

## 2026 Outstanding Medical Student in Michigan — Jordan Kamen

The Outstanding Medical Student in Michigan Award honors a student who exemplifies academic excellence, leadership, service, and commitment to primary care. This award recognizes an emerging leader whose dedication and purpose reflect the promise and future of family medicine. This year, we are proud to recognize **Jordan Kamen**.

Jordan is a medical student at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, where she has distinguished herself through leadership, academic achievement, and a deep commitment to the values of family medicine. A merit scholarship recipient and Corewell Health Foundation Scholar, she has earned recognition not only for her passion for the specialty, but for the breadth and quality of her work across clinical, research, and service settings. She has emerged as a strong advocate for the specialty, a trusted leader among her peers, and someone who brings both thoughtfulness and initiative to everything she takes on.

One of the clearest examples of that leadership can be seen in her work with the Family Medicine Interest Group, where she served as President. As a student leader, Jordan helped expand involvement, organize regular events, and strengthen connections among students, practicing family physicians, and community partners. Under her leadership, the group created opportunities for specialty exploration, mentoring, skills-building, and engagement that helped raise the visibility of family medicine across campus.

That commitment extends well beyond campus.

Jordan has demonstrated a strong dedication to serving others through her work with Street Medicine Oakland, the Student Run Free Clinic through the Gary Bernstein Clinic in Pontiac, and other outreach efforts that support underserved populations.

What makes Jordan especially deserving of this recognition is not just that she has been active or accomplished—though she certainly has been both. Most honorable is the through-line in all of her work: a clear and consistent commitment to the cornerstone values of family medicine - relationships, community, service, and caring for the whole person.

At a time when the future of primary care matters more than ever, it is encouraging to see students like Jordan stepping forward with this kind of passion and purpose. She represents the very best of what we hope to see in the next generation of family physicians.