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WSUGME continues to be one of the founding participants in [MIDOCs](#), a state-funded initiative to encourage physicians to pursue training in primary care in underserved or rural areas of Michigan while alleviating their educational debt. In 2021, our 6 residents in the Family Medicine-Urban Track will be joined by 3 more; our 2 residents in the Preventive Medicine program will be joined by 2 trainees. Among other activities, the [Resident Council](#) is in the midst of planning the second annual Professional Development Symposium, delayed from the spring, now to be held as a virtual event in April 2021. The theme will be “Leadership in Medicine,” always an important topic but especially so given the events of the past year. I strongly encourage residents to take the initiative in engaging in Council activities to help ensure their success. The 2020-2021 [Seed Grant](#) applications for both Research and Quality Improvement projects are now available on the WSUGME website. We continue to have very high resident participation in QI initiatives, and a Seed Grant can be used to help finance projects for more robust outcomes. In the summer of 2020, GME established a [Health Disparities](#) Task Force to create a HD curriculum with multiple learning options for programs; we anticipate adoption of this new curriculum starting in the summer of 2021. Our [Resident Wellness Scale](#) has provided GME with much useful data on wellness indicators and outcomes, and questions on the 2020 GME survey specifically addressed the effect of the pandemic on residents’ psychological and physical well-being. An update on our wellness initiatives will appear in the *Ochsner Journal* in spring 2021. GME would like to thank all residents, faculty, and staff for their dedication to achieving the very best in patient care and creating an optimal clinical learning and teaching environment. WSUGME wishes you all a safe and productive 2021!

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