



# 2024 - 2025

## ANNUAL REPORT



# LAFP Members,

Thank you for being a dedicated member of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP), for your passion for medicine, your leadership in your community, and your commitment to helping patients live their healthiest lives. As Executive Vice President of the LAFP, I hope your membership has proven to be a valuable resource in supporting your growth both professionally and personally.

Over the past year, your Academy has made significant strides in advancing our mission and strategic goals to better serve you. We have lead innovative and cutting-edge continuing medical education (CME) to help you maintain your family medicine certification with confidence. We have also expanded our programming to inspire the next generation of family physicians through student and resident engagement programs. Our efforts have been recognized nationally, and we continue to attract and nurture top talent in family medicine. We have continued to advocate for population health through impactful educational efforts and steadfast support at the State Capital—and that's just scratching the surface. Your membership is a gateway to exceptional resources and guidance designed to support you throughout every stage of your family medicine career. Explore your benefits anytime at [lafp.org](http://lafp.org)—they're always just a click away.

The LAFP Board of Directors remains committed to delivering exceptional value to the membership by continually investing in you through the development of new programs and meaningful member benefits. Our academy has been at the forefront of advocating for policies that benefit both physicians and patients.

**Our promise is to serve as the voice of family medicine in Louisiana and beyond, *without raising your dues!***

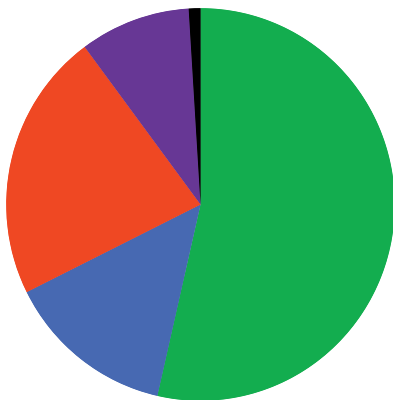
Thank you for your continued support and for being a true champion of family medicine.

Keep up the amazing work and know we are here for you every step of the way.

*Ragan LeBlanc*  
Executive Vice President



# 1,915 Members Strong



**Active: 926**  
**Residents: 209**  
**Students: 641**  
**Life: 128**  
**Inactive & Supporting: 11**

The LAFP supports a total membership of **1,915 physicians, residents, and students.**

Regardless of membership type, the LAFP offers programming, services, and benefits to suit any member at any career stage.

## Family Medicine Pathway

The LAFP supports advancements that strengthen Louisiana's family medicine workforce through policy, member outreach, and strategic initiatives that foster a sustainable family medicine workforce for Louisiana.

Today's family medicine residents and medical students are the future of the specialty and for this reason, the LAFP recognizes the importance of cultivating future primary care leaders of medicine. Captured in the strategic plan are several tactics to bolster the engagement of Louisiana's brightest on their family medicine pathway.

- Leadership opportunities and professional connections to assist students matching into family medicine and our resident members to practice in Louisiana
- Family Medicine Interest Group support designated to meet the unique needs of all five medical schools
- Custom electronic communications for students & residents to keep them in the loop on valuable scholarships and valuable resources that assist in career development
- Access to family medicine precepting opportunities through LAFP's Foundation – the philanthropic arm of the Academy dedicated to cultivating student career choice in family medicine in Louisiana.

Specialized programming geared to impress the value of the specialty on students and residents include on- campus mentorship events, leadership development opportunities at FUTURE: the National Conference for the Future of Family Medicine. Expect more student and resident engagement opportunities in 2026!



# Strategic Pillars Deliver Membership Value

The LAFP's pillars provide structure for its strategic objectives.



## Advocacy



Since this time last year, the LAFP has tracked **116 bills** and formally adopted **24 positions**, each aligned with the Academy's established policy. The LAFP maintains an active Bill Tracker for all members in an effort to provide transparency and member engagement in the legislative process.

## Communications



The LAFP's communication vehicles are second to none including a quarterly print and digital publication, *The Louisiana Family Doctor*; a weekly e-newsletter, the *Weekly Family Medicine Update (WFMU)*; four social media platforms; and robust website, [lafp.org](http://lafp.org). The LAFP delivers up-to-date medical news and trending clinical developments that keep members informed and connected.

### Communication Statistics (between August 2024 and July 2025):

- WFMU issues: **50**
- Website views: More than **4,300 views** per month and **1,900 users** per month
- Number of member authored articles in *The Louisiana Family Doctor*: **21**
- Followers on Facebook: **846** | X : **420** | Instagram: **184** | LinkedIn: **108**



## Education



Tackling topics on OB/GYN, health equity, behavioral medicine, artificial intelligence, pediatrics, orthopedics, diabetes, neurology, and urology, the LAFP offered members a total of **40.00 credits** of CME between August 2024 and July 2025. Physician volunteers utilized member forums and surveys to advance the LAFP's strategic, educational priorities with the goal to provide high-quality programs in 2025.

