



Rural Program

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Hello Rural Program Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we celebrate the Class of 2024 and share their residency matches. These talented individuals have worked tirelessly to reach this significant milestone, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

To our preceptors and administrative staff - your guidance and support have played a crucial role in shaping these future doctors. Together, we are witnessing the next generation of medical leaders and rural physicians take the next step towards making a positive impact in their profession and in their communities.

Sincerely,

The CUSOM Rural Program Team



From left to right, top row: Holly Fussner, Ben Wharton, Dr. Mark Deutchman, Ashlyn Richie, Rachel Demby, Victoria Cates, Dr. Mandy Swanson, Dr. Roberto Silva; Bottom row: Zach Trottier, Jasmine Polkowske, Michael Persinger, Lukas Ommen, Marie Stewart and family, Coco Wham, Dr. Elizabeth Gundersen

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

The Class of 2024 graduated on May 20th, and we are excited to celebrate their

successes and cheer them on as they transition to residency.

Victoria Cates, Internal Medicine - Northwestern McGaw

Rachel Demby, Emergency Medicine - Denver Health

Holly Fussner, Family Medicine - Denver Health

Lukas Ommen, Family Medicine - St. Mary's in Grand Junction

Michael Persinger, Family Medicine - University of Colorado

Jasmine Polkowske, Diagnostic Radiology - University of South Carolina

Ashlyn Richie, Family Medicine - Tacoma

Marie Stewart, Family Medicine - Swedish Medical Center

Zach Trottier, Neurology - Mayo Clinic

Coco Wham, Emergency Medicine - Denver Health

Ben Wharton, Orthopedic Surgery - University of Colorado



Above: Dr. Roberto Silva with Michael Persinger

Additional congratulations to Michael Persinger, winner of the Felix Martinez MD Memorial Award. This award supports a CUSOM student going into Family Medicine who demonstrates a commitment to contributing to the provision of health care in the Hispanic/Latino community.

Save the Date: CUSOM LIC Faculty Appreciation Dinner, September 19 at 6pm

The School of Medicine will be hosting a CUSOM LIC Faculty/Preceptor Appreciation and Teaching Awards dinner on **Thursday, September 19 at 6 PM** at the Grand Ballroom,

Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. If you have been involved in the clinical experiences of a Rural LIC student this year, this dinner is for you!

The planners of this event need to gather *preliminary* RSVP's so they have a semi-accurate headcount. Due to such a large number of Foothills faculty, unfortunately +1's cannot be accommodated for this event.

Please fill out the form [here](#) if you think you will be able to attend . Once you RSVP through the form, you will receive a calendar invite to hold the date and additional information as the date approaches.

Volunteer Clinical Faculty Appointment

Preceptors involved in teaching and evaluating CU medical students are required by our accrediting body to have a Volunteer Clinical Faculty appointment. We also ask that you review the [Teacher-Learner Agreement](#) annually.

If you do not have a faculty appointment, please fill out [this brief form](#) to initiate your application and determine the rank for your appointment. If you need a CV template, please find one [here](#). If you are not sure if you have an active appointment or have questions about the process, please reach out to [Julia Kendrick](#) or [Melissa Darzins](#) .

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