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## Gretchen Irwin, M.D., MBA, named chair of the KUSM-Wichita Department of Family & Community Medicine



The KUSM-Wichita Department of Family & Community Medicine is pleased to announce that **Gretchen Irwin, M.D., MBA**, has been named chair and began her new role on July 1. Dr. Irwin graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology from Saint Vincent College in 2001 and a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 2005. Dr. Irwin completed family medicine residency training at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a Master of Business Administration in health care leadership from Rockhurst University in 2008. She completed a clinical fellowship in operative obstetrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a fellowship in faculty development at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 2009. Dr. Irwin joined KUSM-Wichita in 2010 as a member of the central faculty, serving as clerkship director from 2011-2013. From 2013-2019, she was the program director of the KUSM-Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Wesley Medical Center. In 2019, she became associate dean for graduate medical education.

Dr. Irwin was a recipient of the 2007 American Academy of Family Physicians Bristol Myers Squibb Award of Excellence in Graduate Medical Education. She was the inaugural recipient of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County Joe Meek Young Physician Leadership Award in 2013. In 2023, she received the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Exemplary Teaching award in the full-time category and the national AAFP Exemplary Teaching Award in the full-time category.

Dr. Irwin has served on a number of national boards and committees, including the board of directors of the Association of Family Medicine Residency. She has been treasurer of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation and is treasurer of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. In the past, she served as the student member of the AAFP board of directors and as the resident representative on the Center for the History of Family Medicine Board of Curators. In these positions, she has served on multiple sub-committees and working groups.

“It was a good day in 2010 when we successfully recruited Dr. Irwin to Wichita,” said **Rick Kellerman, M.D.** “July 1, 2024, was another great day when she became chair of the Department of Family & Community Medicine.”

## New building project for Smoky Hill

Salina Family Healthcare Center received \$10 million from the State of Kansas to support a \$60 million building project that will provide increased clinical training space to expand educational programs in family medicine, clinical pharmacy, dentistry and other health professions. A public capital campaign will soon be launched to generate the matching funds. The funding will allow the KUSM-Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Smoky Hill-Salina to train an additional resident each year. The funds require a 2:1 match. [Continued on page 2.](#)



Schematic rendering of the new building project of Salina Family Healthcare Center, Smoky Hill Family Medicine Residency Program.



## New building project for Smoky Hill continued.

The Kansas Legislature established Smoky Hill in 1979 to train family physicians for rural Kansas. As of 2024, Smoky Hill has trained 166 family physicians with a 92% placement and 83% retention rate in Kansas.

“Critical shortages of health care professionals contribute to worse health outcomes for rural citizens of Kansas,” said **Bob Kraft, M.D.**, CEO of Salina Family Healthcare Center, Smoky Hill faculty, and clinical associate professor in the DFCM. “Salina Family Healthcare Center’s vision to be the premier hub for rural health professions education in Kansas means expanding training of family medicine doctors and extending rural training into pharmacy, dentistry, behavioral health and more. We are very excited for this coming phase of Smoky Hill’s journey.”

Learn more about the building project at [salinahealth.org/workforce-of-the-future/](https://salinahealth.org/workforce-of-the-future/).



Smoky Hill graduates currently practicing in Kansas. Each icon represents one or more residency graduate.

## Diane Steere, M.D., receives KAFP teaching award

**Diane Steere, M.D.**, community faculty in Wichita, was the recipient of the 2024 Kansas Exemplary Teaching Award in the volunteer category. Dr. Steere has been an active preceptor for the DFCM for 25 years and has precepted 26 medical students since 1999.



Dr. Steere pictured with her award.

## KUSM-Wichita student and resident receive 2024 KAFP Foundation awards

Abbey Fischer-Michel is the recipient of the KAFP Foundation 2024 Student Leader in Family Medicine Award. This award recognizes third-year medical students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills. Fischer-Michel was the president of the KUSM-Wichita Family Medicine Interest Group for 2023-2024.

**Cameron Frederick, M.D.**, Wesley, is a recipient of a Carol A. Johnson International Medical Missions Memorial Scholarship. Dr. Frederick completed an international medical mission rotation in Cordoba, Argentina, in spring 2024.



