



## Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Program of Excellence Award Winners

### *Joyce Jeardeau Memorial Faculty Award*

**Jennifer Raley, MD, FAAFP**  
**University of Texas Medical Branch John Sealy School of Medicine**

Dr. Jennifer Raley is the cornerstone of FMIG at UTMB and has served as faculty advisor for many years. As classes of medical students have come and gone over the years, she has remained vital to our FMIG's continued success. Her planning, detailed organization, passion, and vision for FMIG have helped our organization become what it is today, a wonderful close-knit team that seeks to teach students about the scope of Family Medicine by offering high quality teaching and mentorship through a variety of workshops, events, and community service outreach.

In addition to organizing FMIG events, Dr. Raley has worked wholeheartedly to build a true community within FMIG. Every year commences with an officer retreat held at her home where members meet to plan and discuss the upcoming years events. She creates a warm, inviting environment to open the floor to new ideas and discussions for changes we want to make, what went well, and what can be improved. When a student comes forward with a new idea, Dr. Raley will do everything she can to help the student organize and execute their vision. In addition to attending all officer meetings, Dr. Raley makes a special effort to be present and involved at nearly all FMIG events (approximately 20 during the 2023-2024 school year), including vaccine drives, officer meetings, as well as attending and teaching at larger events and workshops. Every part of FMIG is infused with her dedication to Family Medicine.

When she is not busy helping FMIG, Dr. Raley mentors and teaches students throughout the year. She is a Family Medicine faculty in the practice of medicine (POM) course offered to medical students all 4 years of UTMB. In this role she has consistently taught students focused physical exam skills, reviewed notes, and offered valuable performance feedback all with a compassionate touch. As some of our FMIG officers know firsthand, Dr. Raley goes the extra mile to make sure students are learning thorough exam skills and are being challenged to become more competent and empathetic physicians. In her POM groups, she creates an open learning environment in which students feel comfortable sharing both personal and medical stories. Personally, I have learned from Dr. Raley how to give compassionate and constructive feedback in a group setting, a skill that has been useful in leading our FMIG team.

For over 10 years, Dr. Raley has worked tirelessly to elevate FMIG to what it is today. Despite the changing years and faces of FMIG, Dr. Raley has remained a constant. During COVID,

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she led students through the trials of virtual learning with fearless grace. She has never wavered in her devotion to remaining an active faculty advisor to FMIG. Dr. Jennifer Raley is truly a person deserving of recognition for her embodied dedication and service to FMIG, Family Medicine, and medical student education. She has changed the lives of many who have had the privilege to work with her. I do not doubt she will continue to impact the lives of future Family Medicine physicians for generations to come.