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**Greater Philadelphia Area Resident Selected for
Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute
Hudson is one of 30 Participants**

Springfield, PA – Courtney Hudson is one of just 30 scholarship winners nationwide selected to participate in the inaugural *Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute*. Hudson is a second-year Family Medicine resident at the Crozer-Keystone Family Medicine Residency Program in Springfield, PA, and a Resident Representative to the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians Practice Advocacy Commission. As a scholarship winner, Hudson will participate in a year-long leadership development program.

The *Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute* is a program of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation. It is funded by family physician donors and aims to identify Family Medicine residents and medical students who have leadership potential, but may not have served in a leadership role.

In the increasingly fragmented world of health care, a family physician's leadership skills are more important than ever before. Communities look to family physicians for guidance on everything from proper nutrition to management of chronic health conditions to providing humanitarian aid to those in need.

"Up-and-coming leaders like Hudson have the power to transform healthcare in America – I bet we can learn as much from her as we want her to learn from us. This opportunity will help her build her leadership skill set and accelerate her ability to impact her patients, her community and the wider healthcare systems she will work in. We couldn't be happier to have her join us in July as a member of our first class of *Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute* Scholars," AAFP Foundation President Jason Marker, MD said.

Hudson will receive a \$1,000 scholarship towards travel expenses to attend both the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students (National Conference) and the AAFP Foundation *Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leadership Institute*. Over the course of one year, the scholarship winners will work with a mentor to complete a project related to one of three tracks: Policy and Public Health Leadership, Personal and Practice Leadership, and Philanthropic and Mission-Driven Leadership. Hudson will work on a project in the Philanthropic and Mission-Driven Leadership track.

“In my first year of working as a Family Medicine physician, I have really gotten the chance to start to consider what my role in Family Medicine will be in the future. I have realized that I get joy from interacting with my patients, but that it is just as important to me to contribute to Family Medicine as a whole. I believe learning from mentors in the specialty through this program is a major step in that direction,” Hudson said.

At the end of the year-long program, the projects will be evaluated and an additional \$1,000 scholarship will be given to the top two medical students and the top two Family Medicine residents in each of the three tracks to attend the 2016 National Conference to present their winning projects. Finally, one Best Project Award will be named for each of the three tracks, and will provide the recipient with an additional \$3,000 scholarship for participation in a designated major event related to the track.

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