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Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Family Medicine Interest Group wins second place in Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Award

AUSTIN, TEXAS — Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Family Medicine Interest Group was awarded the second-place prize in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians first annual Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Award.

FMIGs are student-run organizations with faculty and departmental support. They provide a forum in medical schools for students interested in family medicine. FMIG programs across Texas applied for the new award and TAFP's Commission on Academic Affairs reviewed the applications and selected the winning programs. Award winners receive cash prizes to help cover student travel costs to AAFP's National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students.

TCOM hosts events throughout the year showcasing the family medicine specialty. Every Halloween and Valentine's Day, FMIG members visit the Casa Retirement Home to play games, dance, and promote healthy habits to residents. They also hold a monthly Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Soft Tissue Clinic at which patients receive free treatment and students practice muscle and joint manipulations they've learned.

Outstanding medical students leading and participating in their campus' FMIG activities strengthen our primary care workforce and help to ensure a bright future for family medicine. TAFP congratulates Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine's FMIG on their achievements.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.

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