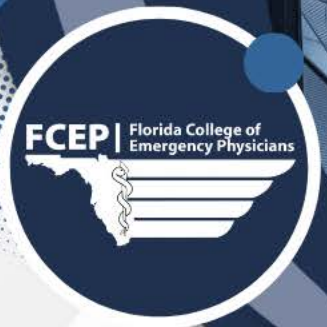


Leadership Academy

2026 - 2027

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2026-2027 Applicants

1. Dania Abu-Jubara, DO
2. Chelsea Allen, DO
3. Jessie Cable, DO
4. Sean Casey, DO
5. Ryan Sawyers, MD
6. Joshua Shurley, DO

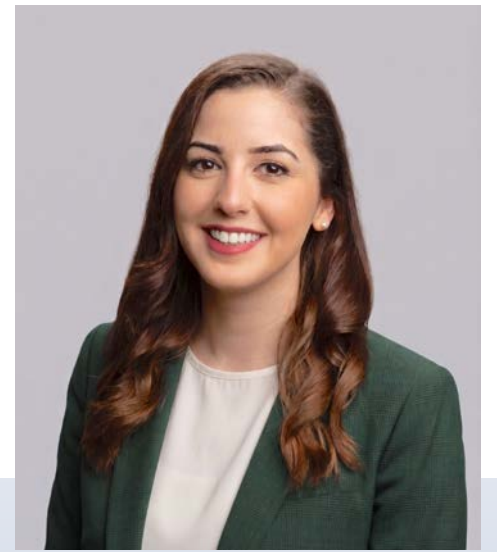


1) Dania Abu-Jubara, DO

Hospital Affiliations: University of Florida Health Shands

Years Post-Residency: 2 Years

ACEP/FCEP/EMRA Membership: 9 Years



Candidate Summary

Dania is an Emergency Medicine physician and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Florida with a strong record of leadership in clinical operations, quality improvement, organized medicine, and health policy. Her experience includes leadership of UF Health clinical pathway initiatives, service on quality and patient safety committees, and previous administrative leadership roles in emergency medicine. She has complemented her clinical training with an Emergency Medicine Administrative Fellowship and Executive MBA.

Dania demonstrates substantial engagement in organized medicine at both the state and national levels. Current activities include serving as an FCEP delegate to the Florida Medical Association House of Delegates, participating on FCEP's Early Career Physicians Subcommittee, and contributing to committees and initiatives through ACEP, SAEM, EDPMA, and Florida EMS for Children. Her work spans artificial intelligence, health technology, quality improvement, patient safety, practice management, and health policy.

Her stated leadership philosophy emphasizes data-driven decision-making, multidisciplinary collaboration, empowerment, psychological safety, and transparent communication. She describes leadership as reducing operational barriers so healthcare teams can provide efficient, high-quality patient care.

Dania views the Leadership Academy as an opportunity to expand from institutional operational leadership into statewide advocacy, policy, and organizational governance. Her long-term aspirations include serving as a Chief Medical Officer or Chair of Emergency Medicine while maintaining active leadership in organized medicine. She hopes to apply the Academy experience toward improving emergency care delivery, physician advocacy, workforce sustainability, and health system efficiency throughout Florida.

2) Chelsea Allen, DO

Hospital Affiliations: University of Florida, Jacksonville

Years Post-Residency: 4 Years

ACEP/FCEP/EMRA Membership: 7 Years



Candidate Summary

Chelsea is an Assistant Program Director at UF Health with a developing leadership portfolio centered on graduate medical education, resident mentorship, faculty development, and departmental operations. In addition to her role as Assistant Program Director, she serves as a faculty scheduler for the Emergency Medicine department and participates in the CORD County Community of Practice.

Within her residency program, Chelsea is involved in resident mentorship, curriculum development, assessment, faculty development, scheduling, and efforts to strengthen the overall educational environment. A particular focus is helping residents identify their professional goals and connecting them with opportunities to develop as physicians and future leaders.

