

Fourth-year medical students celebrate Match Day 2017

March 20, 2017 2:30 PM Carolyn Scofield

cscofiel@tulane.edu

504-247-1443

Tulane students celebrated Match Day with hugs, cheers and champagne toasts. (Video by Carolyn Scofield)

Match Day is the culmination of four challenging years, and, in some ways, is the most exciting day of the medical school experience. Every year at a predetermined time, medical students at schools nationwide learn simultaneously which hospital will educate them for the next three to seven years. This year, 205 Tulane University School of Medicine students matched with residency programs across the country.

"We have a record number of students going into primary care from Tulane," says Dr. Marc Kahn, senior associate dean. More than forty percent of this year's class is pursuing residencies in either internal medicine, pediatrics or family medicine. That's unusual. There is a great primary care need not only for the state of Louisiana but also the country. If we can train more people to be primary care providers, I think we are really providing a service to the health care of our nation."