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FMEC Announces 2026 Award Winners

DAYTON, OHIO – Each year, the Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) seeks to identify and recognize individuals who have demonstrated significant contributions to family medicine and primary care. This annual awards program culminates with presentations of the awards, which will occur September 24-26, at the FMEC 2026 Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The list of 2026 winners is below and posted on the [FMEC website](#). The FMEC congratulates the winners and also thanks the many impressive candidates who submitted or were nominated for this year's awards.

A call for nominations for the 2027 awards will be released in the spring of 2027.

Champion of Family Medicine Award

William J. Warning II, MD

Former Program Director

Crozer-Keystone FMRP and Penn Chester County Hospital FMRP

Family Physicians Changing Our World

Stacy Potts, MD, MEd

Senior Dean of Graduate Medical Education and Clinical Affairs

University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Mid-Career Faculty Achievement

Winfred Frazier, MD, MPH, FAAFP

Associate Professor of Family Medicine

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine

Emerging Leaders

Kyle Flattery, MD

Assistant Professor of Family Medicine

Brown Family Medicine/Care New England

Rebecca Shipkin, MD, MPH

Core Faculty, Attending Physician

Capital Health Family Medicine Residency



This We Believe

Sarah Inés Ramírez, MD –First Place

"My Pride Is Not Loud – It is Ancestral"

Family and Community Medicine, Penn State College of Medicine

Maduka Gunasinghe, DO – Second Place

"This We Believe"

Rowan Virtua SOM

Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

Sandhya Kumar, MD, MPH – Honorable Mention

"This We Believe"

Montefiore Medical Center, NYC Homeless Healthcare Fellowship

Creative Writing

Poetry

Shea Kelly-Buckley, MD - First Place

"Awe of a Trainee"

University of Rochester

Kaitlin E. O'Malley, MD – Second Place

"Primary Care"

Temple and Drexel Department of Family, Community, & Preventive Medicine

About the Family Medicine Education Consortium The FMEC is a catalyst, convener, and incubator that connects family physicians and other stakeholders to improve the health communities by strengthening family medicine, primary care and medical education. The FMEC serves 14 states and the District of Columbia in the northeast region of the U.S., working with 60 medical school departments of family medicine, 220 family medicine residency programs, and thousands of family physicians and other health care providers in community settings. Through an Annual Meeting for nearly 1,000 health professionals, annual awards, learning communities, and quality improvement projects, the FMEC inspires medical students to seek careers in family medicine, strengthens academic family medicine through faculty development and leadership experiences, and stimulates innovative approaches to primary care service delivery.