

Abigail Geisinger Scholars Program Newsletter

Happy spring!

Though this semester has been anything but normal, we hope you and yours are doing well.

Some friendly reminders:

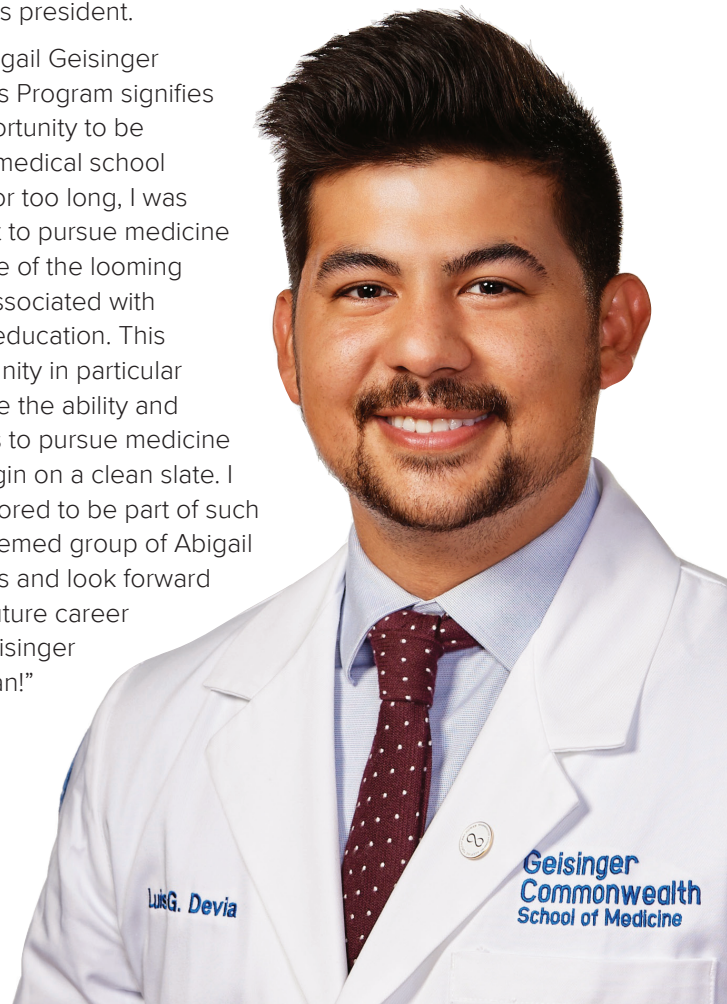
- If you haven't already done so, reach out to your mentor and contact your career coach.
- This summer we will have a gathering in early August with Geisinger leadership, Abigail Scholars mentors and the new Abigail Scholars students. Stay tuned for more information.

Abigail Geisinger Scholar spotlight

Luis Devia
MD Class of 2023

"After graduating from Elizabethtown College in 2014, I worked in R&D at a pharmaceutical company while also coaching youth soccer. In 2018, I completed my Master of Biomedical Sciences from Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. I went on to serve as a research intern within the Center of Excellence at Geisinger Commonwealth and also held a brief adjunct position at the University of Scranton. Now at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, I am involved with several student interest groups and clubs, as well as serve on the MD1 Executive Board as the class president.

The Abigail Geisinger Scholars Program signifies an opportunity to be free of medical school debt. For too long, I was hesitant to pursue medicine because of the looming costs associated with higher education. This opportunity in particular gave me the ability and impetus to pursue medicine and begin on a clean slate. I am honored to be part of such an esteemed group of Abigail Scholars and look forward to my future career as a Geisinger physician!"



Abigail Geisinger Scholars leadership spotlight

Gerald Maloney, DO
Chief Medical Officer for Geisinger
Hospitals and Associate Dean for Clinical
Affairs for GCSOM



“The Abigail Geisinger Scholars program is a win for everyone. The student doesn’t have to borrow to pay tuition and has a guaranteed job after training. Geisinger wins by having a steady supply of good, well-trained doctors who will help us fulfill our mission to take great care of our patients and members”

As associate dean for clinical affairs for Geisinger Commonwealth, Gerald Maloney, DO, plays a central role as liaison between the educational function and the clinical system. Dr. Maloney is responsible for advising the dean and senior leadership regarding the integration of education

functions with the clinical enterprise. Such education functions include undergraduate and graduate medical education programs, as well as nursing and programs in other areas of the health profession. The associate dean assists the dean and vice dean in recruiting faculty to assume teaching and advising roles for the medical school and also participates in faculty development activities. He helps design, lead and implement innovative educational programs for all learners at Geisinger.

In addition to his new role, Dr. Maloney is chief medical officer (CMO) for Geisinger Hospitals, a position he assumed in 2017. As CMO, he oversees clinical services, quality and operations in the 8-hospital system with 10 inpatient campuses and 2 ambulatory surgery centers and supervises CMOs at each hospital. Underscoring his commitment to medical education, he also founded and edits *Teachable Moments*, a monthly newsletter highlighting a quality-of-care concern, and established a grand rounds program, “First, Do No Harm: Anatomy of a Medical Error,” presented monthly across the Geisinger system.

Prior to his appointment as CMO of Geisinger Hospitals, Dr. Maloney served as CMO of Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre. An internist, he also has expertise in oncology care and palliative care. Dr. Maloney’s dedication to medical education is long-standing, as he was on the teaching faculty at Scranton Temple Residency Program until 2000 and serves as a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia and as clinical associate professor of medicine at Geisinger Commonwealth.

He serves on numerous boards and is a frequent lecturer in the higher education community. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and American Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners and a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Why is leadership in medicine so important?

Some resources help to answer the question.

- The Harvard Macy Institute Podcast on Apple Podcasts: [Leadership development for the health professions](#)
- Arnold, Louise, Cuddy, Paul, Hathaway, Susan, Quaintance, Jennifer, Kanter, Steven. “Medical School Factors That Prepare Students to Become Leaders in Medicine.” *Acad Med*. 2018;93(2):274-282. | [Access with GCSOM account](#). | [Access on GHS network \(VPN or Citrix\)](#).
- Vender, Ronald. “Leadership: An Overview.” *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2015;110(3):362-367. doi:10.1038/ajg.2014.199. | [Access with GCSOM account](#). | [Access on GHS network \(VPN or Citrix\)](#).

