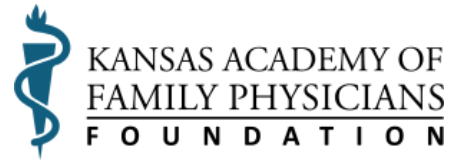


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Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Foundation Awards honor exceptional family medicine students

The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Foundation has announced the 2024 recipients of its awards and scholarships, honoring students and physicians who have shown exemplary leadership in family medicine. They are:

Carol A. Johnson Award: Mary Fischer, MD

Dr. Mary Fischer, a PGY-2 resident slated to graduate in June 2025, demonstrates excellence and dedication in her medical journey. Her forthcoming rotation in Kapsowar, Kenya, follows her impactful service in Haiti's Hôpital Lumire, where she provided clinical care and logistical support. Dr. Fischer's global health initiatives reflect her commitment to healthcare equity and education.

As President of The University of Kansas International Outreach she raised \$60,000, demonstrating exceptional leadership and fundraising skills. Dr. Fischer's nomination as a potential Chief Resident for PGY-3 underscores her leadership potential and commitment to excellence.

"Dr. Fischer has my highest recommendation as someone who will bring great credit to the KAFP and carry on the legacy of Dr. Johnson," said Philip Dooley, MD, FAAFP Program Director, Via Christi Family Medicine Residency Program Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine University of Kansas School of Medicine — Wichita.

Carol A. Johnson Award: Cameron Frederick, MD

From a very young age, Dr. Cameron Frederick has nurtured a passion for serving communities beyond his own. Specifically, his aim has been to provide outreach to often overlooked Latin American communities, both locally and abroad. Dr. Frederick has committed himself to immersing in the Spanish language and various cultures, enabling him to communicate effectively with Spanish-speaking patients.

In March, Dr. Frederick will embark on a four-week journey to Cordoba, Argentina, collaborating with the Child Family Health International (CFHI) NGO. Dr. Frederick plans to use the Carol A. Johnson award to represent KAFP while abroad, enriching his experiences to benefit the wider Kansas community upon his return.

"I believe that he will be a phenomenal asset to whichever community he ultimately lands in," said Aaron Sinclair, MD, program director at the University of Kansas School of Medicine — Wichita Family Medicine

Residency at Wesley. “I feel this international rotation will only enhance his residency experience and be formative in the way he practices medicine moving forward.”

Student Award: Abbey Fischer-Michel

Abbey Fischer-Michel's leadership within the Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) has been exemplary, culminating in her current role as president. Her initiative was evident when, as an MS2, she organized FMIG's Primary Care Week in 2022, showcasing her commitment to promoting primary care.

“She is a good team player and delegates appropriately but she's also not afraid to jump in and do the hard work herself,” said Tessa Rohrberg, MD, assistant professor at the KUSM-W Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Beyond FMIG, Fischer-Michel also serves as the Associate Director of the Homeless Outreach Group, highlighting her dedication to community service. This year, Fischer-Michel took on a leadership role in a project with the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Primary Care Leadership Collaborative. Fischer-Michel's commitment to serving underserved communities is reflected in her choice to complete rotations in rural areas, aligning with her desire to make a meaningful impact.

About the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians. The Foundation is governed by the volunteer leadership of 12 philanthropically-minded family physicians who comprise the Board of Trustees. Contributions to the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) Foundation benefit the education and advancement of family medicine in Kansas. Making a donation helps fund scholarships and grants for medical students, residents, and practicing family physicians. These resources enable them to attend conferences, receive specialized training, and further their medical education, which ultimately leads to better patient care in Kansas. For more information about the foundation and on how to donate visit kafponline.org/foundation.