

The “Outstanding Community Partner” Award
HONOREE



Dr. Michael Friedman, M.D.

Dr. Michael Friedman is now the Program Director of Family Medicine Residency Training Program at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center. He joined the Saint Elizabeth Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program in 1998. In 2000 he added the responsibility of Medical Director of the Wildcat Student Health Center, a school based health clinic, located a few blocks from Saint Elizabeth Hospital.

Prior to joining Saint Elizabeth, Dr. Friedman was on the faculty of the UIC College of Medicine, where he remains an Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine. In addition, Dr. Friedman serves as a preceptor for medical students from Chicago Medical School and Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Friedman has earned several teaching awards from Saint Elizabeth Hospital and from UIC. He has presented at several national meetings and written on clinical reasoning. His most recent grant project focuses on cultural competency education in health care delivery. Previous grant awards established curricula in community oriented primary care (COPC) and helped establish the Wildcat Student Health Center at Roberto Clemente Community Academy.

When asked what he hopes for the future of family physicians, Dr. Friedman answered, "I hope that Americans come to recognize the simple elegance of our profession. Now more than ever, people need a physician who understands their health in the context of their family, however that is defined."

In 2005, he was named as the Family Medicine Teacher of the Year by the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. On October 30, 2007, Dr. Michael Friedman was honored with the CPS “Outstanding Community Partner” Award for co-founding the Wildcats Student Health Center and for having served as the center’s Medical Director for nearly a decade as a volunteer physician.

The “Outstanding Community Partner” Award

HONOREE



Dr. Virginia Bishop, MD, MPH

Dr. Virginia Bishop, MD, MPH, has been teaching at Northwestern University School of Medicine since 1998. She is also coordinator for professional experiences in the FSM's Masters in Public Health Program, who directs the Participatory Community Research Resource Center (PCR-RC). The PCR-RC research development requires the continuation, enhancement, and creation of trust relationships with non-clinical community-based organizations.

Dr. Bishop, a Chicago native, is fluent in Spanish and is trusted by numerous community agencies. She is central to FSM training in community settings, experienced in carrying out community-based participatory research, and an active co-investigator on NIH-funded community-oriented projects in the FSM Department of Preventive Medicine. One of these is the newly NHLBI-funded Hispanic Community Health Study.

On October 30, 2007, Dr. Virginia Bishop was honored with the CPS “Outstanding Community Partner” Award for co-founding the Wildcats Student Health Clinic and for having served as its Preventive Education Manager and Chairperson of the Community Advisory Board for nearly a decade as a volunteer physician.