UMASS Fitchburg Entering Residents 2010-2011

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**Timothy Lowney, DO** will graduate in June from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. He has a BA in English from Boston College and worked in operations management for home medical services before entering PCOM. He continues to consult in business software development. He has a passion for reaching out to the underserved and putting his osteopathic skills into practice. We cannot introduce Tim without noting that his cousins include Mike Lowney, a current PGY1, and Liz Gebhard, a graduate of our program. His family has contributed enormously to the osteopathic family medicine training of Fitchburg residents for many years. He volunteered for medical services for the Lance Armstrong Foundation LiveStrong 100 mile bike race since 2007 so he will be well prepared to assist at the Fitchburg Longsjo Classic in July.

**Rocio Nordfeldt, MD** graduated from Universidad San Martin de Porres in Peru and trained and practiced general practice before moving to Framingham MA in 2006. She has recently worked at UMassMemorial as a research assistant and as an interpreter in Spanish and Portuguese. She comes to us with strong recommendation from her clinical training and her service work. Rocio has demonstrated a commitment to serving the underserved in Peru and in Massachusetts. She enjoys music and crafts with her daughter, volleyball, conditioning, reading, and arts.

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**Matthew Plosker, MD** will graduate from Ross University School of Medicine in May. Preceptors repeatedly note his gift for relating with people, demonstration of empathy, and ability to teach in the clinical setting and even on the golf course. He shined with outstanding clinical performance. Matthew is a graduate of University of Tampa where he studied biology and marine biology, with minors in chemistry and environmental science. He found time to compete and achieve national NCAA ranking in golf. He worked as a research scientist with AstraZeneca in Waltham before entering medical school. He is eager to embrace comprehensive family medicine, and has great interest in obstetrics, his father’s field of practice. He was raised in Somerset MA and hopes to remain in the state to practice. An avid golfer, he also enjoys classic rock, the great outdoors, and skiing.

**Elliot Schaeffer, DO** will graduate in May from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, PA. Originally from West Hartford, CT, he studied biology and economics at Brandeis University and he is eager to return to his close ties in Massachusetts. Before entering medical school, Elliot undertook studies of Southeast Asia with the Pacific Challenge experiential learning program in 2005, which he followed with volunteer work in Tsunami recovery in Thailand. He joined a medical outreach project in Kenya in 2007. He has lived up to a lifelong strong desire to help those who are less privileged and living in underserved communities. He is skilled in Spanish and in sign language. He enjoys nature and the outdoors, and he is an avid sports fan and participant.

We welcome you all to Fitchburg Family Medicine!