Eva Wojcik 2019 Faculty Member of the Year

Good afternoon, I am Tavis Jules, chair of Loyola’s Faculty Council. I am delighted to be here to present Eva Wojcik, M.D, Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, a Helen M. and Raymond M. Galvin Professor of Pathology, with the 2019 award for Loyola’s Faculty Member of the Year. We had numerous exceptional candidates for this year’s award, but Eva’s credentials in research, teaching, student engagement and service distinguished her.

After completing her medical doctorate in Poland, Eva held residencies and fellowships at the Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, Wayne State University School of Medicine and M. D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas before joining Loyola University Chicago in 1997. At Loyola she has held numerous posts and positions across both the academic and health systems including as Director of Cytopathology; Program Director of the Anatomic Pathology/Clinical Pathology residency; Program Director of the Cytopathology Fellowship; Vice-Chair of education; and ultimately Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Since 2007, she holds the distinction of being among a handful of women Pathology chairs.

She has received numerous awards and has made outstanding contributions to clinical service, education, and leadership, not only at Loyola but also at the national and international levels. She has served as President of the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC). She has received numerous grants, including the prestigious College of American Pathologists (CAP) Foundation Grants to champion patient care causes, such causes “See, Test & Treat” that serves underprivileged women in the Chicagoland area. A colleague wrote on Eva in a nominating letter: “Teaching comes naturally to Dr. Wojcik … she [has] inspired many medical students to become pathologists and many pathology residents to
become GU pathologists and cytopathologists. Her style is unique - founded in strong basics and presented with a wonderful sense of humor that generates much enthusiasm and interest from her students.” Next month, in recognition of her educational efforts, she will receive an Excellence in Education Award given by the American Society of Cytopathology.

Eva’s areas of diagnostic expertise are cytopathology and urologic pathology. Eva’s record of research and scholarship is also impressive, and she has over 120 peer-reviewed publication to her credit and has presented over 170 scientific abstracts, many with Loyola trainees and junior faculty. Eva serves as Associate Editor for the Journal of the American Society of Cytopathology, E-cytopathology, and Journal of Histotechnology and sits on several other editorial boards. She has also served as an inspector and team leader for the College of American Pathologists Laboratory Accreditation Program. As another colleague has noted: “But that is Eva for you – a strong, inspiring, highly ethical and respected individual and pathologist.” Most importantly, Eva demonstrates the Jesuit values of “Cura Personalis” or a person for others through her research, teaching, and mentorship.”

To conclude, in her statement on teaching students Eva wrote: “I find immense satisfaction in knowing I have made a substantial influence in these student’s lives.” Those of us on the faculty have met and exceeded very high expectations during our graduate studies and subsequently to earn tenure at Loyola. So, it is a very great honor to recognize Eva Wojcik as this year’s Faculty Member of the Year for standing out at a university and in a school with so many exceptional scholars. Please help me in congratulating her for this award!