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Governor's Newsletter

**2026 Florida Chapter Medical
Students and Residents Highlights**



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DOCTOR'S DILEMMA[®]

Representing Florida on the National Stage



**THE ACP FLORIDA CHAPTER PROUDLY RECOGNIZES
OUR DOCTOR'S DILEMMA[®] TEAM FOR REPRESENTING
THE CHAPTER AT THE NATIONAL COMPETITION.**

We are proud of our team's dedication, preparation, and commitment to excellence. Their participation reflects the strength of our resident community and the continued academic leadership of the Florida Chapter.

Congratulations to our team and coach for representing Florida with professionalism, energy, and chapter pride.

2026 OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENTS AWARDS



AUGUST SEVCHIK **FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

August consistently brings a positive energy, an outstanding bedside manner, a strong work ethic and a genuine curiosity to his work. He demonstrates exceptional clinical skills where “his input taking the medical history and assessing the patient was of great value to provide holistic care to our patients.” As Osler advised, Gus always puts the whole patient into focus, caring for the person rather than just simply treating the disease. His humanism, compassion, intellect, curiosity and humility will serve him well in Internal Medicine and I couldn’t be more excited to soon call him a colleague.



MARIA CAMAS **FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

At FIU College of Medicine, Maria has distinguished herself through leadership roles that include co-president of the ACP Internal Medicine Interest Group, president of the Rotaract Club, and student Ambassador. She helped organize student workshops and specialty opportunities for students with interest in internal medicine. Maria is committed to preventive medicine and works at the FIU Student-Faculty Collaborative Clinic for underserved populations. She was selected for the Miami-Dade AHEC Scholars Program and inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.



SHANNON HURLEY **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Shannon is an extraordinary student whose academic excellence, clinical maturity, and personal character place her among the very best I have had the privilege to mentor in my 15 years of academic leadership. She approaches medicine with humility, warmth, and determination, and consistently demonstrates clinical reasoning and professionalism far beyond her level of training. She is, without exaggeration, one of the finest students to come through our program.

2026 OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENTS AWARDS



MADELEINE KEENAN **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Madeleine is an exceptional student whose academic excellence, clinical maturity, and deep commitment to service embody the highest ideals of Internal Medicine and the mission of the Florida State University College of Medicine. Madeleine distinguished herself immediately during her Internal Medicine clerkship, earning Honors and scoring in the 90th percentile on the NBME Subject Exam. She went on to earn Honors again during her Internal Medicine Sub-Internship and performed at an equally high level across multiple rotations. Her outstanding academic record led to her selection for Alpha Omega Alpha, a recognition reserved for students who demonstrate both superior scholarship and exemplary character.



GABRIELLA CUTRALI **NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

Student Doctor Gabriella Cutrali was selected due to her outstanding scholarship, leadership and service. She is graduating in the top 10% of her class and will be inducted into Psi Sigma Alpha Honor Society before starting her IM residency. She is a dedicated leader exemplified through her past role as President of the American Academy of Disaster Medicine, the Class of 2026 Class Representative for Programs and the Mental Health Chair, as well as serving as an Anatomy Teaching Fellow. She is a Certified on the Emergency Response Team and is a member of the ACP, ACOEP, AOA, and the AMA. She has contributed to multiple publications, including work on Alzheimer's disease and respiratory complications.



TANMAI BANDARUPALLI **UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

I am pleased to nominate Student Doctor Tanmai for this award in recognition of her outstanding academic and clinical performance. She distinguishes herself through extensive research and scholarly activity, setting a high standard among her peers. During her Internal Medicine/Family Medicine clerkship, she consistently demonstrated strong clinical reasoning, intellectual curiosity, and professionalism. Her empathetic communication and ability to build meaningful patient rapport were frequently commended. Tanmai's excellent medical knowledge is evident in both her NBME performance and her involvement in many extracurricular activities including being the Class of 2026 Treasurer, Founding board member of the Medical Ethics Forum, Chapman Compassionate Care Clinic and many others. Her dedication, rapid learning, and natural leadership clearly mark her as an exceptional future physician and a leader within her class.

2026 OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENTS AWARDS



RAJA AL-BAHOU **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

Raja Al-Bahou was selected to receive the Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians Outstanding Medical Student Award in recognition of his exceptional dedication and meaningful contributions to the medical community. He has a great attitude and is always eager to make a difference, whether helping colleagues or providing effective patient care. He has been an active and engaged member of the chapter, notably participating in the poster competition where he presented a clinical vignette entitled "Vasculitis Presenting with Angioedema and Multisystem Involvement in a 63-Year-Old Female."



