

Resident Leadership Award Melissa Cunningham, M.D.



Melissa Cunningham, M.D., is a family medicine resident at The Ohio State University (OSU) Family Medicine Residency Program in Columbus, Ohio. Cunningham completed medical school at OSU College of Medicine, Columbus, in 2007.

Cunningham served as co-chief resident of OSU's Family Medicine Residency Program during the last academic year. She graduated *cum laude* and earned her Bachelors of Science in Computer Science from University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"In her short time in medicine, Melissa has been able to bring together so many of the talents we see in successful family physicians. She is a compassionate physician, an enthusiastic champion of our specialty, a servant leader, an altruistic human being, and a patient advocate through her leadership skills and personal commitment to medicine," stated Linda Stone, M.D., who recently retired as associate dean for student affairs at OSU.

Among her numerous leadership roles, Cunningham serves as American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) resident delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates and is a council member of Ohio State Medical Association.

In 2007, her commitment to leadership and service were recognized when she was named to receive the OSU Department of Family Medicine John Lombardo Community Service Award.

Cunningham currently resides in Worthington.

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