meetings later this year.

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