JAVIER FERNANDEZ **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**

Javier Fernandez was selected for this award for consistently exemplifying professionalism, leadership, and a deep commitment to patient-centered care. He is widely recognized as a dependable and proactive team member who takes initiative, supports peers, and elevates team performance. His empathetic communication with patients and families, especially during complex and sensitive discussions, reflects a strong commitment to advocacy and respect for patient values. Javier's sustained service to underserved communities and leadership in mentorship and education further demonstrate his dedication to advancing equitable, compassionate care and fostering excellence within the medical profession.



PARKER PENNY **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

Parker Penny exemplifies the ideals of the Phil Altus Florida American College of Physicians' Student Award. He consistently raises the level of performance of those around him, demonstrating excellence not only during his third-year clerkships but also throughout his acting internship and fourth year. Parker has been deeply engaged with the Florida ACP as a representative of the USF Morsani College of Medicine and was selected as a podium finalist at the annual meeting. His clinical vignette on idiopathic intracranial hypertension earned the Medical Student Award for Best Clinical Vignette Presentation, reflecting his clinical insight, professionalism, and commitment to internal medicine.

2026 CHIEF RESIDENTS AWARDS



JORDAN LEBRON, MD
ADVENTHEALTH ORLANDO



NIHAL KHAN, MD
ADVENTHEALTH ORLANDO



PARIKSHIT CHAPAGAIN, MD
ADVENTHEALTH ORLANDO



MUHAMMAD SOHAIB ASGHAR, MD
ADVENTHEALTH SEBRING



ORLANDO MANUEL TELLERIA, DO
ADVENTHEALTH TAMPA



ABDUL MUEEZ ALAM KAYANI, MD
ADVENTHEALTH TAMPA

2026 CHIEF RESIDENTS AWARDS



**MAHMOUD HAZEM
MAHMOUD ABDALLA, MD**
ADVENTHEALTH TAMPA



ALLISON CHIN, MD
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY



GUSTAVO RAMOS ORTIZ, MD
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY –
SARASOTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



KATHERINE FRANCIS OLIVAS, MD
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY –
SARASOTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



CHRISTOPHER FONTELA, MD
HCA FLORIDA KENDALL HOSPITAL



**FRANCES NICOLE
MONEFELDT STOFER, MD**
HCA FLORIDA KENDALL HOSPITAL

2026 CHIEF RESIDENTS AWARDS



FARIS ALAMIN, MD

UCF HCA FLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER
ORLANDO-OSCEOLA



ALFREDO ENRIQUE PALOMINO ABELLA, MD

UCF HCA FLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER
ORLANDO-OSCEOLA



PARASTO ASNAASHARI, MD

UCF HCA FLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER
ORLANDO-OSCEOLA



KATHERINE FRANCIS OLIVAS, MD

UCF HCA FLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER
ORLANDO-OSCEOLA



JUAN MERUVIA GARRON, DO

UCF HCA FLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER
ORLANDO-OSCEOLA

2026 CHIEF RESIDENTS AWARDS



TYLER MISTRETTA, MD
MAYO CLINIC FLORIDA



ERIC ZUBERI, MD
MAYO CLINIC FLORIDA



BRITTANY JACKSON MD
MAYO CLINIC FLORIDA



SHWETHA MAHARAJ, MD
MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



MATTHEW RIEHL, MD
NCH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



JESSICA CRAWFORD, DO
ORLANDO HEALTH

2026 CHIEF RESIDENTS AWARDS



NORAH MUBARAK, DO

ORLANDO HEALTH



ODELVYS GRANELA, DO

ORLANDO HEALTH



REGINA YOUNG, MD

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI / JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



ROBERT JORDAN HALL, MD

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



ANDRES CORDOBA, DO

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA



ELORA FRIAR, MD

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA



KEVIN CHOW, MD

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

2026 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS



JORDAN LEBRON, MD **ADVENTHEALTH ORLANDO**

This Resident of the Year Award is presented to Dr. Jordan Lebron in recognition of his exceptional professionalism, leadership, and clinical excellence. He has been a leader among his peers, driving innovation and implementing meaningful improvements within the residency, including impactful well-being initiatives.

His academic performance is outstanding, with top percentile scores on his in-training exams across all three years. He also contributed to the Doctor's Dilemma team with distinction.