Abbey Fischer-Michel, left, poses with **Tessa Rohrberg, M.D.**, right, after receiving the KAFP Foundation 2024 Student Leader in Family Medicine Award.



**Cameron Frederick, M.D.**, Wesley, right, poses with **Jeremy Presley, M.D.**, community faculty in Dodge City and vice president of the KAFP Foundation Board of Trustees, left, after receiving a Carol A. Johnson International Medical Missions Memorial Scholarship.

## Congratulation to faculty on their promotions

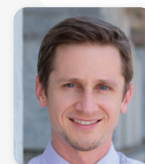
**Patrick Allen, M.D.**, Ascension Via Christi, has been promoted to clinical associate professor on the clinical track.

**Lynn Fisher, M.D.**, has been promoted to associate professor on the clinical scholar track.

**Colleen Loo-Gross, M.D., MPH**, has been promoted to associate professor on the clinical scholar track.

**Tessa Rohrberg, M.D.**, has been promoted to associate professor on the clinical scholar track.

**Tiffany Shin, Pharm.D.**, Ascension Via Christi, has been promoted to clinical associate professor on the clinical track.



**Patrick Allen, M.D.**



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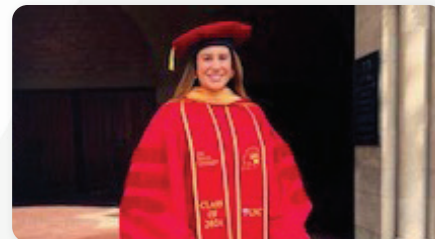
## Faculty complete doctorate degrees

**Donna Ewy, M.D., D.Be., MTS, M.A., CMD**, completed her Doctor of Bioethics from Loyola University on May 7. Dr. Ewy's capstone projects were titled "Intimate Partner Violence: Physicians Must Address Physical and Mental Health Harms" and "Using Narratives to Reduce Racial Disparities at End-of-Life." Dr. Ewy will begin an 18-month "Wisdom Fellowship" at Loyola University in August 2024. Dr. Ewy was appointed a member of the American Medical Directors Association – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Ethics Subcommittee on May 1. Dr. Ewy will serve a two-year term with the potential of renewing for two additional terms.

**Brittany Druckemiller, DSW**, Wesley, completed a Doctor of Social Work from the University of Southern California School of Social Work on May 10. Dr. Druckemiller defended her project "A Paradigm Shift in Medical Education: A Proposal for a Lifestyle Medicine Curriculum to Reduce Health Disparities" on March 28. Dr. Druckemiller completed a Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Behavioral Science Family Systems Educator Fellowship on May 7 at the STFM Annual Spring Conference in Los Angeles.



**Dr. Donna Ewy** graduated with her Doctorate of Bioethics from Loyola University on May 7.



**Dr. Brittany Druckemiller** graduated with a doctorate in social work from the University of

## Welcome to the department

**Casey McNeil, M.D., Ph.D.**, joined the faculty at the KUSM-W Family Medicine Residency Program at Smoky Hill-Salina on June 3. Dr. McNeil graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology from Washburn University and a Doctor of Philosophy in molecular, cellular and developmental biology from the University of Kansas. He graduated with a Doctor of Medicine from KUSM-Wichita in 2019 and completed residency at Smoky Hill in 2022. After residency, Dr. McNeil practiced in Marion, Kansas, until joining faculty this year.



## New KUSM-Wichita Sports Medicine Interest Group formed

KUSM-Wichita students have formed a new Sports Medicine Interest Group. Haley Albers, Jason Gilchrist and Wyatt Bell are the co-presidents for the 2024-2025 academic year. **Cassie Scriptor, M.D.**, serves as the full-time faculty advisor. **Cecilia Hinton, D.O.**, Hutchinson, serves as community faculty advisor. Dr. Hinton graduated from the KUSM-Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Ascension Via Christi in 2020 and completed the KUSM-Wichita Sports Medicine Fellowship in 2021.

"We created the Sports Medicine Interest Group to not only expose medical students to this wonderful subspecialty of medicine, but to also provide students with opportunities to experience local sporting events at all levels from the covering physician perspective," said Albers. "We are very fortunate to have so many great physicians in the Wichita community who are passionate about sports medicine, and we look forward to working with and learning from them as we grow this interest group."



