

# University announces 'Match Day' results

*Inaugural class of  
College of Medicine  
seniors get assigned*

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The 29 students in Florida State University's College of Medicine's inaugural class learned their futures Thursday when the match results for their residencies were announced.

Match Day, as it is known nationally, is when senior medical students are given

notification of where they will begin their residency training following graduation.

"We couldn't be more pleased with our first match results," FSU College of Medicine Dean J. Ocie Harris, M.D. said. "The fact that every student had a successful match, and the high quality of the programs to which our students have been accepted, is a very strong indicator that we have developed a first-rate medical education program here at Florida State."

According to Director of Public Information for the FSU College of Medicine Nancy

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Kinnally, many of the students are going to be entering primary care facilities for their training, which satisfies the goal the College of Medicine has for its students.

Joda Lynn, one of the FSU fourth-year medical students assigned Thursday, is one of 12 out of 29 students, or 41 percent, who will be entering residency in primary care specialties, including family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine and obstetrics/gynecology.

Lynn said he was assigned to carry out his residency at his top choice location, Morton Plant Mease in Clearwater, Fla. where he will work in a family practice

residency.

"I'm going to have more direct patient contact and patient responsibility than I had in medical school," Lynn said. "I'll be assigned to patients and be responsible for treating them."

The rest of the students were placed in emergency medicine, psychiatry, general surgery, orthopedic surgery, urology and otolaryngology.

The inaugural class had a 30th member, however the student has been participating in the Clinical Research Training Program at the National Institutes of Health for the past year, so he will complete his medical school in the coming academic year.

Out of the students graduating from allopathic medical schools in Florida, usually only 40 percent end up staying in Florida for their residency. FSU's College of Medicine's inaugural class has nearly 50 percent of its students continuing to work in Florida. Many students leave the state due, partially, to the fact that there are a limited number of available residency positions in the state.

The National Residency Matching Program runs match day annually and graduating medical students are all told of their match information at the same time on the same day.