

FSU celebrates fifth graduating class

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FORT PIERCE — The Florida State University College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus recently honored their fifth graduating class. Having spent two years here, training one-on-one with physicians all over the Treasure Coast, the seventeen members of the Class of 2013 are moving on to their residency programs. These students will be pursuing careers as doctors in family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, emergency medicine, surgery, and anesthesiology. The graduates gathered with the campus dean, Dr. Randall Bertolette, community board members, staff, and physician faculty to celebrate their accomplishments. The event was sponsored by Indian River Medical Center, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, St. Lucie Medical Center, and Martin Health System. Awards were presented to the students and faculty. The Dean's Award, for the most outstanding graduate, went to Claudia Zapata, future pediatrician and originally from Colombia. The Class of 2013 presented Dr. Michael Jampol, FSU Pediatrics Clerkship Director and pediatrician with Martin Health System, with the Excellence in Teaching Award. They chose Dr. Dudley Teel, FSU Emergency Medicine Clerkship Director and emergency medicine physician at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, for the Extra Mile Award.

The graduates (and hometown) are: Ahkeel Allen (West Palm Beach, FL), Emile Barreau (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Cory Duncan (Miami Springs, FL) Caitlin Dunham (Clearwater, FL), Patrick Gill (Fort Myers, FL), Joshua Hayes (St. Augustine, FL), Kim Hemphill (Fort Pierce, FL), Cynthia Laroche (Port Charlotte FL), Diana Marchese (Durham, NC), Amit Patel, Kyle Powers (Melbourne, FL), Richard Ramonell (Lake Worth, FL), Maria Rucinski (Gainesville, FL), Collin Tully (Fort Myers, FL), Leah Williams (Tampa, FL), Mary Woods (Key Largo, FL), and Claudia Zapata (Cali, Colombia).

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