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**American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation Announces
Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute 2020 Scholars**

Leawood, Kan. — The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Foundation announced 30 scholarship recipients for the year-long Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute leadership development program. Participants receive a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students and participate in institute programming after the conference.

Funded by family physician donors, the program identifies and trains family medicine residents and medical students who have shown a historical aptitude and strong leadership potential but have little formal leadership training or experience. The Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute focuses on ensuring the future of the specialty by increasing the number of future family medicine leaders. The program, now in its sixth year, continues to grow, as seen by a 17 percent increase in applications this year.

“The Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute is a competitive leadership development program for medical students and residents, focused on the future of the specialty,” said Julie Anderson, MD, president of the AAFP Foundation. “The program provides mentorship, encouragement and specific skill development to help grow leaders in family medicine.”

Over the course of one year, scholarship winners will work with a mentor to complete a leadership project related to one of three tracks: Policy & Public Health Leadership, Personal & Practice Leadership, and Philanthropic & Mission-Driven Leadership.

At the end of the year-long program, the leadership projects will be evaluated, and an additional \$1,000 award will be given to select recipients, allowing them to present their winning projects at the 2021 National Conference. Finally, one Best Leadership Project Award will be named for each of the three tracks, and the recipient will receive an additional \$3,000 award for participation in a designated major event related to the track.

A full listing of the 2020 Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute Scholars is available on the next page.

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About the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

The AAFP Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Its mission is to advance the values of Family Medicine through humanitarian, educational, and scientific philanthropy dedicated to improving health. For more information, please visit www.aafpfoundation.org.

Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute: Class of 2020 Scholars

Family Medicine Residents

- Camila Castellanos, MD - NY
- Stephanie Chang, MD - CA
- Roshni Kakaiya, DO - CA
- Ann Le, MD MPH - CA
- Annie Le, MD MPH - CA
- Joy Lee, MD MPP - MA
- Lucy Li, MD - TX
- Margaret Oliver, MD - KS
- Olusunmisola Oyesiku, MD - AL
- Gabriela Plasencia, MD - NC
- Raye Reeder, MD MPH - OK
- Karen Scherr, MD PHD - NC
- Madeline Taskier, MD - PA
- Aisha Van Pratt Levin, MD - CA
- Ryan Walker, MD MPH - MA

Medical Students

- Jacob Brock- OH
- Connor Brunson- SC
- Varun Gopinath, MPH - OH
- Irena Grauzinis - AZ
- Jodie Guller - CA
- Amy Hoffman - PA
- Benjamin Kaplan - NC
- Adjoa Kusi-Appiah - MI
- Russyan Mabeza - CA
- Sarah Parker - KY
- Ashleigh Peoples - MI
- Alexandra Rice - SC
- Tiffany Tsay, MPH - VA
- Cecilia Vichier-Guerre - MD
- Jessica Williams - TX