



OHIO ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

OAFP FMIG Resources for FMIG Groups, Medical Students and Advisors

Strategic Priority of OAFP is Filling the Pipeline:

In 2006, OAFP leadership established a new strategic plan which includes four vision statements—one of which pertains to the interest of students and residents. That vision statement reads: "To identify and cultivate future family physicians to ensure a sufficient family medicine workforce for Ohio." In response to this new directive, several programs and services have been added or enhanced to assist students and residents and to reach OAFP's strategic goals.

OAFP Student/FMIG Web site:

OAFP has created a special tab for students and FMIG Advisors to gain access to links that are important to the family medicine pipeline and workforce development. The site offers everything from ready-to-use FMIG presentations to connections to OAFP and AAFP student program scholarships and mentorship opportunities: http://www.ohioafp.org/students_fmig/

Mega Spring Event Student Retreat Scholarships:

Held annually, OAFP hosts a day and a half Student Retreat to serve as a forum for students to network with others interested in family medicine while gaining exposure to speakers, topics and procedural skills that they might not have access to during medical school.

Scholarships are offered on a first-come, first-served basis for **five** medical students from each school. Scholarships cover registration fees, program materials, refreshment breaks, lunch and dinner on Saturday, activities Saturday night, breakfast on Sunday, and Saturday night accommodations (two students per room, OAFP to make arrangements).

The Retreat has helped cultivate a number of outstanding family medicine leaders over the years, many of which have remained active in the OAFP. It is truly one of the Academy's most important endeavors. We need to continue to identify and foster well-qualified, up-in-coming leaders - the Retreat is one step toward that goal.

FMIG Advisors Summit:

The FMIG Advisors Summit, held every three years, is designed to refine communication between FMIG chapter advisors, to learn new strategies to increase student participation and to build a valuable arsenal of student engagement resources. Advisors, coordinators, staff and predoctoral directors are invited to attend and share their valuable student interest strategies with their colleagues. Kicking off a weekend-long celebration of diversity in family medicine, the FMIG Advisors Summit will be held in conjunction with four other programs which round out the OAFP Mega Spring Event. The FMIG Advisors Summit will facilitate peer discussions on topics ranging from techniques for cultivating student leaders to tips on how to set a calendar of events. In addition to a welcome luncheon and networking dinner, participants will leave with innovative resources to make their role as advisor easier and more effective.

Fall Kick-off Event:

Each fall, the OAFP Student Affairs Committee hosts a fun networking event for family medicine minded medical students from across the state to take part in an interactive activity while getting a semi-formal introduction of OAFP membership benefits. In addition to building camaraderie with peers, the students discuss program elements for the annual Student Retreat to be held in conjunction with the Mega Spring Event. Last year the committee canoed the Mohican River and in 2006, the group took the high ropes challenge at Camp Mary Orton.

AAFP FMIG Funding Initiative:

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and AAFP Foundation have partnered to re-establish the AAFP FMIG Network Funding Initiative. This fund provides crucial financial support to campus-based FMIGs at U.S. allopathic medical schools to enhance student interest in family medicine. Each campus-based FMIG is eligible for \$600 in academic year 2007-2008. To be eligible, FMIGs must complete: 1) SURVEY: Complete the campus-based activity survey. 2) PROGRAM: Present at least one program before the AAFP-set deadline, addressing one or more of the following topics: The Future of Family Medicine, Innovations in Family Medicine and What is Family Medicine?

OAFP FMIG Grant Program:

Over the past few years, the OAFP has offered grant money to support programs offered through family medicine interest groups or clubs at Ohio medical schools. The idea for this funding is to support activities for medical students throughout Ohio who use "original thought" to create innovative ideas to promote the specialty of family medicine within their FMIG or family medicine club. There are no restrictions on submissions; all ideas are welcome.

Mentorship Opportunities:

For the technical student, a virtual mentorship is available to connect students interested in family medicine with a practicing physician from their own community. Virtual mentorship opportunities can be found online at: www.fmignet.aafp.org/index.html.

Student Dinner with OAFP Executive Committee:

Each year, OAFP Executive Committee hosts a mentorship and development dinner for all Ohio medical students who are interested in learning more about the Academy. This low-key event provides a casual forum for active members to network with medical students with similar interests and professional goals.

Scholarships to National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students

OAFP supports two student scholarships to attend the AAFP's National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students which takes place in Kansas City, Missouri each year. This highly interactive and inspirational program helps to cultivate family medicine interest and develop future leaders for the state chapter.

Collaborative/Supportive Role of Med Show - www.medshow.com:

The MedShow portal is an online medical education experience for students and the medical community to learn about the opportunities available in medical school and the field of medicine, and to support their professional growth throughout their lifetime as a physician. Through interactive activities, educational videos and entertaining "webisodes", participants have access to unparalleled family medicine resources. OAFP and AAFP are proud to be affiliate sponsors.