WARM students honor teachers

Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM) medical students recently recognized Marshfield Clinic faculty educators with two newly-established awards.

Rice Lake Center Anesthesia Department was honored with the “Best Rotation” award as chosen by fourth-year WARM students. Students also selected neurologist Loren Rolak, M.D., as the 2014-15 “Excellence in Teaching” recipient.

“This wasn’t an easy decision because there are so many great teachers and role models who WARM students work with – it was difficult to decide on only one,” said a graduating WARM student. “We wish they could all be recognized.”

In an attempt to curb the shortage of physicians in rural areas, Marshfield Clinic is a host site for the WARM program with students spending their first two years of medical school in Madison and their third and fourth years at Clinic centers.

WARM, a collaborative effort of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH) and affiliated state campuses like Marshfield Clinic, is a student-centered and innovative rural medical education program much like the traditional M.D. program.

WARM students are placed in rural-based clinics for the majority of their clinical training and encouraged to participate in rural health electives and the medical school’s Rural Health Interest Group.
Rice Lake Center Anesthesia Department received the "Best Rotation" award from fourth-year Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM) students. Pictured are (from left) Mark Weber, M.D.; Jeffrey Anderegg, M.D.; Douglas Raether, M.D., Rice Lake WARM Anesthesiology Clerkship Site Lead; and Stephen Holthaus, M.D., WARM site director.