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Peak Vista Family Medicine Residency Program Announces Class of 2021

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) announces class of 2021 for the Family Medicine Residency (FMR) program; a post-graduate clinical training of residents.

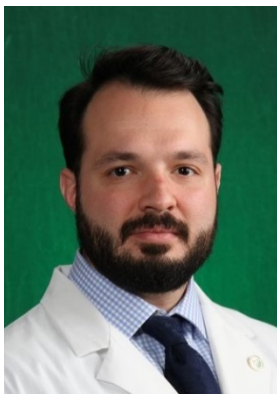
Eight resident slots have been filled by qualified medical school graduates from across the nation; residents begin the three-year program in July 2018:



David Falcocchia, DO

Dr. Falcocchia is from Northern, California. He graduated from Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He entered the field of medicine with an interest in making a positive difference in his surrounding communities.

“My primary goal in life is to provide care to those who have nowhere else to turn.” In addition, Dr. Falcocchia hopes his work may help improve access to care for everyone.



Brian Failla, DO

Dr. Failla is from Fresno, California. He graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Failla looks forward to helping those who need it most.

Dr. Failla commented on his patient care, “I hope to work with patients to create a treatment plan that fits their needs, abilities and resources as well as possible.”



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Amanda O'Hara, DO

Dr. O'Hara is from South Lake Tahoe, California. She graduated from A.T. Still University. Her interest in becoming a Peak Vista resident stemmed from her connection to Peak Vista's mission – a desire to serve the community.

Dr. O'Hara commented on her approach to patient care, "I believe in active listening and a patient centered approach. I'm dedicated to forming honest and open partnerships with my patients to ensure their diverse needs are addressed."



Melissa Schwartz, DO

Dr. Schwartz is from South New Jersey. She graduated from Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Schwartz has a passion for serving the underserved.

"My philosophy as it relates to patient care is respectful listening and communication through an open dialogue," shared Dr. Schwartz.



Kathleen Spencer, DO

Dr. Spencer is from Northern Kentucky. She graduated from Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Spencer has been able to provide care to people facing barriers to health care and she looks forward to continuing that care at Peak Vista.

"I like listening to patients and using my love of medicine to answer their questions, address their concerns and make them excited about positive changes," shared Dr. Spencer.



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Andrea Vincent, DO

Dr. Vincent is from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. She graduated from Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Vincent is excited about being part of the well-being in the Pikes Peak region community.

“My approach to treating and caring for patients is to educate them to care for themselves with a large emphasis on prevention of disease. I also believe a large part of primary care is knowing what resources are available within the community to assist patients in need,” shared Dr. Vincent.



Julia Watson, DO

Dr. Watson is from Philadelphia. She graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Watson has a deep desire to work with underserved populations providing quality health care.

Dr. Watson shared, “I want to make patients feel included and supported in their care and be an active participant in improving or maintaining their health.”



Mark Whitehead, DO

Dr. Whitehead is from St. George, Utah. He graduated from Rocky Vista University. Dr. Whitehead connected with Peak Vista because of the mission and his desire to help those in need to receive quality care.

Dr. Whitehead describes his approach to patient care as an educator and advocate. He is passionate about spending time with his patients.



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The three-year program will emphasize several primary care clinical training areas – from outpatient pediatric and family medicine to gynecology and geriatric care. With eight slots available, per year, the FMR program is a traditional three-year Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency with community support from local hospitals and specialty physicians.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 90,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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