

Genevieve Mulligan

The Outstanding Medical Student in Michigan is one of our favorite honors to give, as it offers us all an early look at the bright future of family medicine in our state. The award recognizes an MAFP student member for academic excellence, leadership, community service, and dedication to pursuing a career as a family physician.

An outstanding family doctor possesses strong technical skills, empathy, courage, and leadership. They have excellent communication skills, actively listening and engaging with individuals and families. Their comprehensive knowledge ensures personalized treatment plans tailored to each patient's unique needs, promoting overall well-being.

This year's Outstanding Medical Student in Michigan, Genevieve Mulligan, is well on her way to a career embodying all these virtues.

As a medical student at the University of Michigan, Genevieve has grown as a practitioner and researcher. Her clinical work demonstrates consistently high levels of excellence, and she has shown tremendous passion as she leads efforts to eliminate health disparities in her communities. She is growing into a powerful voice for the people she serves and is poised to become a dynamic change agent as she advances in her career. Combining her Masters in Public Health with her medical training, she will be a force for good wherever she goes.

Genevieve's leadership skills have already been demonstrated through her tireless commitment to the work of the Family Medicine Interest Group, where she has organized and sought funding for compelling activities and events for the benefit of all. She leads numerous other student groups, as well, and has driven dialogue about racism and equal opportunity in multiple settings.

But what is most striking about Genevieve's work is how she follows her words up with actions that matter. During the past year, for example, she has spent time assisting a second-year medical student with a disability. Genevieve scribes and facilitates physical exams for this individual while also providing clinical care and assisting with her ADLs. Offering this personal care and level of effort while maintaining leadership positions and achieving excellence in her own coursework makes Genevieve more than an outstanding medical student. It makes her an outstanding human being.

At the same time, Genevieve's volunteer work extends into communities outside of her own. She serves as a clinical volunteer in Detroit and Flint, acts as a local chapter founder and curriculum coordinator for a size inclusivity organization, and even leads an art course for medical students. She also finds time to serve as an admissions ambassador and administrator for the U of M Medical School.

Of course, along the way, Genevieve has collected many honors and awards. She has been recognized by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Foundation, and the American Academy of Family Physicians. She also has received a scholarship from the Deans at the University of Michigan Medical School, who have recognized her potential to be a leader in medicine.