

School of Medicine receives national award for family practice percentages

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The University of Nevada School of Medicine was one of 14 U.S. medical schools honored for its percentage of graduating students who pursue post-graduate residency programs in family practice. The American Academy of Family Physicians recently presented the Family Practice (FP) Percentage Awards in gold, silver and bronze categories during an annual meeting held in San Diego.

Nevada was one of 10 bronze medal winners. From 1991-93, approximately 21 percent of its medical students pursued residencies in family practice. South Alabama University, University of Arkansas, University of California-Irvine, Southern Illinois University, The Uniformed Services, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, Wright State University and Virginia Commonwealth University also received bronze medals.

1993 silver medals were awarded to East Carolina University, North Dakota University and Marshall University for graduating between 25 and 30 percent of their medical students into family practice residencies.

Mercer University in Macon, Ga., was the sole gold medalist with a three-year average of 33 percent. There are 127 medical schools throughout the U.S.

The Nevada medical school is one of the nation's top 15 medical schools in its percentage of students pursuing primary care careers (family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics). Nearly 50 percent of School of Medicine alumni practicing in Nevada are primary care physicians.

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