Dr. Lebron leads with calmness, clarity, humility, and openness, and is a dedicated patient advocate who connects deeply with patients and families.



VEERKARAN BANGA, MD **ADVENTHEALTH SEBRING**

Dr. Veerkaran Banga has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication, clinical excellence, and professionalism throughout his residency. He is highly motivated, always seeking opportunities to learn and refine his clinical skills, and regularly comes well-prepared to discuss patient cases. His strong medical knowledge and ability to apply it effectively have earned the respect of both peers and faculty.

Patients frequently speak highly of his compassionate, attentive care. Over the past three years, he has shown remarkable growth, evolving into an outstanding physician who embodies the core values of excellence and lifelong learning.



MAHNOOR ANJUM, MD **ADVENTHEALTH TAMPA**

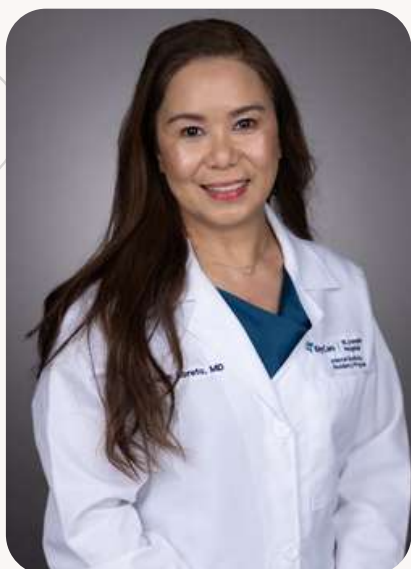
Dr. Anjum is a deserving recipient of the Outstanding Resident Award from the Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians. She consistently goes above and beyond to support her colleagues, readily covering for other residents whenever needed. On multiple occasions, she volunteered to deliver noon conferences on very short notice, ensuring educational continuity for the program. Dr. Anjum has an impressive record of scholarly achievement and academic participation. She approaches additional responsibilities with professionalism and grace and has never complained about extra duties assigned to her. Her reliability, generosity, and academic excellence make her an exemplary resident and colleague.

2026 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS



MUHAMMAD AHMAD, MD **ADVENTHEALTH TAMPA**

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Muhammad Ahmad for the ACP Outstanding Resident of the Year Award for 2026. Dr. Ahmad is a calm, thoughtful leader with exceptional interpersonal skills, making him an ideal future Chief Resident, particularly in conflict resolution and academic scheduling. He has consistently demonstrated dedication to the program, frequently stepping in to provide coverage and ensuring smooth schedule continuity, often more than any of their peers. His reliability, professionalism, and team-first mindset makes him an invaluable asset and a pleasure to work with.



REYLEEN REY LORETO, MD **BAYCARE HEALTH SYSTEM – ST. JOSPEH'S**

Dr. Reyleen Loreto is a truly exceptional physician and an outstanding choice for the ACP Outstanding Resident of the Year Award. She is consistently described as performing at an attending level, delivering superb, patient-centered care while leading teams with confidence, kindness, and professionalism. Dr. Loreto effortlessly balances autonomy and supervision, creates an outstanding learning environment for trainees, and earns the trust and admiration of patients, families, nurses, and faculty alike. A gifted teacher, respected leader, and inspiring role model, she represents the very best of our program and sets the standard for excellence.



ASHLEY NGUYEN, DO **CLEVELAND CLINIC**

Dr. Ashley Nguyen is an exemplary resident. While many PGY3s develop “senioritis,” Dr Nguyen’s engagement and performance have continued to grow. Over the past three years, she has blossomed into an exceptionally thoughtful and insightful physician. Her medical knowledge has expanded tremendously, making her a go-to caregiver when peers or other caregivers have patient care questions. Her professionalism is outstanding, setting a high standard for everyone. Dr Nguyen embodies every quality we value in an ideal resident, and we are proud to select her as Cleveland Clinic Weston’s Resident of the Year.

2026 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS



ALLISON CHIN, MD **FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Allison Chin is a compassionate resident who works tirelessly to ensure patients get the care they need, regardless of insurance status. She works closely with our social workers, pharmacists, attendings, and her peers to volunteer at health fairs, connect patients with necessary social services, expand free-medication options, and more. Additionally, she loves QI, personally spearheading multiple projects during her training. In addition to her scholarly work including presenting posters at ACP and other conferences, she also served as a leader as a PGY3 chief resident. We have no doubt she will do incredible things in her future!



