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University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine Family Medicine Interest Group wins third place in Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Awards

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine’s Family Medicine Interest Group was awarded the third-place prize in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Awards.

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 recipients receive cash prizes to help cover student travel costs to attend AAFP’s National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students. Since National Conference was virtual this year, amounts were used to continue to promote family medicine on their campuses.

The University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine’s FMIG holds a biannual Primary Care Health Screening and Vaccination Day to provide free health screenings and vaccinations for the low-income community in South San Antonio. The FMIG also hosts a family physician panel discussion for medical students to learn more about the specialty. Additionally, the FMIG student volunteers collaborate with a community-based non-profit organization, Posada Guadalupe, to provide essential services to young men that have recently immigrated to the United States.

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 the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine’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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.