

## ACC Congratulates the 2012 Distinguished Awardees

Following in the footsteps of past recipients, the 2012 Distinguished Awardees are honored for their outstanding contributions to the cardiology profession. The awards will be presented to this year's 13 honorees on March 26 during the 2012 Annual Convocation in Chicago.

### 2012 Distinguished Fellow

#### John E. Mayer, Jr., MD, FACC

Children's Hospital  
Boston, MA



Mayer, professor of surgery and the Tommy Kaplan Chair in Cardiovascular Studies at Boston Children's Hospital, is a world class congenital heart surgeon, scientist and teacher who has bridged the world of cardiac surgery and cardiology. His expertise in health care policy and finance and numerous leadership roles has led to joint initiatives and coordinated quality of cardiovascular care between The Society of Thoracic Surgeons and ACC.

### 2012 Distinguished Scientist Basic Domain

#### Prediman K. Shah, MD, FACC

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
Los Angeles, CA



Shah, director of cardiology at Cedars-Sinai, is credited with groundbreaking research and accomplishment. He is a recipient of numerous prestigious, local and national awards in teaching, influence on clinical practice and basic research.

### 2012 Distinguished Scientist Clinical Domain

#### C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD, FACC

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
Los Angeles, CA

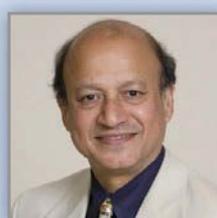


Merz, director of the Women's Heart Center and the Preventive and Rehabilitative Cardiac Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, has made major contributions to the advancement of clinical cardiovascular disease. Her primary scientific research is in the development, diagnosis, pathophysiology, and prevention of ischemic heart disease in women.

### 2012 Distinguished Scientist Translational Domain

#### Sanjiv Kaul, MD, FACC

Oregon Health & Science University  
Portland, OR

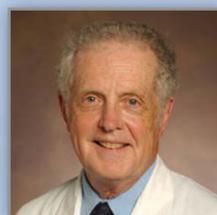


Kaul, the Ernest C. Swigert Distinguished Professor of Cardiology and head of cardiovascular medicine at Oregon Health and Science University, is a forerunner in cardiovascular imaging with major clinical and research interests in coronary artery disease. He has spearheaded many of the developments in contrast echocardiography and has made major contributions to the field of nuclear cardiology.

### 2012 Distinguished Service

#### Thomas P. Graham, Jr., MD, FACC

Vanderbilt Children's Hospital  
Nashville, TN



Through his commitment to education, Graham has served a central leadership role in shaping the field of pediatric cardiology for more than 40 years. He has served as a strong advocate encouraging the need for team-building and consultation with adult congenital cardiologists and participated in the first set of guidelines ever written for adult congenital heart disease patients.

### 2012 Distinguished Teacher

#### Kim A. Eagle, MD, MACC

University of MI Cardiovascular Center  
Ann Arbor, MI



Eagle, the Albion Walter Hewlett Professor of Internal Medicine and director of the Cardiovascular Center at the University of Michigan Health System, is an important educational force and disseminator of medical knowledge in the field. His pioneering efforts are emulated throughout the world. Eagle has also been instrumental in educating the public through his efforts to battle the childhood obesity epidemic in Michigan.

## 2012 Gifted Educator

### Jagat Narula, MD, PhD, FACC

Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
New York, NY



Narula, director of cardiovascular imaging and the associate dean for global health at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, is one of the most impressive and dynamic educators in cardiology and an outstanding mentor for fellows and junior faculty. The guiding philosophy of his teaching is that basic research and clinical medicine are strongly linked, such that being a superior researcher facilitates becoming a superior clinician, and vice-versa.

## 2012 International Service

### Antonio C. P. Chagas, MD, PhD, FACC

Heart Institute, University of São Paulo  
São Paulo, Brazil



Chagas, president of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology, has made many contributions to clinical and academic cardiology, particularly in the international arena. He is a passionate supporter of international collaboration, serving as an ambassador for his country and for the College. As the first governor of the Brazilian Chapter, he was closely involved in implementing ACC's new and effective international strategy, leading to an anticipated 20 international chapters in 2012.

## 2012 Lifetime Achievement

### Heinrich R. Schelbert, MD, PhD, FACC

LAC USC Medical Center  
Los Angeles, CA



Schelbert, the George V. Taplin Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, is a giant in the field of cardiology. With a plethora of seminal achievements as a pioneer in the development and application of PET and other nuclear cardiovascular technologies, he is a rare researcher who can truly claim the honor of witnessing the direct application of his experimental research to clinical care and improved patient outcome during his lifetime.

## 2012 Presidential Citation

### Michael J. Mack, MD, FACC

The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano  
Plano, TX



Mack, the medical director of cardiovascular surgery for the Baylor Health Care System and director of cardiovascular research at the Heart Hospital Baylor, has been at the forefront as an investigator and patient advocate. As president of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, he has

worked closely with the ACC to develop clinical documents and The STS/ACC TVT Registry™ to assist with ensuring appropriate use of transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). As a lead on documents aimed at building bridges between medical specialties and societies, governmental agencies and patient groups, Mack is a true visionary in the field.

## 2012 Master of the ACC (MACC)

### Jerry D. Kennett, MD, FACC

Missouri Cardiovascular Specialists  
Columbia, MO



Kennett has practiced interventional cardiology in Missouri for the last 30 years, maintaining a busy clinical schedule while participating in clinical research and educational activities, and leading his colleagues in local efforts to address the changing demands of health care reform, structural reorganization and fiscal responsibility.

## 2012 Master of the ACC (MACC)

### Rick A. Nishimura, MD, FACC

Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, MN



Nishimura, the Judd and Mary Morris Leighton Professor in Cardiovascular Diseases and Hypertension at the Mayo Medical School, has had a long and distinguished career as an educator, innovator and academic and invasive cardiologist. He has served the College with distinction and dedication for approximately 35 years, contributing to virtually every educational initiative aimed at providing unparalleled life-long learning for ACC members.

## 2012 Master of the ACC (MACC)

### Miguel A. Quiñones, MD, FACC

Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center  
Houston, TX



Quiñones, chair of the department of cardiology at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, is a pioneer in the field of cardiac ultrasound with a primary interest in the evaluation of cardiac function. His reputation as a teacher is acclaimed worldwide, with many of his trainees becoming renowned echocardiographers. He has served on several ACC committees, including the Board of Trustees, and as a member of the JACC Editorial Board. He will serve as chair of ACC.13.