

Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Program of Excellence Award Winners

First -Time Applicant

California Health Sciences University-College of Osteopathic Medicine

FMIG Operation

Our CHSU-COM SAACOFP chapter is led by a dedicated student executive board, with each officer playing a vital role in the success and organization of our chapter. The Chapter President oversees all chapter operations, including member recruitment, monthly meetings, communication with the faculty advisor, and submission of monthly reports to the ACOFP. The Vice President supports the President and is next in line to serve their leadership duties when needed. The Secretary maintains accurate records of all meetings, manages promotional materials, tracks membership, and assists with communicating chapter events to the school. The Treasurer handles all financial records and leads chapter fundraising efforts. Our Community Outreach Chair fosters relationships with local family medicine physicians and organizes volunteer opportunities for our members throughout the Central Valley. This year, a much-needed position was added to our chapter leadership: a Chapter Liaison, an upperclassman and former board member, who offers guidance using their knowledge in their previous role to help support the board's success. Together, our board works to educate, inspire, and connect students within the field of Family Medicine.

Goals

CHSU's SACCOFP exists to fully support students in their journey in Family Medicine by providing learning opportunities and meaningful volunteering events within our local community. Our group constantly works on establishing longitudinal relationships with family physicians in the Central Valley with the goal of having a lasting network of physicians for our students to connect with and learn from. To further provide mentorship to students, we aim to maintain a link between our CHSU alumni in Family Medicine and current students. We strive

to achieve our goal of serving the community through recurring medical supply volunteering, health fairs, wellness events, and more. We look forward to continuing our mission and fostering growth, learning, and community.

Faculty Advisor

Our SAACOFP chapter is supported by a dedicated faculty advisor, a CHSU-COM faculty member who is a Family Medicine physician, as well as a newly onboarded Family Medicine physician who serves to also advise our events.

The advisor meets regularly with student leaders to discuss organizational goals, upcoming events, and ways to support educational programming, such as workshops and guest lectures. They help orient and guide new officers, ensuring smooth leadership transitions from year to year. Additionally, they attend chapter meetings and events as often as their schedule permits, providing mentorship and oversight to ensure our activities align with the mission of the ACOFP. Both Family Medicine physicians play critical roles in approving chapter initiatives and serving as knowledgeable resources for both the board and general student members.

Programs

Medical Ministries International

MMI is an organization whose purpose is to provide hope in underserved countries by providing them with needed medical supplies and equipment. Student volunteers work with trained nurses to sort a wide variety of medical supplies that will equip hospitals abroad. Through this effort, volunteers directly contribute to strengthening healthcare systems and improving health outcomes in communities with limited access to medical resources. This recurring, monthly experience not only reinforces the importance of global health but also teaches students the value of service and teamwork in making a meaningful difference in our communities.

MiMentor Community Health Fair

Our medical students volunteered at the MiMentor Free Community Health Fair at Visalia Rescue Mission, which provided preventative healthcare to the unhoused and farm-working patient populations of the Central Valley. Before the event, our efforts with Valley Reach, the campus's community service club, held a campus-wide clothing and food donation drive for the event's attendees. The success of this drive filled up tables of donations that directly improved local food insecurity and helped community members keep warm throughout the cold winter months. Attendees were also provided with health services, such as flu vaccines and health screenings. Additionally, we created and distributed pamphlets for adult immunization health education, emphasizing protection for themselves as well as others. The pamphlets pointed out where patients can find valuable information for their health, including vaccination schedules for children and other adults. Through collective efforts, our students demonstrated a strong commitment to community



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service, providing essential healthcare, education, and resources to support the well-being of vulnerable populations in the Central Valley.