



FAMILY MEDICINE
interest group

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join FMIG Leadership! UPCOMING DEADLINE: JAN 22

Looking to be part of an awesome team, get leadership experience, and be more involved with family medicine? Apply to be part of the FMIG leadership!

Positions Include: Co-Presidents, Secretary, Event Coordinator, CAFP/CAFMR Liaison, and Humans of Family Medicine Campaign Manager

Learn more about the positions, and **apply here:** <https://docs.google.com/forms>

GET INVOLVED

Want To See An Event Happen? Let us know!

Send us your suggestions of events and topics you would like to see as part of FMIG!
Send us your ideas [HERE](#)

Join CAFP Projects, Committees and Networking

Colorado Academy of Family Physicians is looking to have more medical students join them and take part in various committees. Attached to this email ([here](#)) is a document outlining the various ways students can be involved. The highlights are joining the board of directors, taking part in public health projects, serving on the education committee, and attending summits, conferences and networking events. The details are attached, but please feel free to respond to this email with any questions.

AAFP National Conference July 29-31 VIRTUAL This Year!

The AAFP National Conference is a highly anticipated, annual event to bring Family Medicine physicians together for education, networking, and residency program interaction. This year, the AAFP has decided to make the conference a virtual event after considering public health and safety as well as uncertainties with what travel restrictions will look like. The conference will take place July 29-31, 2021. We will share more info as we get closer!

Highlight

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“I knew going into medical school that I wanted to be happy at the end of the day. I didn’t want to be a doctor who was doing it just because I had the degree and kept practicing, just because. I wanted to enjoy going to work and then come home feeling fulfilled in what I was doing.

Going into med school and medicine, I always knew I was going to do primary care. That was where my love was. I didn’t know if that would look like: primary care in obstetrics, primary care in internal medicine, or pediatrics, but I knew it would be primary care. I found family medicine in my first year of medical school and realized I could do it all, literally. I went to the family medicine conference after my first year of medical school and it’s one of the most life changing experiences you can have— I’ve never met so many people who were so passionate about something in their own ways. You go to all these different lectures, the never ending expo hall, that housed the many different residency programs across the nation. I literally didn’t meet anyone who was not enjoying what they were doing in family medicine. Everyone wanted to talk to you and tell you what they loved about family medicine. So I fell in love with it there, because I met so many people who I could see myself working with and I realized how versatile family medicine was which was something I wanted in my practice.

Then, I realized I wanted to do rural family medicine, which is even more particular. I did some electives in rural towns and a few different Native American reservations and realized that family medicine was really valued in these areas. Those doctors were so incredible because they use the limited resources they have and can do things ten times more than what can be done in a big city. They’ve gotten used to doing it with what they have and making the best out of the situation. I kept telling myself “wow, they’re superhuman in what they’re doing”. Even when working a little more, or not getting paid as

much as a specialist, they still love what they are doing every day. I think rural medicine incorporates a lot of community medicine. You are such a valued member of the community—you are involved in the school system and lots of different non healthcare activities. I just love that. I want to practice somewhere that I'm involved in the community and that is a valued part of my profession. Family medicine gives you that." - Shawnecca Burke, MD

NETWORKING

Family Medicine Resident Mentoring

For students interested in resident and/or faculty mentors, this is an informal program with the hope of being mutually beneficial to all parties involved. The goal is to help med students have a better understanding of family physicians and to help students succeed whether they decide family medicine is the right specialty for them or not.

We ask that mentors and mentees meet at least once a semester. Please fill out the quick form below so that we can best pair you with a good fit. **If you are interested, sign up here.**

For more information, questions, or concerns, please contact **Cleveland Piggott, MD.**

Looking for an MSA or Scholarly Project in Family Medicine?

Go to the Department of Family Medicine MSA Program webpage to fill out an interest form to schedule a meeting to get connected with potential mentors, or to find information for applying to the DFM Summer MSA Program.

[DFM MSA Website](#)

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

Interested in an FMIG T-Shirt?

Get a free t-shirt when you sign up for the FMIG Newsletter and become a student member of the American Academy of Family Physicians (membership is free).

Sign up to get a Free FMIG T-shirt **[HERE](#)**

As always, feel free to check out our website with information from this

newsletter and more at: <https://fmigcu.wordpress.com/>

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