KUSM-Wichita Sports Medicine Interest Group was founded by co-presidents, Wyatt Bell, Haley Albers, Jason Gilchrist, pictured from left to right.

# Congratulations Class Of 2024 KUSM-W Family Medicine Residents

## Ascension Via Christi:

**Brynn Arnold, M.D.**, is practicing with Seneca Family Practice in Seneca, Kansas.

**David Baalmann, M.D.**, is practicing with Axtell Clinic in Newton, Kansas.

**Ben Chappell, M.D.**, is practicing with Lake Martin Family Medicine in Dadeville, Alabama.

**Gabby Chavez, M.D.**, is practicing with Citizens Medical Center in Colby, Kansas.

**Collin Connor, M.D.**, is practicing with Community HealthCare System of Northeast Kansas in Onaga, Kansas.

**Luke De Jong, M.D.**, is practicing with Avera Medical Group in Spencer, Iowa.

**Kylie Hampton, M.D.**, has joined the faculty at KUSM-W Family Medicine Residency Program at Ascension Via Christi.

**Julia Hemman, M.D.**, is practicing with Axtell Clinic in Newton, Kansas.

**Travis Kasper, M.D.**, is practicing with Essentia Health - St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, Minnesota.

**Tyler Laubach, D.O.**, has entered the Spokane Teaching Health Center Obstetrics Fellowship in Spokane, Washington.

**Jeremy Lickteig, M.D.**, has entered the KUSM-Wichita Sports Medicine Fellowship.

**Anne Meis, M.D.**, is practicing with Pella Regional Health Center in Pella, Iowa.

**Jennifer Mettling, M.D.**, is practicing with Sterling Medical Center in Sterling, Kansas.

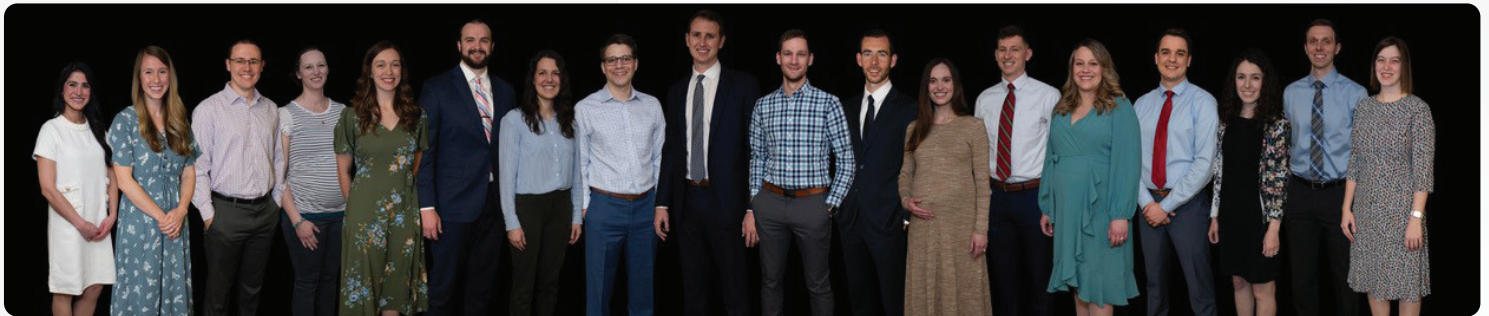
**William Miller, M.D.**, is practicing with Grover C. Dils Medical Center in Caliente, Nevada.

**Kelly Moeder, M.D.**, has entered the KUSM-Wichita Sports Medicine Fellowship.

**Eyan Roth, M.D.**, is practicing with Newton Medical Center Health Clinic in Hesston, Kansas.

**Anna Supalla, M.D.**, is practicing with Olathe Health Family Medicine in Louisburg and Osawatomie, Kansas.

**Olivia You, D.O.**, is practicing with Beloit Medical Center in Beloit, Kansas.



From left to right: **Gabby Newell, M.D.**; **Kelly Moeder, M.D.**; **Travis Kasper, M.D.**; **Kylie Hampton, M.D.**; **Olivia You, D.O.**; **David Baalmann, M.D.**; **Jennifer Mettling, M.D.**; **Ben Chappell, M.D.**; **Jeremy Lickteig, M.D.**; **Luke De Jong, M.D.**; **Tyler Laubach, D.O.**; **Anna Supalla, M.D.**; **Collin Connor, M.D.**; **Brynn Arnold, M.D.**; **William Miller, M.D.**; **Julia Hemman, M.D.**; **Eyan Roth, M.D.**; **Anne Meis, M.D.**

## Wesley:

**Maryam Dalili, M.D.**, has entered the Sisters of St. Mary Health/Saint Louis University Addiction Medicine Fellowship in Saint Louis, Missouri.

