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Top Family Medicine Researchers Selected PAFP Honors 2012 “Research Day” Award Winners

(HARRISBURG, PA.) The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) has selected the **commonwealth’s top family medicine researchers!** The PAFP would like to congratulate and honor the award winners of its Research Day program, which fosters research and relationships among family medicine students, residents and faculty.

The winners are as follows: **Best student research:** Ashley Leberfinger, Upal Sarker, Sean Wallace (The Commonwealth Medical College); *"A Health Needs and Resource Assessment of the Old Order Amish Community in Northcentral and Northeastern Pennsylvania."* **Best resident research:** Elizabeth Loomis, MD (Lancaster General Health); *"Correlations between Cerebrovascular Risk Factors and HIV-Associated Dementia."* **Best faculty research and “Marc Connelly, MD Best Overall Research Award”:** Tom Raff, MD (Reading Hospital) and Steve Ratcliffe, MD (Lancaster General Health); *"FMEC-IMPLICIT: Preventing Premature Delivery One Woman at a Time; Putting Evidence-Based Medicine into Practice through a Collaborative Residency Cooperative."* **First-place poster winner:** Kelly Karpa, RPH, PhD (Penn State University); *"Teaching Medication Reconciliation in a PCMH Medical School Elective."* **Second-place poster winner:** Essie Reed (Penn State University); *"Consumption of and Clinical Symptoms Related to Energy Drinks in Adolescents."* **Third-place poster winner:** Janell Hill, MD, PhD (Lancaster General Health); *"Effects of an Educational Intervention on Alcohol Screening in a Rural Family Medicine Residency Clinic."*

Research Day began in 1989 and has grown to become a key place for medical students, residents, and family physicians to present their research to a supportive audience of their peers. Research Day provides a unique opportunity for future family physicians to keep practice-based research relevant throughout their career. Through the research presentations, poster presentations, plenary sessions and workshops, Research Day supports all participants to refine their presentation techniques, research methodology, and earn continuing medical education credits.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania family physicians) through advocacy and education to ensure a patient-centered medical home for every Pennsylvanian. The Academy and its Foundation are the leading influential resource among family physicians and physicians in training in Pennsylvania; the primary voice on health care issues with state legislative and administrative branches of government, media and professional health organizations; and the leader on health care issues in the community.

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