

House of Delegates Report
Report of the Resident Directors

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2021 was yet another successful year of growth and learning. As resident directors of the NJAFP, we had the opportunity to learn from and observe as the leaders of the board discussed policy changes and improvements to the field of primary care within New Jersey. With the progression of the COVID pandemic with new variants, there was much to adapt to as it pertained to patient care. The board was vocal in advocating for vaccinations to be made available for primary care providers in office settings as well as the safety of vaccinations in the pediatric population.

In addition, we had the opportunity to continue this growth by attending the FamMed Virtual Conference, 2021 AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, 2021 and the AAFP National Conference of Constituency Leaders. With restrictions being lifted and the decreasing number of cases, we are excited to participate in the in-person 2022 FamMed Forum Conference.

In continuation of previous years attempts to spread awareness and increase involvement of primary care and the NJAFP which have largely been limited due to the pandemic, we have proposed the idea of non-voting, residency representatives. By increasing engagement within the residencies of New Jersey, we aim to further amplify our message, increase membership and recruitment, and advocate for change. This sentiment was also strongly echoed in our successful resident caucus we held for this year's elections.

As COVID case numbers dwindle, we aim to restart visiting medical school campuses to engage interested students. With the growing number of family medicine residents nationwide this year, we see new opportunities of growth and aim to increase our network in NJ. In the future, we hope to come together and participate in community projects within the scope of Family Medicine and primary care, including routine health screenings, preventive medicine and weight management.

Respectfully submitted,

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