**Sean-Mikael Dodenhoff, M.D.**, is practicing with Healthy Living Primary Care in Fair Oaks, California.

**Amy Feldkamp, M.D.**, has joined the faculty at KUSM-W Family Medicine Residency Program at Wesley Medical Center.

**Cameron Frederick, M.D.**, has entered the MetroHealth GME Geriatrics Fellowship in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Jing Herwig, M.D.**, is practicing with Mercy Clinic in Moore, Oklahoma.

**Jeremy Reiswig, D.O.**, is practicing with West Wichita Family Physicians in Wichita, Kansas.

**Spencer Shearer, M.D.**, is practicing with Olathe Health College Point in Olathe, Kansas.

**Eric Stapley, D.O.**, has entered the CarePoint Health Emergency Medicine Fellowship in Wichita, Kansas.

**Towne Walston, M.D.**, has entered the CarePoint Health Emergency Medicine Fellowship in Wichita, Kansas.



From left to right: **Towne Walston, M.D.**; **Jing Herwig, M.D.**; **Maryam Dalili, M.D.**; **Spencer Shearer, M.D.**; **Amy Feldkamp, M.D.**; **Aaron Sinclair, M.D.**; **Sean-Mikael Dodenhoff, M.D.**; **Jeremy Reiswig, D.O.**; **Cameron Frederick, M.D.**; **Eric Stapley, D.O.**

### Smoky Hill-Salina:

**Josh Bahr, M.D.**, is practicing with Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth, Kansas.

**Danielle Corbett, M.D.**, is practicing with South Central Kansas Health Primary Care & Urgent Care in Arkansas City, Kansas.

**Maci Hicks, M.D.**, is practicing with Memorial Health System Heartland Health Care Clinic in Abilene, Kansas.

**Rob Nagely, M.D.**, is practicing with Sabetha Family Practice in Sabetha, Kansas.

**Tyler Shriver, D.O.**, is practicing with Hanover Hospital & Clinic in Hanover, Kansas.



From left to right: **Danielle Corbett, M.D.**; **Rob Nagely, M.D.**; **Tyler Shriver, D.O.**; **Josh Bahr, M.D.**; **Maci Hicks, M.D.**

## Welcome, new residents!

The Department of Family & Community Medicine welcomes 32 new KUSM-Wichita family medicine residents on July 1.

### Ascension Via Christi:

**Elijah Alcorn, M.D.**, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

**Abby Bertholf, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita

**Mike Bosch, M.D.**, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

**Kaden Brandt, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Salina

**Faith Hampton, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita

**Joe Hentges, M.D.**, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

**Mary High, M.D.**, McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston

**Ann Hollas, D.O.**, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Abigail Kuplicki, M.D.**, Wayne State University School of Medicine

**Vy Le, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita

**Mitchell Mahan, M.D.**, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

**Janet Montelongo, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City

**Ethan Payne, M.D.**, Saba University School of Medicine

**Nick Shiew, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Salina

**Sarah Veesart-Wright, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita

**Chen Wang, M.D.**, Morsani College of Medicine at the University of South Florida

**Karina Wojtas-Koszalka, D.O.**, Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine-Joplin

**Stephanie Ziegler, M.D.**, University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences

### Smoky Hill-Salina:

**Lucy Florez, D.O.**, Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Jack Harrigan, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita

**Kyle McGatlin, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City

**Sarah Thomas, D.O.**, Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Andrea Vierthaler, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City

### Wesley:

**Anne Ast, D.O.**, Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Alexcis Barnes, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Salina

**Cade Delperdang, D.O.**, Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Kara Fadanelli, D.O.**, Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Jesse Hollingsworth, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita

**Maximillian Martinez, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City

**Jess Shaw, M.D.**, The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City

**Staci Thomas, D.O.**, Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Spencer Ward, D.O.**, Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine

# First two students complete ALTA CCLA bilingual language exam

Fourth-year KUSM-Wichita medical students, **Faith Hampton** and Sofia de la O Bahr have passed the ALTA Language Services Clinical Cultural and Linguistic Assessment examination and are now certified bilingual providers in Spanish.

