

# PISACANO LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION



*The Leadership Foundation of the American Board of Family Medicine, Inc.*

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The Board of Directors of the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, Inc. (PLF) is pleased to announce its selections for the 2021 Pisacano Scholarships. Each recipient is noted as an outstanding medical student who has made a commitment to enter the specialty of Family Medicine.

The 2021 Pisacano Scholars are:

Katie Brown – University of Cincinnati College of Medicine  
Preston Butler – Boston University School of Medicine  
Jordan Gemelas – Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine  
Garrett Kneese – UTHSCSA Long School of Medicine  
Emiliano Lemus Hufstедler – UC-San Francisco School of Medicine  
Jessica Meyer – University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry  
Abhinaya Narayanan – David Geffen School of Medicine @ UCLA  
Alberto Ortega – Keck School of Medicine at USC  
John Romano – University of Massachusetts Medical School

The scholarships, valued up to \$28,000 each, are awarded to students attending U.S. medical schools who demonstrate a strong commitment to the specialty of Family Medicine. In addition, each applicant must show demonstrable leadership skills, superior academic achievement, strong communication skills, identifiable character and integrity, and a noteworthy level of community service. Since 1993, the PLF has selected 166 outstanding medical students. Approximately 3,000 applicants representing more than 140 medical schools competed for these scholarships.

Each Pisacano Scholar received an endorsement from his or her medical school prior to being reviewed by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee is comprised of the distinguished members of the PLF Board of Directors and over 300 participating family physicians. The Scholarship program provides educational programs, leadership training and funding for outstanding 4<sup>th</sup>-year medical students who have been identified as the future leaders in the field of Family Medicine.

The Pisacano Leadership Foundation, Inc. was created in 1990 by the American Board of Family Medicine in tribute to the founder and first Executive Director of the ABFM, Nicholas J. Pisacano, M.D. (1924-1990). Dr. Pisacano is acknowledged around the world as one of the leaders in the effort to recognize Family Medicine as a major specialty. His perseverance was finally rewarded in 1969 when the American Board of Family Medicine was designated as the sole agency responsible for the certification and recertification of family physicians. The American Board of Family Medicine continues to serve this role and is considered a leader in assuring primary care to all Americans.

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**For more information concerning the Pisacano Scholars program and the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, please contact Jane Ireland, Program Coordinator; or Robert J. Cattoi, Executive Director of the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, Inc., at 859/ 287-0948.**