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Ladies and gentlemen, friends and family, esteemed colleagues and distinguished guests, it is a great pleasure to be here and a tremendous privilege to received the Stritch School of Medicine Medal for 2015. I have dedicated my life to medicine and throughout my history with Stritch I have been so fortunate to have the opportunity to be a part of such a vital and respected entity. I have experienced the gamut of vantage points afforded to me thanks to the various responsibilities I have had and each one of those opportunities has allowed me to hone my skills as a teacher, guide, doctor, and of course, a perpetual student of medicine. You know, we never stop learning. We never stop observing. There are always new ways and means to contribute to the quality of life of our students, patients and fellow faculty and doctors.

(**If you want to make a joke you can say**) I am here because I love my work. I love medicine, and I truly respect the mandate and challenge that we all face, and that is to keep up with and stay ahead of the times, especially with regard to enhancing and prolonging a person’s quality of life. I am here because I believe in my purpose on this planet and in doing the best that I can, and that is why when I was told by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I was the recipient of this year’s Stritch Medal, I have to admit, even after all of these years, my heart really did skip a beat. I did have an adrenaline rush…. Of course in my line of work, that might be cause for suspicion but I remembered to breathe and thankfully didn’t need to call for (**Name one of your cardiologist colleagues**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. to check my vitals. After all these years… it’s good to know the thrill of acknowledgement is still very present and appreciated! (**Wait for the laugh**).