

# Match Day

## Lights the Flame of the Future for Medical Students

After four challenging years of medical school, medical students were ecstatic on Match Day, when they learned where they would spend their residency training years.

March 21 was the day; the place, the Sangamo Club in Springfield. Sixty-three students participated in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP); two students previously secured positions through the military match, and three others matched in early match specialties. Other U.S. medical students learned of their matches the same day through the NRMP, an impartial program that matches applicants and residency programs.

Continuing a hallmark of SIU School of Medicine, more than half of the 68 students in the graduating class matched in primary care specialties. Further matching SIU's goal, an impressive 69 percent of SIU School of Medicine students will continue training in the Midwest.

"We are particularly proud that SIU graduates continue to focus their career plans on primary care, even though there was a decrease nationally in that area," says J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D., interim dean and provost. "I'm very proud of our students, and our faculty deserves credit for preparing our students so well." ■

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Emotions ran high on Match Day.



*They've got mail: Above, Angela Schilsky (left) and her husband, John, laugh with Lori Earnshaw; At left, left to right, Alejandro Jimenez, Kristofer Mitchell, Gregory Gerstner, Rita Gandhi, Sameer Bavishi, Daniel Martin, Veling Tsai, and Thomas Matthew show off their envelopes.*

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*No peeking, Omar Ahmad!*



*La Kesha Smith was all smiles.*

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*Caroline Watson shares her good news.*

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