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USU Family Medicine Interest Group to Receive AAFP Program of Excellence Award

BETHESDA, Md. — The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' (USU) Family Medicine Interest Group was recently selected as one of 10 programs to receive the American Academy of Family Physicians' Program of Excellence Award.

The FMIG Program of Excellence Award recognizes family medicine interest groups for their efforts to stimulate interest in family medicine and family medicine programming. The award is presented to 10 groups that exhibit exemplary efforts in community outreach/patient advocacy, family medicine advocacy, and infrastructure and student involvement/student retention. Recipients of the award are acknowledged at National Conference, July 30 - Aug. 2 during the opening session.

“Mark Stephens, M.D. (faculty advisor) and 2nd Lt. Brooke Sciutto, USA (student leader,) deserve great credit as well as all of the student co-leaders and members who have done so much community service over the past year,” said Col. (Dr.) Brian Reamy, MC, USAF, chair, USU Department of Family Medicine.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The university educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. Students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service, who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. Of the university's more than 4,200 physician alumni, the vast majority serve on active duty and are supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, offering their leadership and expertise.

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