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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*THE HORIZON LEANS FORWARD,  
OFFERING YOU SPACE TO PLACE  
NEW STEPS OF CHANGE.*

–MAYA ANGELOU

Dear Robert Graham Center Family and Friends,

As we step into a new year, I reflect on the strides we've taken at the Robert Graham Center and the opportunities that lie ahead. This past year has been marked by progress, celebration, and the enduring commitment to advancing primary care research and its transformative impact on health systems.

The North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Annual Meeting was once again a standout moment. [Our presence was robust, with numerous poster and podium presentations highlighting the breadth of our work.](#) A special acknowledgment to Michael Topmiller, whose presentation on identifying counties with persistently low primary care physician capacity and high Black population percentages earned recognition as one of the top three papers. His mainstage presentation was both compelling and timely. We also celebrated our 25th anniversary at NAPCRG, joined by all past directors to honor our legacy

and look toward the future. It was a joyful moment to commemorate our journey and reaffirm our mission.

In November, we released the **Primary Care Evidence Report** titled ["Primary Care: The MVP of MSSP"](#). This report underscores the pivotal role of primary care in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), illustrating its ability to drive better health outcomes and efficiency across the system.

Looking ahead, the upcoming release of the **Milbank Scorecard** [on February 18th](#) is another milestone we eagerly anticipate. Now in its third year, this edition will focus on the far-reaching consequences of underinvestment in primary care and the misallocation of funding that affects patients and clinicians alike. Our team has worked tirelessly to ensure the scorecard continues to provide critical insights and inspire meaningful change.

As we chart our course for this new year, I am deeply grateful for the dedication of our team, the collaboration of our partners, and the shared vision of our community. Together, we continue to push the horizon forward, creating space for change and progress in primary care.

Here's to another year of impact and innovation!

Yalda Jabbarpour, MD

# THE VISITING SCHOLARS & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS CORNER

## About the Visiting Scholars Program

*The Robert Graham Center hosts a month-long visiting scholars program in health policy. This program is supported by a generous grant from the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, the philanthropic foundation of the American Board of Family Medicine. Visiting scholars work directly with staff on original research projects developed by the scholar on a topic of interest to them with the goal of a national publication and dissemination.*

## About the Fellowship Program

*The Robert Graham Center in collaboration with Georgetown University co-sponsor a one-year fellowship in health policy and faculty development. Fellows work with Graham Center staff to address primary care health policy questions of interest. At the end of the year, fellows have completed a project of their choosing with dissemination on the national level.*

## SCHOLARS OF THE MONTH FEATURE



*Lauren Clore*

Lauren Clore, BS, is a fourth-year medical student at Georgetown University School of Medicine. She is originally from the San Francisco Bay Area and earned her undergraduate degree from Tufts University. Prior to medical school, she worked with the All of Us Research Program to advance precision medicine and increase inclusion of underrepresented populations in medical research.

In medical school, Lauren joined the Primary Care Leadership Track, growing her passion for primary care and care of underserved patients. As an AHEC scholar, Lauren has pursued research on social determinants of health in low-income pediatric populations. Lauren is excited to bring together primary care, research, policy, and health equity at the Robert Graham Center and apply these skills in her future career.

Stephen “Steve” Lencioni is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine applying to Family Medicine residency. A 2019 graduate with a degree in Public Health from the University of Nevada, Reno, Steve first discovered his interest for health systems and Graduate Medical Education (GME) financing during an internship with the Nevada State Medical Association as an undergraduate.

During medical school, Steve has demonstrated commitment to advocacy, holding various roles in the AMA, AAFP, NSMA and serving board of his county medical society. Beyond advocacy, Steve has worked to improve access to care in his home state. In 2023, he spearheaded an innovative GME financing bill for the Nevada State Legislature. Recognizing the importance of mentorship, he has also contributed to shaping the future of physician advocates by developing the Scholarly Concentration in Health Policy and Advocacy at UNR Med.

Steve’s journey led him to the Larry A. Green Visiting Scholars program, where he aims to collaborate with primary care experts and enhance his research skills in GME financing.



*Stephen Lencioni*

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- [PCC 2024 Evidence Report: An Evaluation of Primary Care in Medicare Accountable Care Organizations](#)
- [The Impact of Primary Care Physician Capacity on Preventable Hospitalizations: Identifying Bright Spots in the Appalachian & Mississippi Delta Regions](#)
- [“I consider myself to be a leader”: A Qualitative Exploration of Early Career Women Family Physicians’ Intentions to Assume a Leadership Role](#)
- [Family physicians’ perspectives on outcomes, processes, and policies in dementia care](#)
- [PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE CARE OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA](#)
- [fRAP 2.0: a community engagement method applied to cervical cancer disparities among Hispanic women](#)
- [Continuity Matters: Financial Impact of the G2211 Code in Primary Care](#)
- [A Few Doctors Will See Some of You: The Critical Role of Underrepresented Minority Physicians in Medicaid](#)
- [Policy Briefs with Personality: How to Innovatively Disseminate Evidence for Advocacy](#)
- [The Failing Experiment of Primary Care as a For-Profit Enterprise](#)
- [Understanding the Health Care Needs of the Deaf Community Through Medical Interpreters](#)
- [Opioid Prescribing Has Significantly Decreased in Primary Care](#)

## RGC In the News

- [Making the Grade: What steps can healthcare stakeholders take to elevate primary care in the United States?](#)
- [Why Aren’t More PCPs Offering Contraceptive Services?](#)

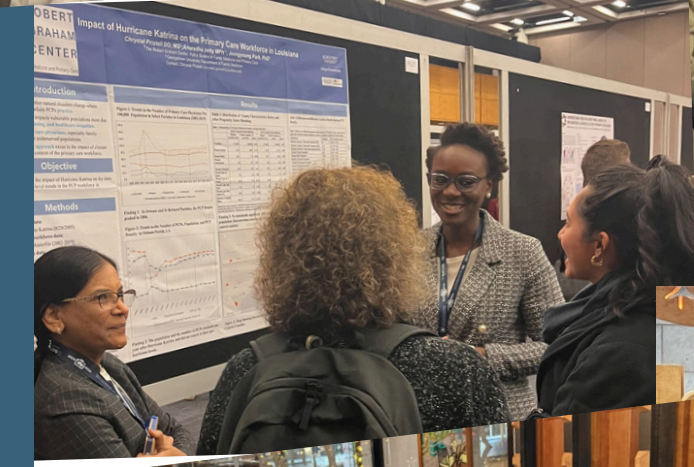
## AAFP Shoutout

- [Family Medicine Visiting Scholarship at the Graham Center: A Day in the Life](#)
- [In Their Own Words: Your AAFP Staff Celebrates Women in Medicine Month](#)

## Upcoming Staff Presentation

- Yalda Jabbarpour, MD -- Milbank Year 3 Scorecard Webinar: Feb. 18 [follow Milbank for registration details]

# 2024: A YEAR IN PHOTOS



# Happy New Year!



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