JODI WILSON, MD **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY – TALLAHASSEE**

Dr. Wilson is an exemplary resident who consistently goes above and beyond for her patients. She routinely follows up with patients through phone calls and electronic medical record messaging without prompting, ensuring continuity of care beyond the clinic visit. She regularly stays late to accommodate patients facing transportation barriers and tirelessly advocates for them with insurance companies to secure necessary medications, imaging, and procedures. She treats every patient as she would a loved one and serves as a model for others to emulate.



DOUGLAS MANCUSO, MD **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY – TALLAHASSEE**

Dr. Mancuso is an exceptional resident who consistently gives his best effort in every aspect of his work. He approaches each clinical scenario with thoughtful analysis, strong clinical reasoning, and genuine dedication to patient care. He leads by example and serves as a role model for all his peers. In addition to his clinical excellence, he was a key member of the Doctor's Dilemma team that earned the opportunity to represent Florida at the national ACP Doctor's Dilemma competition. Overall, Dr. Mancuso is a well-rounded resident who is highly respected and appreciated by his co-residents, patients, and faculty.

2026 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS



JOHN KORIN, MD **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY** **- SARASOTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Dr. Korin is always the resident to go above and beyond in all aspects of his personal and professional life. He volunteered to be on Team A for an impending hurricane when he was not required to do so, he routinely picks up jeopardy shifts for his colleagues without any question, and he is always a positive and uplifting colleague and physician. Truly he is a gem and we are so proud to offer him this distinction.



SAVIER ALEMAN RAMA, MD **HCA FLORIDA AVENTURA HOSPITAL**

Dr. Savier Aleman Rama exemplifies the ACP Outstanding Resident of the Year Award through exceptional clinical skill, professionalism, and steadfast commitment to patient care. He consistently demonstrates sound judgment, meticulous follow-up, and the ability to manage complex clinical challenges with precision and integrity. He leads by example, earning the respect of his peers through compassion, collaboration, and an unwavering standard of excellence. Dr. Aleman Rama not only provides outstanding care, he strengthens his team and elevates the practice of medicine.



LEONOR ESTEFANIA DUARTE COLINA, MD **HCA FLORIDA KENDALL HOSPITAL**

Dr. Leonor Duarte was selected for the Outstanding Resident Award in recognition of her exceptional performance as a PGY1 Internal Medicine resident. She consistently demonstrates strong medical knowledge, outstanding professionalism, and excellent patient care. Dr. Duarte is widely recognized for her compassionate bedside manner and her ability to communicate effectively with patients and families, fostering trust and high-quality care. She is highly engaged in the Internal Medicine program and actively contributes to its academic mission. Her clinical dedication, professional integrity, and enthusiasm for Internal Medicine make her an exemplary resident and a deserving recipient of this award.

2026 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS



KRISTA GRENNAN, MD **MAYO CLINIC FLORIDA**

Dr. Krista Grennan is an active ACP Florida Chapter member who has participated in ACP meetings and Doctor's Dilemma competitions during residency. She is an inspiring peer leader known for excellence in patient care, community service, and education. She has gone above and beyond to recruit and organize Doctor's Dilemma teams, maintain structured practices, and guide study preparation. A dedicated patient advocate, she demonstrates her commitment through clinical care, research, and teaching. Dr. Grennan will serve as Chief Medical Resident at Mayo Clinic Florida, and her leadership, enthusiasm, and impact make her highly deserving of this recognition.



ALFREDO PEREZ TAGLE TEJEDA, MD **MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

Dr. Alfredo Perez Tagle Tejada consistently exemplifies a strong commitment to delivering high-quality, patient-centered care. He approaches teamwork with respect, collaboration, and reliability, fostering a supportive environment for both colleagues and learners. Dr. Perez Tagle Tejada also demonstrates leadership through active involvement in program initiatives and serves as a valuable mentor to fellow residents and medical students, contributing positively to the learning environment and overall success of the team.

2026 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS



BANEET KAUR, DO **MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER**

Dr. Kaur represents all the values that the ACP stands for. Excellence in medical care.

Compassion for her patients.

Scholarly activities including research.

Involvement with the ACP and advocating for her peers.



