

2019 UNMC/OAFB Family Medicine Residency Graduation Awards & Recognition

Outgoing Chief Residents

- RJ Brogis, DO
- Josh Laurila, DO

Incoming Chief Residents

- Natalie Lynch, DO
- James Watson, MD

Lee Retelsdorg Award – HO I with highest ITE Score

- Sandra Torres, MD

Margaret Faith Award – HO II with highest ITE Score

- Samantha Sholes, MD

Ralph Cassel Award – HO III with highest ITE Score

- RJ Brogis, DO
- Blake Cover, MD
- Kaitlin Hahn, MD

Chairman's Honor Roll

In recognition of outstanding performance on the ABFM In-Training Examination, all residents with an overall score that places them in the top 1% of all participants in the nation will be placed on the Chairman's Honor Roll.

- Samantha Sholes, MD (HO-2)

Research Awards

All residents are required to do a scholarly project during their residency, which can include original research, educational research, quality improvement projects, case reports, or reviews of the literature.

Award winners from the 6th Annual Family Medicine Research Symposium [can be found here](#).

Kash Patil Award

The Kash Patil Award is given annually at graduation to the resident who has performed the most outstanding original scholarly work during residency.

- Faraz Ghoddusi, MD

AAFP Advocacy Award

- Faraz Ghodduzi, MD

James Stageman Resident Teacher of the Year

Given to one third-year resident who has interest, ability and commitment to family medicine education as demonstrated by peer teaching, education of medical students, physician assistants, nursing students, etc., consistent quality in presentations and/or conferences, and excellence in patient and community teaching. Selected by the faculty and residents.

- Alicia McCabe, MD

Family Medicine House Officer of the Year

Presented to a graduating third-year resident who is considered a superior representative of our residency program. Qualifications include: scholarship (including routine evaluations and In-Training exams), leadership, clinical excellence, dedication to teaching peers and others, and extra-curricular community involvement. Selected by the faculty.

- Josh Laurila, DO

Teacher of the Year

This award is given annually by the Family Medicine residents to a non-physician teacher who may or may not be a member of the Family Medicine faculty. Requirements include commitment to Family Medicine education as well as outstanding service to the Family Medicine Department.

- Cindy Denton, BSN, RN

Physician Teacher of the Year

This award is presented annually by the Family Medicine residents at UNMC. The Physician Teacher Award will be voted on yearly during the resident retreat. The requirements for nomination for this award include that the recipient not be a member of the Family Medicine Department, but have worked closely with Family Medicine residents. He/she must have demonstrated commitment to education of Family Medicine residents. He/she should have also demonstrated outstanding teaching skills and ability and been a good "role model."

- Craig Becker, DO

Faculty of the Year

This award is presented annually by the Family Medicine residents at UNMC. The Faculty of the Year Award will be voted on yearly during the resident retreat. The requirements for nomination for this award include that the recipient be a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine. He/she must have demonstrated commitment to education of Family Medicine residents. He/she should

have also demonstrated outstanding teaching skills and ability and been a good “role model”.

- James Simmons, MD

Alumnus of the Year

Given to a board certified graduate of the Family Medicine Residency Program at UNMC. Qualifications include: exemplary family physician, leadership and service to the community, service to family medicine at UNMC, locally and/or nationally, and additional achievements or innovations.

- Francisca Acosta-Carlson, MD, Class of 1996

Presentation of Graduates

Offutt Air Force Base Family Medicine Residency Graduates:

- Roger Brogis, DO
- Faraz Ghoddusi, MD
- Amanda Olagunju, DO
- David Rodriguez, DO
- Victor Vallet, MD
- Justin Wilhite, DO

Rural Training Track Family Medicine Residency Graduates:

- Michael Powell, MD
- Derek Shafer, MD
- Kevin Visser, MD
- Jennifer Wright, MD

Traditional Family Medicine Residency Graduates:

- Blake Cover, MD
- Josephine Davis, MD
- Kaitlin Hahn, MD
- Kyle Klammer, MD
- Joshua Laurila, DO
- Alicia McCabe, MD
- Christina Nguyen, MD
- John Villasenor, MD
- Angelica Yamada, MD