## Leadership



The LAFP's Strategic Plan could not be implemented or advanced without the focus and work of the Academy's various committees, workgroups, and taskforces. Currently, the Academy has **8 member-driven groups** and we are always eager to engage new members with fresh thoughts and ideas!



# Family Medicine Match in Louisiana

On March 21, 2025, 4,574 medical students matched into family medicine residency programs across the United States. Of the medical students who chose a family medicine pathway, 74 of those students matched into a Louisiana residency program.

## In Louisiana:

- 74 residency slots filled, eighteen more than in 2024
- 84 residency slots were available, nine more than in 2024
- Match rate of 90.2%, up from 2024

These numbers do not include the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program or military match numbers. Historically, almost all of family medicine's open residency slots are filled by July.

## LAFP's Logo has a New Look

The LAFP's elected leadership and professional staff works alongside the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) to provide Louisiana's family physicians a conduit to federal-level advocacy, national-level leadership development, cutting-edge education, and trending medical data. This federated alliance is designed to serve our members at every level and at every stage of their career path.

To emphasize this connection with the AAFP's new branding and messaging efforts, the LAFP adopted a new logo in 2025.



# Thank You Leaders!

Thank you to our elected officers, Board of Directors, and dedicated members who serve on various LAFP committees, workgroups and taskforces as well as at the AAFP.

*The Success of the Academy Depends on You!*

## 2024 – 25 Emerging Leaders & NCCL Delegates

- Naina Bouchereau Lal MD, FAAFP – NCCL Women Physician Representative
- Oanh Truong, MD – NCCL BIPOC Physician Representative
- Richard Bridges MD, FAAFP – NCCL IMG Physician Representative

## Louisiana's Representatives to the AAFP and Other National Organizations

- Abigail Mowen – Student Alternate Delegate to the AAFP National Congress of Student Members
- Armand Ntchana, MD – 2024 Family Medicine Cares Resident Service Award
- Brian Harrell, MD, FAAFP – Louisiana Delegate at the 2025 AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Ijeoma Amanze, MD – Resident Member, Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors Board of Directors
- James Taylor, MD, FAAFP – Louisiana Delegate at the 2025 AAFP Congress of Delegates; LAFP Representative LSBME Board of Directors
- Lilian Pham, MD – Resident Alternate Delegate to the AAFP National Congress of Family Medicine Residents
- Lindsay Liles, MD, FAAFP – AAFP Commission on Education
- Michael Crick – Student Delegate to the AAFP National Congress of Student Members
- Richard Bridges, MD, FAAFP – Alternate Delegate at the 2025 Congress of Delegates
- Ronnie Slipman, MD, FAAFP – AAFP Commission on Membership and Member Services
- Ryunosuke Hisatomi, MD – 2025 AAFP Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education
- Se Yun "Scarlett" Cheon – AAFP Foundation Emerging Leader Institute Leadership Project Award Recipient
- Sodiq Adebeshin, MD – Resident Delegate to the AAFP National Congress of Family Medicine Residents
- Vincent Shaw, MD, FAAFP – Louisiana Alternate Delegate at the 2025 AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Yashwanth Ramineni Damodhar, MD – AAFP Foundation Emerging Leader Institute Leadership Project Award Recipient

## LAFP Awards

The LAFP recognized the following members in 2025:

- Aastha Gupta, MD – 2025 Resident Award of Excellence Award Recipient
- Ammar Husan, MD, MBA – 2025 Family Physician of the Year Award Recipient
- Carlos Santaolaya – 2025 E. Edward Martin, Jr., MD Family Medicine Award Recipient
- Christian Bonner – 2025 LSU-Shreveport Michael O. Fleming, MD Family Medicine Award Recipient
- Dorian Joye O'Sullivan – 2025 LSU-New Orleans Gerald R. Gehringer Family Medicine Award Recipient
- Madalynn Traylor – 2025 LSU-Shreveport Michael O. Fleming, MD Family Medicine Award Recipient
- Tim Wang – 2025 Tulane Family Medicine Excellence Award Recipient

## Partners in Family Medicine



The LAFP's Partners in Health program is an online resource that connects LAFP members to partnering organizations that provide patient education and high-value tools designed to support family physicians and their care teams.

**Thank you to our partners for making a commitment to family medicine in Louisiana.**

**Cardiovascular Institute of the South  
Franciscan Missionaries of Our  
Lady Health System (FMOL)  
Louisiana Healthcare Connections  
Ochsner Health**

