Scot G. Hickman, MD, professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, is honored for decades of outstanding teaching and mentorship of medical students, residents and junior faculty.

Although his service to Washington University and his research accomplishments are extensive, it is his impact as a teacher for which he is most renowned. He has taught the hematology section of the medical school curriculum for 30 years and the oncology section for 20. Through his inspiring educational style, devotion to students, and outstanding curriculum, he has taught thousands of students, many of whom cite their experience in his course as a key factor in their decision to enter the field of hematology/oncology, often to pursue a career in academic research and teaching. In addition, as an attending physician at the Veterans Administration Hospital, he was an outstanding mentor to students, residents and hematology/oncology fellows for decades.

His work as a teacher has earned him the reputation as a pillar of Washington University — and more than 30 teaching awards. He has received awards from Washington University's medical students every year since 1995, the Washington University Alumni Association's Founders Day Distinguished Faculty Award in 1998, and in 2003, the School of Medicine's prestigious Samuel R. Goldstein Leadership Award in Medical Student Education. He will retire as hematology/oncology course master in spring 2017, turning over his course to two former students.

Hickman has also excelled in administrative roles at the VA, having led its hematology/oncology division for 21 years and serving as associate chief and then chief of its medical service for six years.

Throughout his career, in addition to teaching, Hickman has conducted research on glycoprotein synthesis, contributing to foundational papers that ultimately led to the development of successful enzyme replacement therapy for several lysosomal storage disorders, including Gaucher's disease and Pompe's disease.

Hickman earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University in 1966 and his medical degree from Washington University in 1970. After residency training at Barnes Hospital, he spent two years at the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases, then returned to Washington University for a hematology/oncology fellowship. He joined the faculty in 1977.

The Washington University Medical Center Alumni Association is pleased to present its Faculty Achievement Award to Dr. Hickman.