If you are fluent in another language and would like to take the ALTA CCLA exam to become a certified bilingual provider, scan the QR code and fill out the interest form. Contact **Samantha Hall** at [shall7@kumc.edu](mailto:shall7@kumc.edu) or **Nicole Freund, Ph.D., MBA, M.A.**, at [nfreund2@kumc.edu](mailto:nfreund2@kumc.edu) for more information.



**Faith Hampton**, right, is pictured with her professor, Veronica Verdesoto, at the Cachamsi Spanish language immersion program in Ecuador during an elective abroad in 2023.



Sofia de la O Bahr, immediate past executive director of the JayDoc Community Clinic board of directors, worked to expand interpreter services for JayDoc patients.



# Wesley hosts WSU biomedical engineering senior design team

The KUSM-W Family Medicine Residency Program at Wesley Medical Center hosted a Wichita State University biomedical engineering senior design team. The meetings helped the WSU students identify unmet clinical needs that could be addressed through biomedical engineering.



WSU bioengineering student, **Jeremy Lamar**, and **Cassie Scripser, M.D.**, discuss orthotics.

# John-Michael Watson, M.D. – There and back again

**John-Michael Watson, M.D.**, 2016 Wesley graduate and 2013 KUSM-Wichita graduate, updated the DFCM with an email about his second season serving as a winter-over physician in Antarctica. Dr. Watson reports: "I was deployed at Palmer Station from October 2023-April 2024." "Palmer is the smallest U.S. station and is located on the Antarctic Peninsula, south of Chile. The average temperature at Palmer during the Austral summer is 36 degrees Fahrenheit, much warmer than the South Pole! We had 38 crew members, composed of scientists and support staff. Research at Palmer centers around local wildlife (whales, penguins, etc.), oceanography, and atmospheric quality. I was responsible for taking care of our crew at Palmer Station and oversaw our medical operations for the Antarctic Peninsula, including deep field camps, research vessels and emergency response to other nation's research stations. My favorite memory of the season was getting to assist our ornithology team with field research. My job was to hold fluffy little penguin chicks while the science team prepared to weigh them. It was a pretty cool experience!"



**John-Michael Watson, M.D.**, stands on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Dr. Watson is currently working with the Indian Health Service in Arizona and is planning his next Antarctic deployment.

# 2024 KUSM-Wichita Medical School Graduation Awards

Distinguished George E. "Ned" Burket, M.D., Family and Community Medicine Award – **Faith Hampton, M.D.**

Conrad Osborne, M.D., Family and Community Medicine Award – **Jack Harrigan, M.D.**

Janney Family Award – **Faith Hampton, M.D.**

My Doctor Award – **Jack Harrigan, M.D.**

Student Choice Award for Outstanding Resident in Family Medicine presented by KUSM-W Class of 2024

– **Jo Leatherman, M.D.**, Wesley.

Student Choice Award for Outstanding Faculty in Family Medicine presented by KUSM-W Class of 2024

– **Lynn Fisher, M.D.**

## 2024 KUSM-Wichita Residency Graduation Awards

### KUSM-W Family Medicine Residency Program at Ascension Via Christi

Ascension Via Christi PGY3 residents graduated June 14 at Botanica, The Wichita Gardens. Award recipients included:

Chief Resident Recognition – **Ben Chappell, M.D.; Luke De Jong, M.D.; Tyler Laubach, D.O.; Jeremy Lickteig, M.D.**

Henry H. Loewen, M.D., Award: Outstanding First-Year Resident – **Whitney Chancia, M.D.**, and **Hayden True, M.D.**

AJ Wray, M.D., Award: Most Accomplished During the Second Year – **Bailee Norton, M.D.**, and **Elizabeth Smith, M.D.**

Richard Leu, M.D., Award for Excellence: Third-Year Resident – **Jeremy Lickteig, M.D.**, and **Kelly Moeder, M.D.**

Philip Cherven, M.D., Outstanding Via Christi Family Medicine Resident in Pediatrics Award – **David Baalman, M.D.**

