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New Class of 12 Pediatric Residents Begins at Nemours Children's Hospital

Orlando, FL – Nemours Children's Hospital recently held a special ceremony to officially welcome the second group of recruited physicians in training for its three-year residency program. At a special ceremony that honored social distancing practices, long white coats were given to each member of the class of 12, recruited by Nemours from around the country.

"This class has a strong dedication to serving their communities and underserved populations to eradicate long-seen healthcare disparities. Many of them have been teachers, tutors, and educators," said Dr. Amber Hoffman, program director. "Additionally, they have demonstrated a thirst for accelerating knowledge for pediatric research."

These physician interns represent the diverse population that Nemours serves, said Dr. Heather Fagan, interim chief of pediatrics and an award-winning medical educator who developed the graduate medical education infrastructure at Nemours Children's Hospital.

Under her leadership, the hospital was awarded institutional accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in 2016, and has been granted continued accreditation.

"Welcoming our second class of residents allows us to ensure that Nemours Children's Hospital is contributing to the long-term goals of serving the children of central Florida," said Dr. Fagan. "In order to have a pediatric academic medical center we need to have excellence in clinical care, groundbreaking research that is ongoing, and a strong medical education program to train the future generation of physicians."

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Editor's Note: Downloadable video and soundbites are available

About Nemours Children's Health System

Nemours is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the two free-standing children's hospitals: the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del., and Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in five states, delivering pediatric primary, specialty and urgent care. Nemours also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org, and offers on-demand, online video patient visits through Nemours CareConnect. Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org is a program dedicated to preventing reading failure in young children, grounded in Nemours' understanding that child health and learning are inextricably linked, and that reading level is a strong predictor of adult health.

Established as The Nemours Foundation through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, Nemours provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy and prevention programs to families in the communities it serves.

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