Chelsea has also worked to increase resident exposure to organized emergency medicine. Each year, she helps bring the program's PGY-2 residents to FCEP's Symposium by the Sea, providing residents with early exposure to advocacy, professional networking, and the broader emergency medicine community in Florida.

Her leadership philosophy emphasizes relationships, effective communication, mentorship, collaboration, and developing others rather than leadership through title alone. Through the FCEP Leadership Academy, Chelsea hopes to build upon existing residency leadership experience and develop greater expertise in strategic thinking, advocacy, and organized medicine.

Her immediate goals include strengthening educational programs and mentorship opportunities for residents and faculty. Longer term, Chelsea hopes to pursue leadership roles in emergency medicine focused on graduate medical education, physician development, and advocacy while expanding their involvement within Florida's organized emergency medicine community.

3) Jessie Cable, DO

Hospital Affiliations: Sarasota Memorial Hospital

Years Post-Residency: 1 Year

ACEP/FCEP/EMRA Membership: 6 Years



Candidate Summary

Jessie is an emergency medicine physician with a demonstrated commitment to leadership, physician wellness, medical education, and administrative development. Her leadership experience began with four years of involvement in the EMRA Wellness Committee, progressing through Vice Chair and Chair-Elect to Chair. During residency, Jessie further developed her administrative skills as Administrative Chief Resident, managing responsibilities including scheduling, away rotations, and interpersonal challenges within the residency program.

At the national level, Jessie authored and successfully advanced a 2022 EMRA resolution amending the organization's Family and Medical Leave Policy. Her wellness work also included promoting ACEP's Wellness and Assistance Program, organizing educational sessions addressing physician burnout and health system pressures, and leading meetings and events at CORD and ACEP. Jessie has additionally participated in multiple Clinical Pathologic Case presentations through CORD and FCEP and has been involved in FCEP activities including QuizBowl and SonoRace.

Following residency, she transitioned into a Junior Faculty Administrative role, where she continues to coordinate resident scheduling, direct the PGY-2 Administration month, and participate in lectures, simulation, and extracurricular educational activities.

Jessie describes a leadership philosophy centered on collaboration, positive attitudes, and the value of organized professional networks. Through the FCEP Leadership Academy, she hopes to build upon an established record of reliability and dedication to leadership while gaining new perspectives and competencies. Her longer-term aspirations include becoming core faculty and potentially pursuing an Administrative Fellowship to further prepare for leadership within academic emergency medicine.

4) Sean Casey, DO

Hospital Affiliations: Sarasota Memorial Hospital and Global Physician Network

Years Post-Residency: 1 Year

ACEP/FCEP/EMRA Membership: 1 Year



Candidate Summary

Sean is an emergency medicine physician with a strong focus on Emergency Medical Services (EMS), prehospital care, education, and the integration of EMS and hospital systems. He currently practices as an attending physician within a democratic emergency medicine group while serving as Associate Medical Director for both Sarasota County EMS and the City of North Port EMS. His academic involvement includes serving as Core Faculty for the FSU EMS Fellowship and Adjunct Faculty for the FSU Emergency Medicine Residency.

Sean brings a perspective that spans prehospital, emergency department, academic, and physician-group environments. He identifies improving EMS/ED integration and strengthening collaboration between emergency physicians and hospital leadership as important areas for his continued development. He is particularly interested in developing the skills necessary to navigate strategic discussions with hospital executives, improve throughput, align organizational priorities, and ensure emergency physicians have a meaningful voice in system-level decisions.

Through the FCEP Leadership Academy, Sean hopes to gain the knowledge and confidence to expand into hospital and statewide leadership positions. One specific aspiration is to become involved with the Florida Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC), contributing to policy, education, and system-level improvements in prehospital care.

His longer-term goals include assuming greater leadership within his democratic emergency medicine group, continuing academic involvement, and pursuing prehospital research. Sean describes a collaborative leadership approach and a commitment to improving emergency care across EMS agencies, hospitals, academic programs, and the communities they serve.