Glen Hastings, M.D., Award: Outstanding Resident Clinician – **Kelly Moeder, M.D.**

Resident Most Active in Recruitment – **Emma Beck, M.D.**

Howard A. Day, M.D., Outstanding VC FM Resident Award – **Tyler Laubach, D.O.**

Patient Centered Care Award (selected by faculty) – **Collin Connor, M.D.**

KUSM-Wichita Apple Award – **Mary Fischer, M.D.**, and **Max Hagan, M.D.**

STFM Resident Teacher Award – **Ben Chappell, M.D.**

AFMRD Family Medicine Resident Award for Advocacy – **Brynn Arnold, M.D.**

Dr. Dorris and Victor North, M.D., Award: Outstanding Family Medicine Faculty – **Shawn Conard, M.D.**

Faculty Leadership Award – **Karissa Gilchrist, M.D.**

Whitney VinZant, M.D., Outstanding Volunteer Teaching Faculty (presented by PGY1 residents) – **Leah Brantley, M.D.**

Outstanding Volunteer Teaching Faculty (presented by PGY2 residents) – **Gautham Reddy, M.D.**

Outstanding Volunteer Teaching Faculty (presented by PGY3 residents) – **Jany Moussa, M.D.**

### KUSM-W Family Medicine Residency Program at Smoky Hill-Salina

Smoky Hill-Salina PGY3 residents graduated June 28 at the Salina Country Club. Award recipients included:

Chief Resident Recognition – **Joshua Bahr, M.D.**

Behavioral Science Community Medicine Award – **Danielle Corbett, M.D.**, and **Maci Hicks, M.D.**

Commitment to Excellence Award – **Rick Kellerman, M.D.**

Scholarly Activity Award – **Tyler Shriver, D.O.**

KUSM-Wichita Apple Award – **Landon Younger, D.O.**

KU Salina Resident as Teacher Award – **Danielle Corbett, M.D.**

STFM Resident Teacher Award – **Maci Hicks, M.D.**

Smoky Hill Teacher of the Year Award – **David Hein, M.D.**

Smoky Hill Faculty Above and Beyond Award – **Mark Banker, M.D.**

### KUSM-W Family Medicine Residency Program at Wesley Medical Center

Wesley PGY3 residents graduated June 22 at the Wichita Art Museum. Award recipients included:

Chief Resident Recognition – **Amy Feldkamp, M.D.**, and **Deva Zamzow, D.O.**

PGY1 Quest for Learning Award – **Ethan Woodcock, M.D.**

PGY2 Progress Toward Excellence Award – **Deva Zamzow, D.O.**

PGY3 Outstanding Clinician Award – **Towne Walston, M.D.**

KUSM-Wichita Apple Award – **Jordan Leatherman, M.D.**

STFM Resident Teacher Award – **Amy Feldkamp, M.D.**

Family Medicine Teacher of the Year – **Chris Klouzek, M.D.**, and **Joseph Saffold, M.D.**

Non-Family Medicine Teacher of the Year – **Ronnie Moussa, M.D.**

Resident of Another Specialty Teaching Award – **Connor Baus, M.D.**

Outstanding Clinical Service Award – **Melea Evans, LPN**

AFMRD Resident Scholarship Award – **Sean-Mikael Dodenhoff, M.D.**

AAFP Annual Family Medicine Teaching Recognition – **William Waswick, M.D.**

# Remembering Ernie J. Chaney, M.D.

**Ernie J. Chaney, M.D.**, professor emeritus, passed away on May 16 at the age of 96. Dr. Chaney graduated from KUSM in 1956 and completed an internship at Tacoma General Hospital in 1957. In 1957, he moved to Belleville, Kansas, to start a family medicine practice. He practiced in Belleville for more than 25 years, precepting KUSM medical students and residents for their rural rotation. From 1983 until his first retirement in 1994, Dr. Chaney served as the program director of the KUSM-Wichita Family Practice Residency at St. Joseph Medical Center (now Ascension Via Christi). In 1996, he came out of retirement to serve as the interim chair of the Department of Family & Community Medicine until he re-retired in 1997.

