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FMEC Announces 2025 Award Winners

DAYTON, OHIO – Each year, the Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) seeks to identify and recognize individuals who have demonstrated significant contributions to family medicine and primary care. This annual awards program culminates with presentations of the awards, which will occur September 19-20, at the FMEC 2025 Annual Meeting in Cleveland, OH.

The list of 2025 winners is below and posted on the [FMEC website](#). The FMEC congratulates the winners and also thanks the many impressive candidates who submitted or were nominated for this year's awards. A call for nominations for the 2026 awards will be released in the spring of 2026.

Family Physicians Changing Our World

This award recognizes family physicians who have developed innovative projects and programs that have had a positive impact on the world and who have demonstrated significant achievement in promoting the health and well-being of the community at the local, state, national or international levels.

Novneet N. Sahu, MD, MPA, FAAEM, FAAFP, FACEP

Departments of Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine
Interim Chair, Department of Family Medicine
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Mid-Career Faculty Achievement

This award acknowledges mid-career (five to twelve years of academic experience) faculty members who have demonstrated significant achievement, to assist faculty who have not yet received tenure approval or otherwise been highly recognized for their efforts.

James Mercuri, LCSW

Director of Behavioral Science
UPMC St. Margaret Family Medicine Residency

Emerging Leader

This award encourages and supports promising family medicine senior residents, junior faculty and clinicians in practice (three years or less experience) who have the potential to be future leaders in family medicine academic and community service efforts.

Zachary Kosak, MD

Department of Family Medicine and Community Health
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

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This We Believe

Modeled on the successful “This I Believe” project heard on National Public Radio, the FMEC offers physicians, physicians-in-training, and medical students engaged in family medicine the opportunity to express their core beliefs about serving others.

Crystal M. Marquez, MD, FAAFP

To Tell or Not to Tell: The Art of Human Connection in Family Medicine

Faculty, Montefiore/Albert Einstein School of Medicine

Creative Writing

We recognize stories and poems, which are powerful ways of sharing the vision and depth of family medicine, its philosophy of care and scope of practice.

Poetry

1st Place Poetry

Mary Kristine Ellis, MD, FAAFP, ABOM

Underneath the Mask

Program Director, Mount Sinai South Nassau
Family Medicine Residency Program

2nd Place Poetry

Najya A. Williams, MD

The Encounter

Resident, UPMC St. Margaret Family Medicine
Residency

Prose

1st Place Prose TIE

Samantha Williams, MD

Unlocking the Mirror to One’s Soul

Resident, Zucker School of Medicine at
Hofstra/Northwell at Phelps Hospital Program

1st Place Prose TIE

Srijesa Khasnabish, DO

To Diagnose or Not to Diagnose

Resident, University of Massachusetts Medical
Center, Fitchburg Family Practice

Honorable Mention

Yuki Takeuchi, MD

Family and Medicine Across the Oceans

Geriatrics Fellow and Former Family Medicine Resident, University of Rochester Medical Center

Prose Poems

1st Place Prose Poem

Brianna Moyer, MD

Morning Rounds

Associate Director, Penn Medicine Lancaster
General Health Family Medicine Residency
Program

2nd Place Prose Poem

Jessica Faraci, MD

Your PCP

Maine Health

Honorable Mention

Sarah M. Minney, MD

Real Medicine

Senior Instructor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Rochester Family Medicine

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About the Family Medicine Education Consortium

The FMEC is a catalyst, convener, and incubator that connects family physicians and other stakeholders to improve the health communities by strengthening family medicine, primary care and medical education. The FMEC serves 14 states and the District of Columbia in the northeast region of the U.S., working with 60 medical school departments of family medicine, over 220 family medicine residency programs, and thousands of family physicians and other health care providers in community settings. Through an Annual Meeting for over 1,000 health professionals, annual awards, learning communities, and quality improvement projects, the FMEC inspires medical students to seek careers in family medicine, strengthens academic family medicine through faculty development and leadership experiences, and stimulates innovative approaches to primary care service delivery.

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