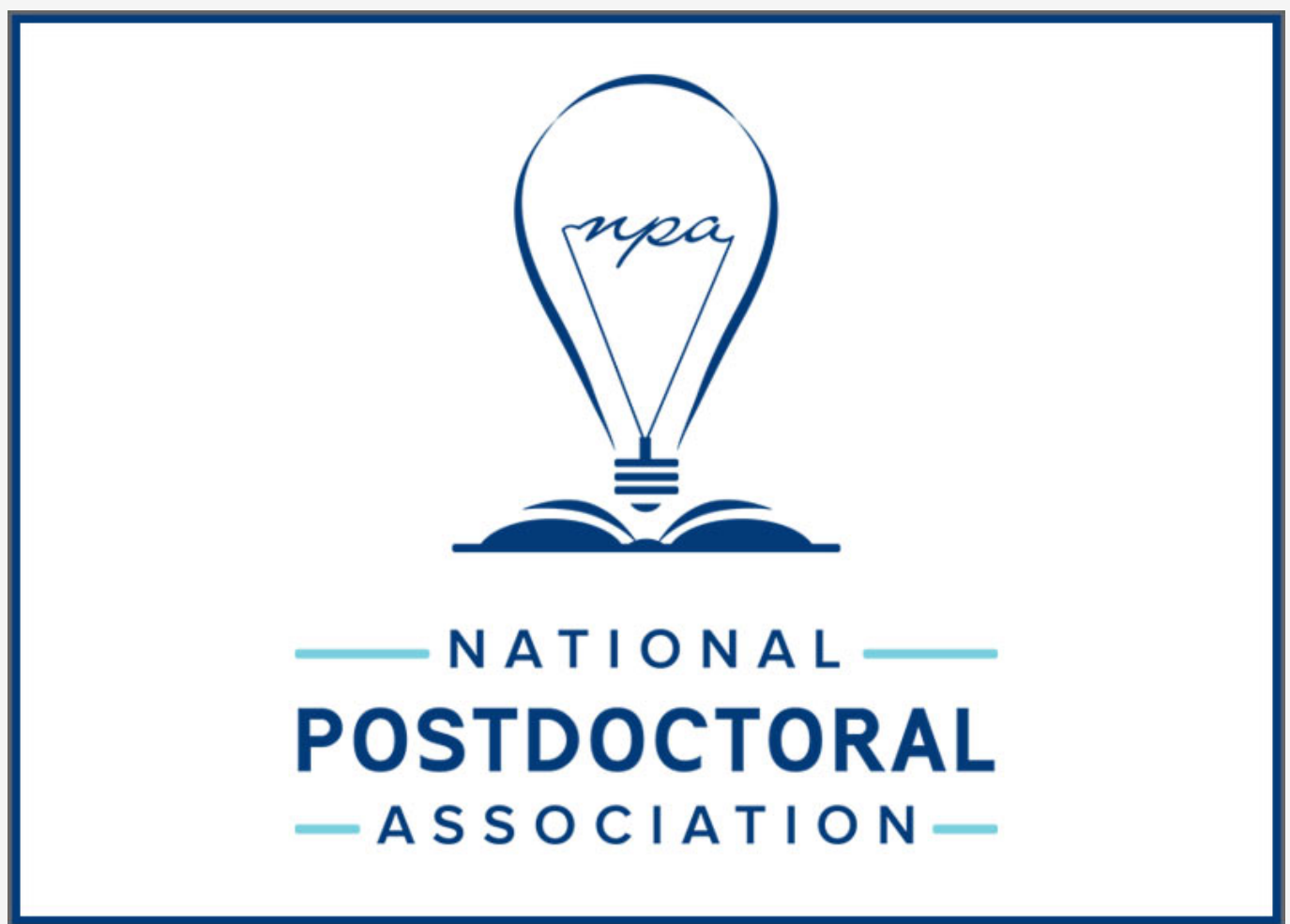


# 2022 Mentor of the Year Finalists Announced: Four academic leaders nominated for strong commitment to mentorship

ROCKVILLE, Md., Jan. 20, 2022 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – The [National Postdoctoral Association](#) (NPA), in partnership with [Gallagher](#), today announced during National Mentoring Month the finalists for the 2022 NPA Gallagher Mentor Award. The award recognizes a faculty member or advisor who engages in exceptional mentoring of postdoctoral scholars.



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The prestigious award recognizes those who advocate for postdoctoral scholars; exhibit outstanding communication skills; embed diversity, equity and inclusion values in mentoring; demonstrate respect for the work and career paths of postdoctoral scholars; create productive working environments to enhance the postdoctoral experience; and show resilience and creativity as mentors during the pandemic.

“Recognition as a mentor is without a doubt the highest achievement one can

receive, because it represents one's positive impact on those that will help shape the future," said Ed Krug, Ph.D., former recipient of the NPA Gallagher Mentor Award and professor emeritus at the Medical University of South Carolina.

The 2022 finalists for the NPA Gallagher Mentor Award are:

\* **Kellie Ann Jurado, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine**

\* **Kalmia E. Kniel, Ph.D., University of Delaware**

\* **Eben Kenah, Ph.D. & Grzegorz A. Rempala, Ph.D., The Ohio State University**

"The NPA recognizes the accomplishments of all four of these impressive individuals and their unfailing commitment to mentorship for postdocs," stated NPA executive director and chief executive officer, Thomas P. Kimbis. "Each of these finalists is already a winner for how they give back to others every day and is a model for others to follow."

The winner of this year's award will be announced at the [2022 NPA Annual Conference](#), taking place live for the first time in three years in Chicago at the Palmer House Hilton on April 1-2, 2022 and through a virtual event April 28-29, 2022. [Registration](#) remains open for this event and is accessible to anyone around the world. Early bird registration ends on January 28, 2022.

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