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## Soon-to-be doctors from Cooper Medical School of Rowan University learn their future during annual Match Day ceremony

*CAMDEN, NJ* – Cooper Medical School of Rowan University's (CMSRU) Class of 2018 joined thousands of medical students and graduates from throughout the nation and around the world in learning the specialty and location of the residency programs where they will train for the next three to seven years during an exciting and emotional Match Day ceremony held today at the Camden, NJ, school.

Seventy-three graduating medical students, surrounded by their loved ones, other CMSRU students, deans and faculty, counted down to Noon – the moment when they were permitted to tear open the envelopes that contained their news. CMSRU students were offered residency positons at some of the nation's most prestigious and competitive programs, with 97 percent matching in the specialty of their choice.

"Match Day is one of the most important and memorable events of a physician's medical career," explains Annette C. Reboli, MD, Dean of CMSRU. "This is only our third class of graduates, but I'm proud to say that once again our students did exceptionally well. The quality of the programs both in the region and across the country are a reflection of the growing reputation of CMSRU. Given the intense competition for residency spots nationally, our results are extraordinary!"

Thirty-five of the 73 students will be entering training programs that prepare residents in primary care medicine: 23 will begin internal and family medicine residencies; six will specialize in pediatrics; four in internal medicine/pediatrics programs; and two in obstetrics/gynecology.

Twenty-six percent of the class will remain in New Jersey to complete their training, including 12 students who matched at CMSRU/Cooper University Health Care.

Nationally, students matched at a range of esteemed programs, including Baylor, Brown, Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, UC-Irvine, UCLA, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale.

The NRMP 2018 Main Residency Match is the largest in history, exceeding the more than 43,000 applicants who registered for the 2017 Match and the more than 31,000 positions offered last year.

Results of the Main Residency Match are closely watched because they can predict future changes in the physician workforce.

Click <u>HERE</u> for CMSRU's Match Day results.

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## About Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

A partnership between Rowan University and The Cooper Health System, CMSRU enrolled its first students in summer 2012 in Camden, N.J. It was the first new medical school in New Jersey in over 35 years and the only four-year, MD-granting medical school in South Jersey. CMSRU is a proudly mission-driven school focused on developing highly skilled and socially conscious physician leaders who value a patient-centered, team approach to health care. Its innovative curriculum provides students with small-group, self-directed learning and early and continuous patient care experiences, beginning the third week of medical school.

CMSRU graduated its Charter Class and earned Full Accreditation from the Liaison Committee for Medical Education in 2016. Currently, 336 students are enrolled in the school. CMSRU will continue to gradually increase total enrollment to a maximum of 416 students.