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Daniel Van Durme

He's an ACE Fellow

Deans of medical schools are rarely family physicians. Marian Bishop, a medical educator and administrator, wanted to change that. She established a trust to help fund “dean school” for family physicians, and half of medical school deans specializing in family medicine have gone through the Bishop Fellowship Program.

Now, Daniel Van Durme can add his name to the list of Bishop fellows — but not for the same reasons. After six years of thinking the program just wasn't for him, Van Durme said “Yes” in part because it included the opportunity to learn from other areas of higher education as well. Bishop partnered with the American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowship Program, which selected 47 fellows to learn executive-level leadership in higher education.

As a Bishop Fellow and an ACE Fellow, nominated by College of Medicine Dean John P. Fogarty, Van Durme was matched with the University of New Mexico to help meet learning goals on behalf of the college.

“I will see how university presidents think, how provosts in other departments at other colleges think,” he said.

Van Durme's main interest, however, is to learn how to enhance the college's clinical practice.

“The goal of my project, with the support of the dean and others,” he said, “is to really look at how we can best identify clinical practice sites for our clinician faculty to work at and practice at that will also be a revenue stream (as the LCME accreditors require) that is clearly aligned with our mission.”

He will study under Paul Roth, M.D., the University of New Mexico's chancellor for health sciences and dean of the school of medicine. Van Durme's fellowship will span the 2015-2016 academic year, and he will visit the mentoring institution three times for one to two weeks per visit.

“A lot of the success of our school came by learning what to pick and choose from other people,” he said. “That's how you become great: Build on others' strengths, learn from others' weaknesses. We need to do the same thing when we look at our clinical opportunities, practice opportunities and educational opportunities.”

As an ACE Fellow, he'll have a chance to do that.



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Wade Douglas

Preparing for operation

The Florida State University General Surgery Residency Program at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare took an important step in its development by receiving initial accreditation in June. The residency program will participate in the National Residency Match Program for the first time in March. The goal is to match six residents and to open in July.

“Obtaining initial accreditation within a year is remarkable, but is just the first step towards accomplishing the goal of providing graduate medical education opportunities within the region and hopefully improving health care within the region,” said Program Director Wade Douglas.

