



Family Medicine Phase II Outstanding Student

J. Michael Winer is the recipient of the 2016-2017 Outstanding Family Medicine student Award. Congratulations to Michael!

Michael wrote:

I am honored to have been selected! This rotation was career-defining for me - much to the hard work and opportunities faculty and local health champions provided for us students. I had many incredible mentors during the rotation: Dr. Sava & Dr. Briones at First Choice Edgewood, Dr. Melanie Baca & Dr. Elena Bissell at Atrisco Heritage, Amy Clithero at UNM, and many more. These experiences changed my original direction towards Family Medicine. I am especially interested in Adolescent Medicine and LGBTQ health and am excited to be on a path to Family Medicine. I look forward to working with the department more this year!

I was raised between Farmington and the Navajo Reservation where I lived with my mother, a teacher. She would tell me of the difficulties her students and their families faced. Watching her gave me a deeper understanding of the social determinants of health through the lived experiences of people in our state. I was lucky to have been a part of the Combined BA/MD program at UNM, which really grew my desire to work in primary care. In undergrad and while attending the University of New Mexico SOM, I have been actively involved in addressing healthcare issues faced by marginalized and vulnerable populations. One of my favorite posts is with Casa Q, the only state shelter for LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness, where I get to create art programming for youth to develop a therapeutic relationship with new mediums and create roots within the community.