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Peak Vista Family Medicine Residency Program Proudly Announces Inaugural Graduating Class of 2019

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) announces the graduation of its inaugural class of post-graduate clinical training Residents from the Family Medicine Residency (FMR) program.

"All of our residents have worked incredibly hard to get to this point in their careers," comments Resident Program Director, Scott Robinson, DO. "We would not be able to celebrate this amazing accomplishment without the support of our preceptors throughout Peak Vista, as well as the continued support from our community partners."

The three-year program emphasized several primary care clinical training areas – from outpatient pediatric and family medicine to very rigorous inpatient training in both hospital systems. The FMR program is a traditional three-year Family Medicine Residency with community support from local hospitals and specialty physicians. All eight FMR graduates achieved a 100% board examination passing rate on their first attempt.

"Following their three years of arduous clinical training here in Colorado Springs, I am proud of the first eight family medicine residents to graduate from Peak Vista's Family Medicine Residency Program," comments Chief Medical and Dental Officer, Michael D. Welch, DO. "These eight new family physicians represent the vanguard of family physicians being trained, with the support of our community partners, right here in our community, to help address the local, state, and national shortage of primary care physicians."

On Saturday, June 29, 2019, Peak Vista will host a private, formal commencement ceremony to celebrate the graduates. Members of the media are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This year's graduates include:



Leah Blake, DO

Dr. Blake comes to Colorado from Murietta, California. She has been hired as a new hospitalist by Centura at Penrose St. Frances.





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Jordan Christensen, DODr. Christensen grew up in Evergreen, Colorado. He has found a position in Craig, Colorado.



Joshua Jewell, DO
Dr. Jewell is originally from Man, West Virginia and comes to Colorado from Huntington, West Virginia. Dr. Jewell will be joining the Peak Vista team at its Health Center at Academy, Suite 3500.



Daniel Kramer, DODr. Kramer grew up in Columbus, Nebraska. He has joined Centura as a hospitalist at Penrose-St. Francis Health Services.



Matthew Schippers, DODr. Schippers grew up in Holland, Michigan. Dr. Schippers has joined Centura as a hospitalist at Penrose-St. Francis Health Services.





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Shenelle Schoenfeld, DODr. Schoenfeld grew up in Ogden, Utah. She has found a position in Butte, Montana.



Stephen Stacey, DODr. Stacey grew up in Orem, Utah. Dr. Stacey has taken a position with Mayo Clinic in Wisconsin.



Christa Wright, DODr. Wright grew up in Austin, Texas. Dr. Wright is considering telemedicine options in Denver.



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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 94,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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