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Conroe Family Medicine Residency Program Graduates 40th Class

CONROE, TEXAS – Conroe Family Medicine Residency Program (CFMR) celebrated its 40th graduating class of resident physicians during a ceremony at Lone Star Family Health Center June 29, 2024. The commemoration also served as a welcome for the incoming class of 12 new resident physicians.

“We are incredibly proud of our graduating residents,” said Karen Harwell, CEO of Lone Star Family Health Center. “Their commitment to excellence and compassionate patient care is truly inspiring. We are confident that they will continue to excel in their careers and make a meaningful impact in their communities.”

CFMR is a program sponsored by the Conroe Medical Education Foundation and jointly operated by Lone Star Family Health Center and HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe. The program began in 1979, has graduated over 290 residents since inception and is fully accredited by the accreditation council of graduate medical education (ACGME).

“These 10 physicians truly showcase the quality doctor our program trains,” said Dr. Lata Joshi, MD and program director for CFMR. “They are top-notch and what many don’t realize is the economic impact our program also has.”

Graduating residents include Chelsey Abraham, MD, Amanda Chau, DO, Alexis Cruz, MD, Rachel Dockery, MD, George Downham, DO, Alyssa Ellerbrock, MD, Kyle Johnson, MD, Tana Nieto, MD, Phillip Simpson, MD and Riesheng Ye, MD.

While CFMR takes great pride in producing compassionate, highly trained physicians, it also recognizes its role in the country's healthcare system. By the year 2025, it's anticipated that the United States will have a shortage of between 46,000 and 90,000 family physicians. By continuing to train quality doctors, CFMR is filling a vital need in Texas and across the county.

Resident physicians receive full spectrum "hands-on" training in a congenial and collegial environment and learn to deliver cost-effective treatment while integrating the most advanced concepts in the medical field.

Welcomed into the program are Brittany Burns, DO, Maanasa Chittari, MD, Christian Colin, MD, Jordan Curl, MD, Nicole Fakes, DO, Allen Fellers, MD, Gage Hallbauer, MD, Ana Martinez, MD, Michael Nguyen, DO, Adonia Paz, MD, Emily Sheehy, MD and Juliana Tover, MD.

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Founded in 2002, Lone Star Family Health Center is a full-service, state-of-the-art Federally Qualified Health Center and nonprofit 501(c)3. The health center's mission is to provide compassionate, affordable healthcare and prepare tomorrow's family medicine professionals. Primary care services are offered across five clinic locations in Conroe, Willis, Spring, Grangerland and Huntsville.