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UT Southwestern Medical School Family Medicine Interest Group wins first place in Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Awards

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The UT Southwestern Medical School’s Family Medicine Interest Group was awarded the first-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 UT Southwestern Medical School’s FMIG hosts monthly and biweekly family medicine activities such as lunch lectures, workshops, and volunteering events. The FMIG also hosts a podcast called Family Med PO to provide advice for students interested in family medicine. Additionally, they have created a family medicine procedures elective course. Sessions include an instructional component followed by hands-on procedure trainings.

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 UT Southwestern Medical School’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.

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