

2003 Hall of Fame Inductee

Dr. Ira Herskowitz

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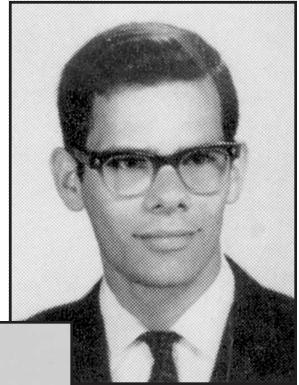
Ira Herskowitz moved throughout childhood, but graduated from University City High School. This high school varsity basketball player studied math and science at California Institute of Technology and earned his Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

The late Dr. Herskowitz was a top research geneticist and an esteemed professor of Molecular Biology at the University of California - San Francisco. His

research advanced the understanding of the way cells differentiate to create the many different organs and tissues in the body. In the early 1980s, he helped develop a patented process now used to produce insulin for diabetics. More recently, he was a pioneer in the effort to learn how genes can influence a person's response to drugs.

Dr. Herskowitz was the recipient of many professional honors, including the 2003 Lewis S. Rosenstiel Award for Distinguished Work in Basic Medical Research.

At his request, his family established a yearly award to recognize and reward outstanding teachers at University City High School who positively impact students by contributing, inside and outside the classroom, to the intellectual and personal growth of students, and who emphasize the value and importance of teaching as a professional career.



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