

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

## *Excellence in Community Service*

### Creighton University School of Medicine

#### **FMIG Operation**

Our FMIG is a student-led organization composed of a dynamic team of leaders from all four class years, with intentional representation from M2s through M4s to ensure continuity and mentorship. We are structured with a co-president model, allowing for shared responsibility and collaborative leadership. The co-presidents oversee all major aspects of the organization: planning and leading meetings, sending out communications, coordinating with our faculty advisor, serving as point persons at community service events, and offering support to other board members.

Our vice president serves a supportive role, assisting the presidents with planning and coordinating initiatives, maintaining communication between team members, and stepping in where needed.

Our event coordinators handle the logistics for our programming, including reserving rooms, organizing catering, and setting up for events alongside the presidents. Their organizational efforts are essential to the smooth execution of our events.

We also have a dedicated M1/M2 liaison who serves as a vital bridge between leadership and the first- and second-year classes. They promote involvement among underclassmen and offer crucial insight into the preclinical course schedule, which helps guide event planning and scheduling.

Our treasurer/NAFP representative manages our budget and funding applications and serves as our liaison to the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Their role is instrumental in maintaining communication with our state representatives and securing financial support. This year, our representative attended the national conference, further strengthening our group's network and advocacy efforts.

Our outreach chair serves as a catch-all for service and community events. They provided invaluable service in coordinating the interprofessional contacts for the Black Family Health and Wellness Fair, reaching out to coordinate events with other interest groups, and serving as

a point of contact for local physicians and other researchers interested in collaborating with FMIG.

## Goals

The Creighton University Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) is a student-run organization open to all Creighton medical students. Our mission is to increase awareness and appreciation of family medicine as a vital, dynamic, and rewarding specialty. We aim to foster interest in family medicine through opportunities for networking, mentorship, clinical skill-building, and service.

Our goals include:

- Providing students with exposure to the breadth and impact of family medicine.
- Encouraging interprofessional collaboration.
- Facilitating mentorship with family physicians and residents.
- Giving back to the Omaha community through direct service and education.
- Creating a welcoming space where students can explore and engage with the values of family medicine

## Faculty Advisor

Our faculty advisor, Dr. [REDACTED], plays an integral role in the success of FMIG. She provides unwavering support and guidance, helping us secure funding, coordinating resident involvement in our events, and connecting us with other faculty members and community partners. Dr. [REDACTED] is deeply committed to both student education and community service, and she has been a consistent advocate for FMIG's mission. Her ability to rally residents and faculty around our initiatives ensures that our events are not only well-staffed but also meaningful learning opportunities for students.

## Programs

### Black Family Health and Wellness Fair

This annual interprofessional event is held in the North Omaha community and focuses on providing free health screenings and education. FMIG led the lipid screening station, where residents and students collaborated to collect and interpret lab results and counsel attendees. We performed 115 screenings, and the event involved students from nursing, physician assistant, occupational therapy, and physical therapy programs. The fair fosters interprofessional teamwork while meeting real community health needs. Our outreach chair was the main team lead for the medical school, PA school, and nursing school. He set up and ran meetings, orchestrated two training events, sent out communications, and was one of the team leads. Our event coordinator and co-presidents were team leads on day of, and assisted the outreach chairs as needed. Our group helped set up the event and tear down. Improvements to the

event included clear communication, increased interprofessional student involvement, and increased resident involvement to ensure people could have their results interpreted in less time.

#### Magis Clinic Health Fair Lipid Clinic Station

FMIG offers mobile lipid panel screenings at the student-run Magis Clinic, which serves underserved populations. We partner with residents to review results and offer health education. This initiative allows us to engage directly with the community and provide a valuable service alongside other student organizations committed to health equity. Student leaders organized volunteer sign ups, set up, and communication within the classes, extending the opportunity to those outside of FMIG. Collaborating with Magis Clinic allowed us to use their space, help with set up of other stations the day of the fair, and give feedback on what improvements could be made in the future. The event is a great success every year, and improvements such as adding a lunch station, hair cut station, and goody bags for the patients that come through are all suggestions made previously that have greatly improved the event.

#### Collaboration with Rural Family Medicine Interest Group at Ronald McDonald House serving food

In partnership with the Rural FMIG, our students volunteered to serve meals to families at the Ronald McDonald House. This initiative was a meaningful way to support families with hospitalized children while fostering community and collaboration among 30 medical students. It also helped strengthen our relationship with the Rural FMIG, paving the way for future joint service projects.