



Dr. Jennifer Romeu

Each year, MAFP honors outstanding individuals in the Michigan family medicine community who exemplify the mission, vision, and values of the Academy. We present the Michigan Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award to an educator who has made outstanding contributions to family medicine undergraduate, graduate, and/or continuing education in Michigan.

A great medical educator is the cornerstone of future healthcare excellence. With passion and expertise, they sculpt the minds of budding physicians, molding them into compassionate and competent healers. And, in a way that's particularly important to all of us, these skilled leaders go well beyond imparting knowledge. They also foster a culture of curiosity and lifelong learning, propelling the field forward. The impact of a great medical educator is profound and felt in every accurate diagnosis, every innovative treatment, and every life saved.

This year's award recipient, Dr. Jennifer Romeu, is the associate residency program director at Central Michigan University's College of Medicine. In this role, she serves as a valued mentor for residents in family medicine. Along the way, she has become a vital champion for the discipline, demonstrating the skill and bedside manner all physicians should bring to their work. Thanks to her fine example, the newer physicians coming into our field will be stronger, more talented, and ready to discern how they can better approach their research and interactions with patients.

Dr. Romeu's own previous education and work have demonstrated a solid grounding in these activities. She earned her medical degree at Ross University School of Medicine and completed her residency training at the CMU College of Medicine in Saginaw. She also holds a master's degree in management with an emphasis in Health Services Administration from St. Thomas University, where she maintained a research focus on closing healthcare gaps in communities with limited English proficiency.

Today, Dr. Romeu continues to pursue her interests in family medicine and beyond. In her practice, she focuses on integrative medicine, diet and nutrition, women's health, pediatric care, and rounds on the newborn nursery at her local hospital.

In his nomination form putting Dr. Romeu forward for this role, Dr. Mohammed Aamir Saiyed emphasized her impact on future generations of medical students, writing that "Dr. Romeu not only practices holistic medicine for her own patient panel, but she also ensures that family medicine residents are focusing on the psychosocial wellbeing of all patients seen at the CMU family medicine clinic. She goes above and beyond to ensure that patient queries are answered in a timely fashion. Her bedside manners are among the best I've seen in my career. She is worthy of this award for all the medical and non-medical effort should she puts in for her patients, colleagues, students, and resident physicians."