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The University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston Family Medicine Interest Group wins first place in Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Award

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston's Family Medicine Interest Group was awarded the top prize in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians first annual Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Award.

FMIGs are student-run organizations with faculty and departmental support. They provide a forum in medical schools for students interested in family medicine. FMIG programs across Texas applied for the new award and TAFP's Commission on Academic Affairs reviewed the applications and selected the winning programs. Award winners receive cash prizes to help cover student travel costs to AAFP's National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students.

UTMB Galveston FMIG members participate in several activities throughout the year. Primary Care Procedures at the Primary Care Pavilion allows students to interact with family medicine residents, explore diverse practices in the specialty, and learn how to perform common in-office procedures. They also hold Strolling Through the Match every July, which brings fourth-year students preparing for interviews and entry into residency training. The UTMB FMIG also provides free influenza vaccines and personal toiletries to the homeless during their November community health event, Helping Hands.

Outstanding medical students leading and participating in their campus' FMIG activities strengthen our primary care workforce and help to ensure a bright future for family medicine. TAFP congratulates the University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston's FMIG on their achievements.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.