5) Ryan Sawyers, MD

Hospital Affiliations: Orlando Health

Years Post-Residency: <1 Year

ACEP/FCEP/EMRA Membership: 4 Years



Candidate Summary

Ryan is an emergency medicine physician with a growing leadership portfolio focused on medical education, resident advocacy, simulation, and academic emergency medicine. He served as Chief Resident from 2025–2026 and currently serves as Assistant Clerkship Director while completing a Medical Education and Simulation Fellowship at Orlando Health. His prior leadership experience also includes chairing curriculum efforts from the student perspective in medical school, coordinating residency scheduling and off-service rotations, and participating on a hospital quality committee.

Beyond institutional leadership, Ryan has begun expanding his involvement in organized emergency medicine. He participates in CORD's Digital Scholarship Committee and has attended FCEP's EM Days in Tallahassee. Exposure to Leadership Academy alumni at EM Days and Symposium by the Sea helped motivate his interest in developing a broader role within the specialty.

Ryan has a particular interest in the evolving emergency medicine workforce and practice environment, including the economic and organizational factors affecting physicians, patients, and career longevity. He views the Leadership Academy as an opportunity to move beyond institution-level leadership and develop the knowledge, relationships, and skills necessary to advocate for emergency medicine on a larger scale.

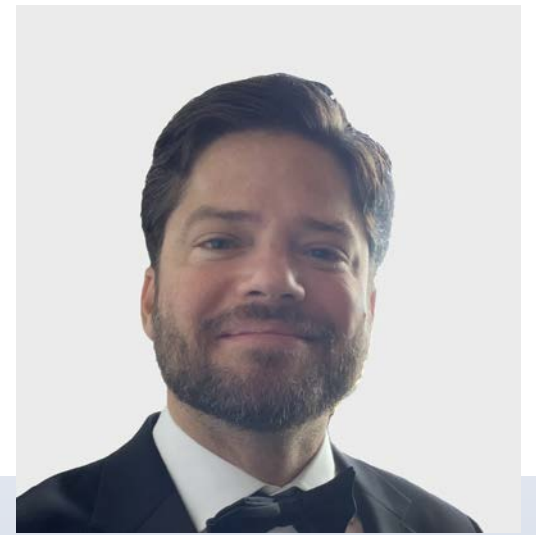
His leadership philosophy centers on being present, dependable, and approachable. Long term, Ryan hopes to become academic faculty and pursue residency leadership, with plans to complete additional fellowship training in clinical ultrasound. He is particularly motivated by teaching, mentorship, and the opportunity to positively influence both individual physicians and the broader specialty.

6) Joshua Shurley, DO

Hospital Affiliations: Sarasota Memorial Hospital and Global Physician Network

Years Post-Residency: 3 Years

ACEP/FCEP/EMRA Membership: 6 Years



Candidate Summary

Joshua is an emergency medicine physician and SANE Medical Director who brings experience working across multiple emergency medicine practice environments. Since residency, he has worked for three years under three different employment models at two different hospitals. He describes this varied experience as giving him a greater appreciation for the challenges facing emergency medicine and motivating them to become more involved in improving the specialty.

Joshua views the FCEP Leadership Academy as an opportunity to build the foundation needed to begin making meaningful changes within emergency medicine. His initial focus is on achievable policy improvements at the hospital level, particularly efforts that improve patient and employee safety within the emergency department. He believes that successfully addressing smaller institutional issues can create momentum toward broader changes at the state and federal levels.

Education and mentorship are also important components of Joshua's professional goals. He hopes to contribute to the longevity and sustainability of his career through both policy involvement and the teaching of resident physicians. His goals include helping residents develop into lifelong learners, provide excellent emergency care, and maintain balance outside of work.

Joshua describes his leadership philosophy as leading by example. He emphasizes establishing trust and mutual respect with residents, colleagues, and patients as a means of bringing out the best in others. His broader career goals are to provide excellent patient care, continue growing clinically, make lasting improvements within the emergency department and specialty, and support the development of future emergency physicians.