Local med students get residency posts

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Two Gothenburg students are among 122 senior medical students at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha who received their residency assignments Friday during a Match Day ceremony held on campus.

A residency is a training program for newly graduated medical students in the medical area of their choice. Residencies range in length from three to six years.

Gothenburg students and their assignments, specialty and residency assignment include:

John Blecha, otolaryngology, University of Nebraska Affiliated Hospitals, Omaha

Stephanie Bogers Larson, family medicine-primary care, University of Nebraska Affiliated Hospitals, Omaha

Forty-six percent of UNMC students are staying in Nebraska for their training, and 59% of UNMC students matched in primary care, which includes family medicine, internal medicine, internal medicine/pediatrics, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology.

Students are matched by the National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP) through a computer program to align their preferences for residency programs in order to fill the thousands of training positions available at U.S. teaching hospitals.

The NRMP Main Residency Match results released Friday show that 16,399 U.S. medical school seniors have matched to first-year residency positions.