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Peak Vista Family Medicine Residency Program Announces Inaugural Class

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

Eight FMR resident slots are now filled by qualified medical school graduates from across the nation; residents begin the three-year program July 2016:

- Leah Blake, DO, from Murietta, CA, graduate from Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Jordan Christensen, DO, from Buffalo, NY, graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Na Jen, DO, from Philadelphia, PA, graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Joshua Jewell, DO, from Huntington, WV, graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Daniel Kramer, DO, from Eugene, OR, graduated from Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Matthew Schippers, DO, from West Olive, MI, graduated from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Shenelle Schoenfeld, DO, from Orlando, FL, graduated from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
- Christa Wright, DO, from Fort Worth, TX, graduated from University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

“This is an incredible milestone for Peak Vista and for our community,” shared Peak Vista president and CEO Pam McManus. “Bringing medical residents to the area will not only improve patient access, it is a community effort to build a local solution for the provider workforce shortage in the Pikes Peak and East Central regions of Colorado.”

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.

In its inaugural year, Peak Vista’s residency program received 230 applications and interviewed 54 candidates. By 2019, the FMR program anticipates a total of 24 residents will be receiving post-graduate clinical training in various stages of the three-year program.

Learn more about Peak Vista’s FMR program and other clinical training programs at peakvista.org.



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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. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to nearly 84,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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