

Tulane University School of Medicine
Family Medicine Department
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LAFP Annual Report AY 2017-18

The academic year 2017-2018 has been one of growth and renewal for the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Tulane.

Tulane Family Medicine 2018 Match Results

Tulane matched 11 students into Family Medicine residency programs this year. We are grateful to our preceptors, who practice throughout Louisiana and the region, for their generous contribution in guiding and educating our students. They remain the essence of our Clerkship.

On the table, below, please find Louisiana programs in bold. The FM match results were as follows:

<u>Students</u>	<u>Match Site</u>	<u>Preceptor/Site</u>
Lydia Breskin	East Jefferson General Hospital, Metairie, LA	Michael Hulin, M.D. / Metairie
Kyle Besaw	PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, Vancouver, WA	Stephen Taylor, M.D. / Vivian
Renata Harkcom	University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis	Mark Dawson, M.D. / Rayne
Geoffrey Holman	University of Montana, Missoula	Stephen Taylor, M.D. / Vivian
Ryan Hunter	Offut Air Force Base, Omaha, NE	Kiernan Smith, M.D. / New Orleans
Danielle Kemp	Fort Wayne Medical Education Program, IN	Rebekah Byrne, M.D. / New Orleans
Alisha Kshetry	Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL	Rebekah Byrne, M.D. / New Orleans
Enrique Riddle	Providence Hood River Family Medicine Residency Rural Training Program, OR	Rob Hankenhof, M.D. / New Orleans
Adrienne Roth	University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio	Brian LeBlanc, M.D. / New Roads
Krista Santilli	Cook County Health and Hospitals System, Chicago, IL	Jim Dimitriades, M.D. / Gulfport, MS
Nicholas Squires	University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, Madison	Jason Hatfield, M.D. / Opelousas

Medical Student Awards

The **Scott Gregory Kramer M.D. Family Medicine Award** is given annually to the graduating senior with the highest class-rank who is pursuing a career in Family Medicine. This year’s award went to Dr. Nicholas Squires.

Nicholas grew up in the MidWest and completed his undergraduate work in Biomedical Science at University of Wisconsin -- River Falls. He joined the Tulane School of Medicine community in 2014 and worked with Dr. Jason Hatfield in Opelousas for his family medicine clerkship and the LSU -- Bogalusa Medical Center, Rural Family Medicine Residency Program for his sub-Internship. These experiences showed him hands-on primary care with a range of diagnoses and patient continuity. During his time as a medical student, he worked as a team player with Habitat for Humanity, the Teaching Kitchen, and Advanced Trauma Life Support. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, gaming, and building computers. Dr. Squires will train at University of Wisconsin in Madison.

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The **Tulane/LAFP Family Medicine Excellence Award** is given annually to the graduating senior who is entering a career in family medicine and demonstrates commitment to high quality, patient-oriented, continuity, and preventive care across the spectrum of age, disease, and health. This year, the award went to Dr. Alisha Kshetry.

Alisha was born in West Palm Beach, Florida. She later moved to New Delhi, India where she attended middle and high school. Alisha went to Emory University for undergrad where she majored in Biology and minored in Global Health. While studying at Tulane University School of Medicine, her passion for primary care and preventative medicine was reaffirmed, and she found her calling in Family Medicine, during which time she worked with Dr. Rebekah Byrne in New Orleans and with the East Jefferson General Hospital/Tulane Family Medicine Residency Program in Metairie. Outside of medicine, she enjoys traveling to new places, practicing yoga and cooking. Dr. Kshetry will train at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida.

Department Leadership, Faculty Changes

Eddie Dennard remains department chairman, where he continues to oversee all aspects of the department's clinical, teaching and research missions.

Rade Pejic remains director of the department's family medicine clerkship. As director of the family medicine clerkship, Dr. Pejic continues an ongoing multi-year review and update of our teaching curriculum and expansion of our preceptor faculty network, the latter made possible in part by the Ernest G. DeBakey Rural Education Fund.

Clare Hoff continues as director of the preventive medicine residency, and has stepped into the directorship of SAPORO, a practice-based research network formed in 2014. SAPORO is completing its third study, which will culminate in a Research Day on the Tulane campus in August of 2018. Our visiting professor at the 3rd Annual Research Day will be Charles Eaton, MD, who is Professor of Family Medicine at the Brown University School of Medicine in Providence, R.I.

