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Donald Briscoe, M.D., receives exemplary teaching award

AUSTIN, TEXAS — Donald Briscoe, M.D., of Houston, Texas, was awarded the Exemplary Teaching Award by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during TAFP’s 63rd Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Austin on July 14. This award honors individuals with outstanding teaching skills, and those who have developed and implemented innovative teaching models.

Dr. Briscoe is the program director of the Methodist Hospital Family Medicine Residency, chair of their Department of Family Medicine, and medical director of Houston Community Health Center, Inc. Denver Harbor Clinic. He also serves as a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Previously he served as associate residency director and full-time residency faculty for the Christus St. Joseph Family Medicine Residency, which became Methodist. Before entering academia, