## Penn State Hershey honors 2012 innovators

On November 7 members of the Penn State Hershey community gathered to celebrate the spirit of innovation during the second annual Innovation Awards. The Innovation Awards recognized faculty whose ideas moved forward through execution of a licensing agreement, starting a company, or earning a patent between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. The award ceremony began in 2011 to raise awareness of the innovation and commercialization activity among Penn State Hershey faculty.

A reception was held in the University Conference Center followed by the presentation of awards by Dr. Harold Paz, Dr. Daniel Notterman and Dr. Keith Marmer. The Office of Technology Development recognized 23 individuals for their achievements during the event.

We wish to congratulate the following individuals and departments: Cellular and Molecular Physiology - Yuguang Shi, Ph.D., Anthony Pegg, Ph.D.; Microbiology and Immunology – Craig Meyers, Ph.D., Samina Alam, Ph.D.; Pharmacology – Gavin Robertson, Ph.D., Shantu Amin, Ph.D., Dhimant Desai, Ph.D., Mark Kester, Ph.D., Arati Sharma, Ph.D., Arun Sharma, Ph.D., Chandagalu Raghavendra D. Gowda, Ph.D., Omer Kuzu, Anton Mulder; Surgery – Christopher Siedlecki, Ph.D., William Weiss, Ph.D.; Medicine – Lawrence Sinoway, M.D., and Anesthesiology – Victor Ruiz-Velasco, Ph.D.

The culmination of the event was the presentation of the "Innovator of the Year" Award given to Gregory Jackson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Ophthalmology.