Dr. Chaney served as the president of the American Academy of Family Physicians in 1981 and the president of the Family Health Foundation of America, the forerunner of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, from 1987-1990. Only a small handful of physicians have ever served as president of both the AAFP and the AAFP. Dr. Chaney staunchly advocated for the critical role of family physicians in the health care system. He frequently offered testimony at the Kansas state legislature and in Washington, D.C. He served as the president of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians in 1970.

"We all have our 'Ernie Stories,'" said **Rick Kellerman, M.D.** "I have many. I remember the first time I met him. I was doing my rural rotation in January 1978 in Mankato, Kansas, and we were following an OB in labor in the Belleville hospital. It was the middle of the night, and the patient needed a C-Section, so we mobilized the troops. Richard Kimball, M.D., was chief surgeon; Ernie was giving anesthesia; Herb Doubek, M.D., was first assistant; and wide-eyed Rick Kellerman, MS4, was the second assistant. I remember Ernie entering the room in a flurry with great fanfare. This was the first of many future encounters I would have with him. Somewhere in Republic County, Kansas, there is a 46-year-old man who we delivered that night. By the way, I was wide-eyed because the surgery was performed under local anesthesia with ketamine as a dissociative anesthetic.

"Ernie Chaney was a leader and personality for the ages. We already miss him and his smile and his stories!"

Dr. Chaney's full obituary can be read at [rumsey-yost.com/2024/05/ernie-j-chaney-md/](http://rumsey-yost.com/2024/05/ernie-j-chaney-md/).

Memorial contributions can be made out and mailed to KU Endowment, 1010 N. Kansas St., Wichita, KS 67214 (memo: Ernie and Margie Chaney Fund). Online contributions may be made at [kuendowment.org/givenow](http://kuendowment.org/givenow) (in the "Choose Area(s)" section, select "Other" and in the "Other Purpose" text box, enter "Ernie and Margie Chaney Fund.")



Pictured from left to right: Mike Munger, M.D., **Ernie Chaney, M.D.**, Rick Kellerman, M.D., at the 2017 AAFP Congress of Delegates in San Antonio. All three were past presidents of the AAFP from Kansas.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Brynn Arnold, M.D.**, Ascension Via Christi, and Alex Arnold on the birth of their daughter, Oakley Grace Arnold, on April 18.

**Nate Clennan, M.D.**, Smoky Hill-Salina, and Karsen Clennan on the birth of their son, Henry Peter Clennan, on May 31.

**Maci Hicks, M.D.**, Smoky Hill-Salina, and Michael Poland on the birth of their son, Myer John Poland, on June 11.

**Aaron Holt, M.D.**, Wesley, and Logan Holt on the birth of their daughter, Victoria Julie Holt, on June 16.

**Rob Nagely, M.D.**, Smoky Hill-Salina, and Leah Nagely on the birth of their son, Patrick James Nagely, on July 5.

## HAPPENINGS:

**Kirk Bliss, D.O.**, Wesley, was commissioned into the Oklahoma Air National Guard on May 5.

**Lynn Fisher, M.D.**, has been appointed by the AAFP board of directors as the AAFP liaison to the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Disability Inclusion Network for Tobacco Control and Cancer Prevention. The goal of the network is to support efforts to impact tobacco control, cancer prevention and health equity for people with disabilities, including veterans.

**Lynn Fisher, M.D.**, was the high school graduation speaker at Ellis High School in Ellis, Kansas, on May 11. Dr. Fisher graduated from Ellis High School in 1992.

**Nicole Freund, Ph.D., MBA, M.A.**, was named chair elect for the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Residency Learning Network collaborative on May 13.

**Abby Hanzlicek, M.D.**, 2023 Smoky Hill graduate, received the 2024 Kansas State University Rising Professional Award.

**Gretchen Irwin, M.D., MBA**, was successfully re-confirmed for tenure during the post-tenure review process.

**Colleen Loo-Gross, M.D., MPH**, and **Tessa Rohrberg, M.D.**, were conferred the AAFP degree of fellow at the KAFP Fam Med Forward 2024 conference on June 7.

**Tessa Rohrberg, M.D.**, was appointed to the KU School of Medicine Faculty Council Academic & Professionalism Committee for a three-year term beginning Sept. 1.

