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**Kansas Academy of Family Physicians KAFP Foundation
Celebrates Student and Resident Leaders in Family Medicine**

The KAFP Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the 2026 KAFP Foundation Awards. These awards honor students and residents who have shown exemplary leadership in family medicine.

Student Leader in Family Medicine: Taylor Adwell

Taylor Adwell, a third-year medical student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, was noted for her leadership, service, and commitment to rural family medicine. Adwell has been active in the Family Medicine Interest Group, serving as co-president in her second year and vice president in her third year. In these roles, she organized monthly programs, networking opportunities with affiliated residency programs, and other opportunities to introduce students to family medicine. Adwell played a key role in helping FMIG earn the American Academy of Family Physicians Program of Excellence Award.

"Taylor embodies the values of family medicine in every aspect, including leadership, service and clinical care," said Tessa Rohrberg, MD, FAAFP, associate professor at the KUSM-Wichita Department of Family and Community Medicine. "She is thoughtful, dedicated, and deeply committed to improving the health of the communities she will serve."

Adwell's leadership extends beyond FMIG. She has served as the National Rural Health Association liaison for the Rural Medicine Interest Group, a KU Wichita student ambassador, and a leader in the Wound Care and Suture Training group, where she teaches suturing skills to first- and second-year medical students.

After completing her medical training, Adwell plans to serve rural Kansas as a full-scope family physician, aiming to practice in Northeast Kansas near the communities and family experiences that shaped her interest in medicine. She is especially interested in reducing the need for rural patients to travel long distances for care and in building strong, trusting relationships with patients of all ages.

Carol A. Johnson, MD Family Medicine International Mission Scholarship: Rebekah McAdam, MD

Rebekah McAdam, MD, is a third-year family medicine resident at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Family Medicine Residency at Ascension Via Christi. She has been dedicated to international medical mission work since 2013, when she spent two months at a mission hospital in Zambia.

“While there, I saw firsthand the vast need for medical care and began to realize how many people in the world have needs which are not being met currently due to lack of physicians, nurses, other staff, and resources,” Dr. McAdam said.

Since then, she has deepened her commitment by volunteering in Zambia, Panama, Mexico, Colombia, Greece, India, and Arizona. She has also earned the Institute for International Medicine (INMED) Professional Certificate in International Medicine and Public Health.

Dr. McAdam plans to use the Carol A. Johnson, MD Family Medicine International Mission Scholarship to support a one-month residency rotation at Mukinge Mission Hospital in Kasempa, Zambia. This rural hospital serves as a referral center for over 100,000 people and provides inpatient, outpatient, maternity, and surgical care. During her rotation, she will collaborate with Zambian and expatriate physicians and nurses, focusing on maternity and women's health.

After residency, Dr. McAdam intends to continue her service for two years, serving full-time at a Christian mission hospital in eastern Africa through Samaritan's Purse.

About the KAFP Foundation

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