

Temple/St. Luke's Medical Students to Learn Residency Assignments on Match Day

By Sam Kennedy

Bethlehem - Match Day this year fell on St. Patrick's Day, a celebration of the Irish culture, all-things green and good luck. Facchiano and her Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine classmates thanked a little extra good fortune as their "matches" for residency training were revealed in the Match Day ceremony.

"What I've wanted for the past four years is to continue learning and working at St. Luke's," says Facchiano, who would become the first medical doctor in her large family; her grandmother was a nurse for 45 years, her brother is a veterinarian, and her aunt is a dentist.

"I'm confident I'll receive excellent training in residency here, just as I did in medical school."

Match Day is a national rite of passage for medical school students moving onto residency programs. A complex algorithm matches the students' top choice of residencies with the programs' top choice of students. This "match" news is conveyed to each student through an envelope that they opened at 12-noon. Post-graduate medical education can last from four to seven years, including residency and fellowship.

The Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine at St. Luke's University Hospital in Fountain Hill is the Lehigh Valley's first and only four-year medical school, where the region's brightest young minds go to become doctors. By cultivating home-grown medical talent, St. Luke's is helping the region to secure its health and well-being amid a worsening doctor shortage nationally.

For more information about Temple/St. Luke's please see www.sluhn.org/som and for other graduate medical education programs at St. Luke's University Health Network, please see www.sluhn.org/gme.



Juliet Panichella celebrates her match to her top choice of residency: Plastic Surgery at Brown University!

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