**Jennifer Thuener, M.D.**, Wesley, was named to the Wichita Business Journal 2024 Class of "40 under 40."

**Colonel Randolph R. Whitely, M.D.**, Wesley, retired from the Air National Guard on June 2 after 15 years of service. He previously served in the United States Navy from 1974-1979.

**Landon Younger, D.O.**, Smoky Hill-Salina, participated in the Health Occupations Students of America Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference at Kansas State University on March 27.



## POSTERS:

**Rohrberg T, Fisher L, Freund N, Nilsen K.** Preceptors: To Pay or Not to Pay? That is THE Question. Poster presentation at the 2024 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference in Los Angeles, California, on May 6.

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**Irwin G, Nilsen K, Regehr J, Gilchrist K.** How Do Resident Work Hours Impact ACGME Milestone Acquisition? Presentation at the 2024 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference in Los Angeles, California, on May 5.

**Irwin G, Rohrberg T, Freund N, Nilsen K.** Use of Signaling in Family Medicine Residency Interviewing. Presentation at the 2024 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference in Los Angeles, California, on May 7.

**Mahon K, Nilsen K, Yuen T.** "Excuse Me Nurse, I Need a Bedpan": Decredentialing of Women Physicians as a Form of Gender-Based Microaggression. Presentation at the 2024 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference in Los Angeles, California, on May 7.

**Nilsen K, Druckemiller B, Murray S.** Innovative Lifestyle Medicine Elective in Family Medicine Residency. Roundtable discussion at the 2024 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference in Los Angeles, California, on May 5.

**Walling A, Nilsen K, Gillam M.** The Girls in White: Experiences of Women as Medical Students 1944-75. Presentation at the KUSM-Wichita Empowering Women in Medicine in Roberts Amphitheater on May 29.

**Miller H.** Hepatitis C Evaluation & Treatment for the Primary Care Physician. 2024 Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine Annual Convention in Lawrence, Kansas, on June 1.

**Fischer M.** Common Pain in Pregnancy and Basic Treatment Modalities. 2024 Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine Annual Convention in Lawrence, Kansas, on June 1.

**Ewy D.** Using Narratives to Reduce End-of-Life Disparities. Presentation to the hospice team at Good Shepherd Hospice in Wichita, Kansas, on June 5.

The following presented at the 2024 Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Fam Med Forward at the Hyatt Regency Wichita on June 7:

**Emma Beck, M.D.,** Ascension Via Christi, Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis

**Mary Boyce, M.D.,** Wesley, Responding to Disclosures of Violence

**Khanh Hoang, M.D.,** Ascension Via Christi, RSV Immunizations

**Gretchen Irwin, M.D., MBA,** GLP1 Medications and Diabetes Treatment Updates

**Candice Metzinger, M.D.,** Wesley, Dual Anti-Platelet Therapy: A Clinical Review

**Luke Smith, D.O.,** Wesley, Cerebral Palsy: Care Pathways

**Gracie Swanberg, D.O.,** Ascension Via Christi, Female Athlete Triad

**Landon Younger, D.O.,** Smoky Hill-Salina, Serotonin Syndrome

## PUBLICATIONS:

**Duncan L, Baalman D, Loo-Gross C, Regehr J,** Martin F, McGhie R, McKaughan K, Ofei-Dodoo S. Factors Affecting Parental Intent to Vaccinate Against COVID-19 in the United States. *Kansas Journal of Medicine.* 2024;17(3), 51-56. Read the article at [journals.ku.edu/kjm/article/view/21895/20264](https://journals.ku.edu/kjm/article/view/21895/20264).

**Siri Erickson, M.D.,** 2023 Via Christi graduate, published six haikus titled "Residency Reflections" in the May 2024, Volume 56, Number 5 edition of *Family Medicine*. The haikus can be read at [journals.stfm.org/familymedicine/2024/may/erickson-0257/](https://journals.stfm.org/familymedicine/2024/may/erickson-0257/).

**Tessa Rohrberg, M.D.,** authored the essay "Family Physician as Family Member" as part of "Storylines of Family Medicine." "Storylines" was published in the *Journal of Family Medicine and Community Health* on April 12 and included 99 essays that speak to the critical importance and deep meanings of family medicine. "Storylines" can be read online at [fmch.bmj.com/content/12/Suppl3](https://fmch.bmj.com/content/12/Suppl3).

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### September

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