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FSU College of Medicine Announces Match Results

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – All 57 students in the FSU College of Medicine Class of 2008 received notification today of where they will enter residency training this summer after graduation. Thirty-eight of the 57 graduating students, or 67 percent, are entering residency in primary care specialties, including family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine and obstetrics/gynecology. Other students matched in anesthesiology, dermatology, emergency medicine, orthopedic surgery, pathology, plastic surgery and psychiatry. Thirty-three of the students, or 58 percent, will remain in Florida for their graduate medical education. Twelve percent of the students (seven total) will be at the Family Medicine Residency Program at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare. On average about 40 percent of students graduating from allopathic medical schools in Florida remain in the state for residency training, due in part to a limited number of available residency positions in state. The 58 percent of students remaining in Florida from FSU this year represents the largest percentage of any graduating class at the College of Medicine to secure residency positions in the state. Of those matching outside of Florida, students matched in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and Washington, D.C. “This is great news for the state of Florida with an extraordinarily high number - 58 percent - of our students able to remain here at a time when there simply aren’t enough residency positions in the state to go around,” said Dr. J. Ocie Harris, dean of the College of Medicine. “Overall, seeing that every one of our students had a successful match, and the quality of the programs they matched with, is a very strong indication of the first-rate medical education they are receiving here at Florida State.” The residency match, conducted annually by the National Resident Matching Program, is the primary system that matches applicants to residency programs with available positions at U.S. teaching hospitals. Graduating medical students across the country receive their match information at the same time on the same day.