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**Boston Student Selected for
Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute
Jin is one of 30 Participants**

Boston, MA — Helen Jin is one of just 30 scholarship winners nationwide selected to participate in the *Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute*. Jin is a 4th year medical student at Boston University. As a scholarship winner, Ms. Jin will participate in a year-long leadership development program.

The *Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute* is a program of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation. It is funded by family physician donors and aims to identify and train Family Medicine residents and medical students who have leadership potential, but may not yet have served in a major leadership role.

In the increasingly fragmented world of health care, a family physician's leadership skills are more important than ever before. Communities look to family physicians for guidance on everything from proper nutrition to management of chronic health conditions to providing humanitarian aid to those in need.

“Change requires strong leadership. Future physicians like Jin are the up-and-coming leaders with the power to transform healthcare in America – I’m confident we will learn as much from her as she will learn from us. This unique leadership opportunity will help her build the skills and experience that will accelerate her ability to impact her patients, communities, and the healthcare environment overall. We are pleased to have her join us in July as a Scholar of the *Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute*,” AAFP Foundation President Hughes Melton, MD, said.

Jin will receive a \$1,000 scholarship towards travel expenses to attend both the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students (National Conference) and the AAFP Foundation *Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leadership Institute*. Over the course of one year, the scholarship winners will work with a mentor to complete a project related to one of three tracks: Policy & Public Health Leadership, Personal & Practice Leadership, and Philanthropic & Mission-Driven Leadership. Jin will work on a project in the Personal & Practice Leadership track.

“Jin hopes to gain more experience in promoting and improving quality of care in community health centers with the guidance of AAFP leaders”

At the end of the year-long program, the projects will be evaluated and an additional \$1,000 scholarship will be given to the top two medical students and the top two Family Medicine residents in each of the three tracks to attend the 2018 National Conference to present their winning projects. Finally, one Best Project Award will be named for each of the three tracks, and will provide the recipient with an additional \$3,000 scholarship for participation in a designated major event related to the track.

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About the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

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