

# THE ESTEEMED AWARDS



## **Congratulations John P. Bilezikian, MD** **2020 William F. Neuman Esteemed Award Recipient**

John P. Bilezikian, MD is the Dorothy L. and Daniel H. Silberberg Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. He has contributed immensely to our understanding of skeletal diseases. Continuously funded by the NIH since 1974, with over 900 full-length publications and editorships of many authoritative textbooks of bone and mineral metabolism, his perpetual insights have identified research imperatives and optimized patient care. A tireless advocate for training young investigators, Dr. Bilezikian has populated the world with over 70 trainees. They have magnified and multiplied his impact many times over, thus further establishing his enormous international scientific and clinical contributions. Dr. Bilezikian is a champion and advocate for ASBMR's missions, serving for decades in many leadership and scientific capacities.

*"I am deeply honored to receive the William F. Neuman Award. It is humbling to be included in a pantheon of great scientists who precede me. My mentor, Gerald Aurbach, the first Neuman awardee, inspired me with a love for science, new ideas, training young investigators, and for a tireless pursuit of excellence. To Tom Clemens, my nominator, Juliet Compston and Cliff Rosen, my supporters, thank you for believing that my contributions to our field are worthy of this great honor. To my hundreds of collaborators all over the world, thank you for the honor to work with you. To the many trainees who came to New York to work with me, thank you for giving me the opportunity to hone your skills and to set no limit to your research goals. You have truly succeeded, disseminating internationally our collective love for science and learning. To the countless doctors who write me daily, asking for my advice, thank you for letting me be part of your patients' care. To the ASBMR, my scientific home, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in many different leadership roles. To my family: my parents who were always there for me; to my wife, Sophie who believed in me when almost no one did; and to all of you, who have let me share the ups and downs of our lives as we strive for excellence in all that we do."*

*~ John P. Bilezikian, MD*