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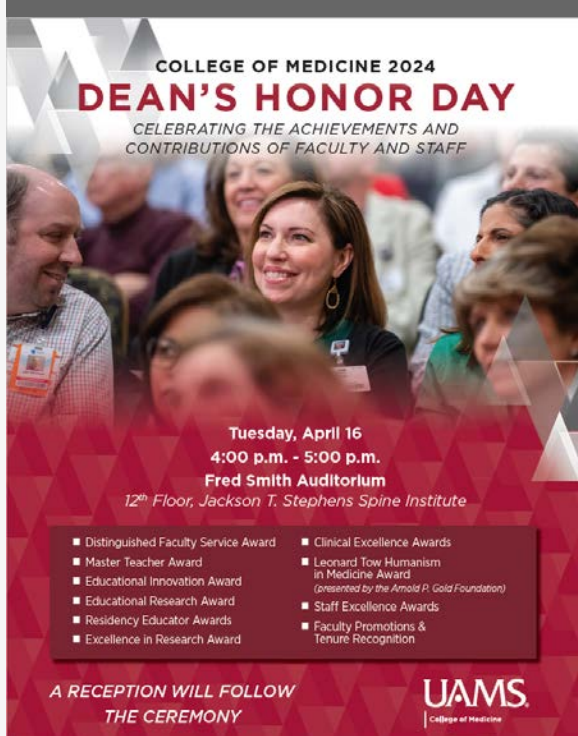
## It's a Match!

Congratulations to members of the Class of 2024 on their matches to excellent residency programs across Arkansas and beyond at the [Match Day ceremony](#) on March 15. Nearly half of the class will be joining programs in Arkansas, while others matched to programs in 25 other states. About 48 percent will be training in primary care specialties. Here is a [list of where our seniors are going](#).



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR | Dean's Honor Day, April 16!



The College of Medicine will recognize exemplary faculty and staff at the 2024 Dean's Honor Day celebration on **Tuesday, April 16**. The ceremony is scheduled for **4:00-5:00 p.m.** in Fred Smith Auditorium, 12th floor of the Stephens Spine and Neurosciences Institute, with a reception following. In addition to awards for excellence in education, research, clinical care, humanism and service, we will pay tribute to faculty members receiving promotion and/or tenure this year. ([Download the flyer](#)).

## NEW FACULTY

Please join us in welcoming these recent additions to the COM faculty.



**Joseph DeLuca, M.D.**, has joined the Department of **Internal Medicine**, Division of **General Internal Medicine**, practicing in El Dorado. [READ MORE](#)



**Anuradha Kunthur, M.D.**, has rejoined the Department of **Internal Medicine** as an Associate Professor in the Division of **Hematology and Oncology**. [READ MORE](#)



**Obeid Shafi, M.D.**, has joined the Department of **Pediatrics** as an Assistant Professor in the Section of **Clinical Informatics**. [READ MORE](#)

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## RECENT GRANTS



### Next Generation Treatments for Devastating Vascular Anomalies

**Graham Strub, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of **Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**, has received a \$3.17 million R01 grant from the NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. "Next Generation Treatments for Lymphatic Malformations" will investigate how nanoparticle-delivered microRNAs can reverse abnormal gene expression and growth of lymphatic malformations. [READ MORE](#)

Congratulations to College of Medicine team members who were awarded new extramural grants in February. This monthly list, courtesy of the College of Medicine Office of Research, excludes clinical trials and awards under \$10,000, as well as grants we have previously reported.

**Fenghuang Zhan, M.D., Ph.D.**, Department of **Internal Medicine**, U54 – Project 1, National Institute of Health, National Cancer Institute, (9/1/2023 – 8/31/2027), **\$275,400**.

**Jessica Snowden, M.D.**, **IDeA States Pediatric Network Data Coordinating & Operations Center**, ECHO Supplement Weaning Protocol, National Institute of Health, (9/1/2023 – 5/31/2024), **\$105,928**.

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