Rebekah Byrne continues as director of our student outreach program, the Family Medicine Interest Group, contributes an Integrative Medicine teaching component to the clerkship, and directs international rotations in primary care for the medical school. At the time of this writing, Dr. Byrne is making last-minute preparations to lead a second group of Tulane medical school students on an elective rotation in northern India, where they will participate in health screenings and medical referrals for recent immigrants from Tibet.

Kiernan Smith continues as SAPORO site director for the Tulane Family Medicine Faculty Clinic, and he has assumed a larger role in the clerkship as coordinator for our modules on patient-oriented communications, chronic disease management and continuous quality improvement.

Ronnie Slipman has joined the clerkship staff as our preceptor outreach coordinator.

David Doukas continues his work as the James A. Knight Chair in Humanities and Ethics.

We are pleased to welcome three new faculty member joining us this spring and summer: Bertha Daniels, MD, David Wartenberg, MD, and Carlie Blake Plessl, MD. Dr. Daniels has practiced for 18 years on the West Bank of New Orleans and will be developing and coordinating a new area of interest in the department: geriatric medicine. We anticipate increasing focus on the medical problems of aging and the elderly in our clerkship, among our faculty and more widely in the school of medicine. Dr. Wartenberg hails from Gulf Breeze FL, where he has practiced family medicine in a wide range of settings for over 20 years, and was for 7 years a member for the faculty of the University of Florida medical school. Dr. Plessl will join us in August 2018. She is a recent graduate of the East Jefferson General Hospital – Tulane Family Medicine Residency. Drs. Daniels, Wartenberg and Plessl hope to establish full-spectrum clinics in family medicine.

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Preventive Medicine Residency Program. The Preventive Medicine Residency Program received a three-year Health Resource and Service Administration training grant in 2015. The grant has funded substantial portions of the training costs for six (6) preventive care residents and has allowed the program to expand its curricular offerings and training sites. Two residents graduated on June 30, and the program currently has three preventive medicine residents in training. The program is currently seeking new funding, as well as new training opportunities in rural Louisiana.

Ernest G. DeBakey Rural Education Fund. We continue to work at expanding the department's preceptor network in rural Louisiana through a generous gift that established the Ernest G. DeBakey Rural Education Fund. This fund assists in paying for housing and internet access to allow more Tulane medical students to experience the rewards of primary-care practice in rural communities of the Gulf South. In the coming year, we will be using the first of five annual cycles of enhanced funding to expand our most successful rural sites and to develop infrastructure to permit expansion of SAPORO, which currently has research-member sites across south Louisiana from Lake Charles to Bogalusa.

Tulane Medical Home Curriculum Project. In the upcoming year, we will continue to refine our teaching modules in communications skills, quality improvement, the chronic disease model, integrative and preventative medicine. During the past year, we have continued to build on past efforts to integrate patient-centered medical home principles and interactive and distance learning into all aspects of the clerkship teaching. We anticipate adding a module devoted to geriatric medicine.

Third-Year Clerkship and Electives. In the 2017-2018 academic school year, the clerkship has continued its revised curriculum with an emphasis on hands-on and interactive learning formats. We will continue with the Patient-Centered Medical Home as the organizing principle of the curriculum, emphasizing skill sets that prepare students to function optimally in the primary care clinic of the future. We continue to coordinate international electives and have re-invigorated our hospice and rural Montana opportunities. We introduced a faculty-supervised international elective in northern India, which is in its second year and at this writing planning a trip back to Dharamshala to provide health assessments for Tibetan refugees.

Our department and school owe a special debt of gratitude to our family medicine preceptors in communities throughout Louisiana and coastal Mississippi and Alabama. In addition, we owe a special debt of gratitude to our affiliate residencies – the Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency and the East Jefferson General Hospital Family Medicine Residency – for their help in many aspects of our teaching mission in the medical school.

Faculty, fellows and residents have donated both time and energy to assist in interactive teaching in the musculoskeletal examination, knot-tying and suturing workshop and communications seminar. They have also assisted in our career day activities and FMIG residency match panel with students interested in matching in Family Medicine residencies.

Owl Club Awards. Owl Club is the student-run organization that evaluates medical school courses, faculty and staff based on student feedback from the clerkship and teaching throughout the four-year curriculum of the school of medicine. At this year's award ceremony, the department received the following awards:

- Best Family Medicine Preceptor Award – Dr. Michael Felton (Church Point)
- Best Clerkship Coordinator Award– Adam Peltz
- Best Clerkship Award – Family Medicine
- Nominated for Best Family Medicine Preceptor – Drs. Michael Felton (Church Point), Paul Rachal (New Roads) and Brian LeBlanc (New Roads)

**Respectfully Submitted,
Edwin W. Dennard, MD**