This is the second annual presentation of the SCARD Visionary Leadership Award. The honor is awarded to radiologists who have demonstrated leadership and helped radiology realize some of its potential. This year, N. Reed Dunnick, MD, receives the Visionary Leadership Award for his contributions to SCARD and as a leader in radiology. Reed grew up in Indiana and attended Purdue University. He selected Cornell University Medical College for his initial medical training. After 2 years of internal medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital, he joined the U.S. Public Health Service as a staff associate at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He took his radiology residency at Stanford University, where he served as the chief resident his last year. After residency, Dr Dunnick returned to the NIH. In 1980, he was recruited to Duke University to become the chief of uroradiology. While at Duke, he held multiple leadership roles, including the chief of the Section of Vascular/Interventional Radiology, chief of the Section of Body Computed Tomography, and chief of the Division of Diagnostic Imaging. He was recruited to lead the Department of Radiology at the University of Michigan in 1992 and currently is the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor of Radiology and chair of the Department of Radiology.

Dr Dunnick has been a role model in his commitment to organized radiology and service to our multiple professional societies. Dr Dunnick began his service to SCARD as a councilor in 1993, later serving as secretary-treasurer, president-elect, and president. He has served as a SCARD mentor to new chairs since 2000. He was also the founding president of the Radiology Research Alliance (RRA) in 2006, as well as the 54th president of the Association of University Radiologists (AUR). In addition, he is a past president of the Academy of Radiology Research, American Board of Radiology, American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS), Radiological Society of North America, Michigan Radiological Society, Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance, and Society of Uroradiology. In addition, he has served on the American College of Radiology (ACR) Board of Chancellors and as vice president his last year.

Dr Dunnick has been recognized for his contributions with the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service from the ARRS, the Gold Medal from the Society of Uroradiology, the Gold Medal from the AUR, the Gold Medal from the ACR, and the Gold Medal from the Michigan Radiological Society. In addition, he was recognized by the RRA with its Innovation and Leadership Award.

While Dr Dunnick has made many contributions to the field of radiology and to SCARD, one of his greatest contributions has been inspiring, mentoring, and developing future innovators and leaders for our profession. Tom Peters said, “Leaders don’t create followers; they create more leaders.” The multiplier effect from Dr Dunnick’s investment in mentorship will have an exponential return for our profession and our patients. As his colleagues, friends, and mentees, we bestow upon him our highest honor, the SCARD Visionary Leadership Award.