HUSSAIN ALI, MBBS **NCH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

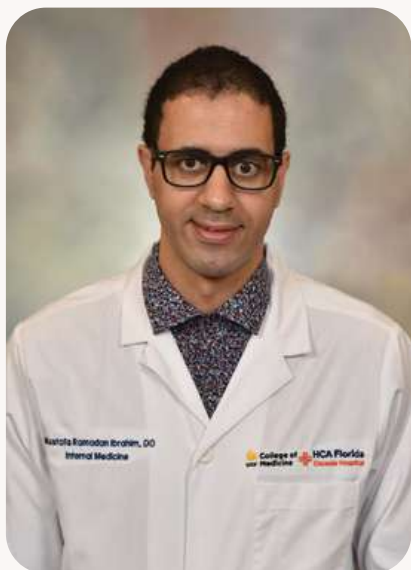
Dr. Ali is a PGY2 resident here at NCH and has done exceptionally well during his training thus far. His clinical performance has been excellent and his advocacy for patients is widely noted by his attendings. He is a leader in his class and actively works to improve our residency program. At his own initiative he completed superuser training for the EPIC Cosmos system and has begun to develop research processes through that system that will benefit future scholars here. He has been an active participant in our NCH Doctors' Dilemma ACP team.



KIERA BRIGH TURNER, MD **ORLANDO HEALTH**

As an active ACP member for the past three years, Dr. Kiera Brigh Turner has demonstrated exceptional commitment to scholarly activity and academic excellence. She has participated in numerous poster presentations, including at the national level, with one award-winning presentation. Her sustained involvement in scholarship and academic medicine makes her highly deserving of the ACP Outstanding Resident Award.

2026 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS



MUSTAFA IBRAHIM, DO **HCA FLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER** **ORLANDO – OSCEOLA**

Dr. Mustafa Ibrahim exemplifies excellence in patient care, clinical reasoning, and professionalism. Evaluators consistently highlight his calm, compassionate bedside manner and exceptional communication skills, particularly during goals-of-care discussions. He performs confidently in high-acuity settings, developing thoughtful management and disposition plans while remaining efficient, organized, and thorough in his documentation. As a senior resident, he strengthens team performance through dependable leadership, proactive support, and impactful teaching that fosters psychological safety and enhances the learning environment.



REGINA YOUNG, MD **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/JACKSON MEMORIAL** **HOSPITAL**



MARINA SCHREIBER, MD **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

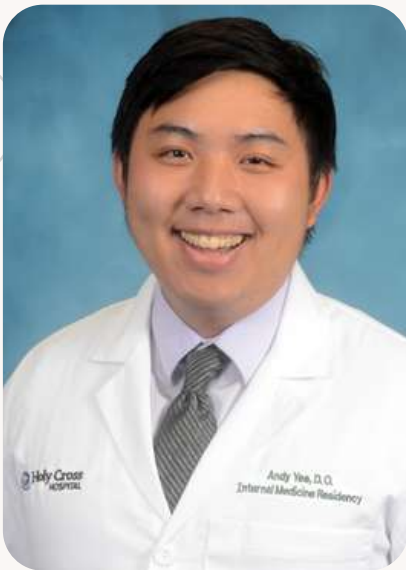
Marina Schreiber was selected for the Florida Chapter ACP Outstanding Resident of the Year Award for her exceptional professionalism, leadership, and dedication to patient-centered care. She has been an active ACP member throughout residency and demonstrated academic excellence as a member of the 2025 Doctor's Dilemma team. Marina is recognized by peers as a leader in service and collaboration and is a strong patient advocate whose clinical practice reflects compassion, integrity, and excellence.

2026 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS



ELORA FRIAR, MD **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

Dr. Friar has been a role model resident, PGY3 chief resident, and honor to have in our program. She has demonstrated wonderful service to the ACP chapter on the Resident and Fellow Council as well as through Leadership Day activities. She has been a leader in our program with educational curriculum, like creating the Consultants Corner series and a leader in the revisioning of the cardiology service at Tampa General Hospital with the restructuring of the closed ICU model.



ANDY YEE, DO **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI AT HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL**

Dr. Andy Yee exemplifies professionalism. He has a calm demeanor under pressure; Dr. Yee consistently demonstrates exceptional composure and control. As a senior resident and leader, Dr. Yee has proven to be outstanding, with an impressive depth of knowledge. Patient care is marked by kindness and respect, with clear communication that keeps patients informed and engaged. Interactions with families are thoughtful and compassionate, reflecting genuine care. We are thrilled to witness Dr. Yee's growth and look forward to a successful future as a Nephrologist at Yale.



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