

Nine New Pharmacy Residents Revealed at Lee Health

(Fort Myers, FL – Mar. 28, 2018) --- Nine new pharmacy practice residents will be completing their training at Lee Health. The new residents were announced by the National Residency Matching Program on National Match Day March 20. The new residents include:

First-Year Residents:

- Jordan Barkes, University of North Carolina
- Michelle Estevez, Skaggs University of Colorado
- Kelly Groover, Auburn University
- Bryan Pinero-Acosta, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Melanie Rolfe, University of Florida
- Robert “Bobby” Sheridan, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Second-Year Specialty Residents:

- Pediatrics - Elizabeth Faville, PharmD, LECOM, PGY1 Lee Health
- Health System Pharmacy Administration - Farima Fakheri Raof, PharmD, Nova Southeastern University, PGY1 Lee Health
- Critical Care – Michelle Henninger, PharmD, Nova Southeastern University, PGY1 Cleveland Clinic Florida

“This is the tenth class recruited for our residency program. As we have built a strong foundation for our program, we have increased the number from an initial two residents to now having 10 residency positions available,” explains Suzanne Turner, Pharm.D, FASHP, program director of the Pharmacy Practice Residency Program at Lee Health. “We interviewed 24 applicants and filled all six of our first-year residency positions, and three of four specialty residents through the National Residency Matching Program.”

“The pharmacy residency training program assures highly-trained pharmacists for Lee Health patients and has strengthened the collaborative care provided at our facilities, ensuring our mission to optimize patient outcomes through interdisciplinary medication management,” states John A. Armitstead, MS, RPh, FASHP.

A total of 25 residents have completed the program at Lee Health since it started in 2008. Seven of 12 first-year graduates completed second-year specialty programs at Lee Health. The first-year program has a retention rate of over 50% of the past pharmacy residents staying on to work within the Lee Health system. All graduates of the program who have sat for board certifications exams have passed for a total of 24 advanced certifications in the areas of Pharmacotherapy, Oncology, Critical Care and Infectious Diseases.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.

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