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**Martica Hall Biological and Health Psychology Student Achievement Award**

Established in 2022, the Martica Hall Biological and Health Psychology Student Achievement Award was named in honor of Dr. Martica Hall, Ph.D., professor in psychiatry and psychology until her death on March 18, 2023. Dr. Hall was an internationally recognized Health Psychologist who served as President of the American Psychosomatic Society (2012–13) and the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research (2018–19) and was a member of the Sleep Research Society Board of Directors (2019–2021). Dr. Hall conducted distinguished and definitive work at the intersection of health and sleep, with a particular focus on psychological stress. Dr. Hall was an alumnus and longtime member of our Biological-Health Psychology program, where she mentored aspiring researchers in sleep and circadian science and devoted her energy to enhancing the quality and visibility of our program. She combined her passions for mentorship and sleep research to distinguish Pitt globally for its excellence in sleep and circadian science. She was an inspiring role model through her teaching, mentoring, and collaboration, and a vocal advocate for women in science. Perhaps her greatest legacy is the influence, both personal and professional, that she had, and continues to have, on her many students, friends, and colleagues. Her contributions to training included proactively and conscientiously providing opportunities for her mentees to flourish as creative, independent, and multidisciplinary scientists. Dr. Hall is notable, too, for her efforts to promote underrepresented minorities in science. Her impact on the field lives on through her many contributions to science and through the work of the large network of mentees around the globe that she has influenced.