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## **University of Texas Medical Branch Family Medicine Interest Group wins second place in Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Awards**

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The University of Texas Medical Branch’s Family Medicine Interest Group was awarded the second-place prize in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Texas FMIG Program of Excellence Awards.

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 recipients receive cash prizes to help cover student travel costs to attend AAFP’s National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students. Since National Conference was virtual this year, amounts were used to continue to promote family medicine on their campuses.

The University of Texas Medical Branch’s FMIG hosts a family medicine procedural workshop event annually called Primary Care Procedures at the Primary Care Pavilion. The FMIG also hosts a family medicine residency fair, typically inviting over 15 residency programs from four states to attend. Additionally, they help their community through two events: Flu Vaccine Drive and Helping Hands. The flu vaccine drive provides vaccines and Helping Hands toiletry donation drive provides hygiene kits for the homeless community in Galveston.

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 University of Texas Medical Branch’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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*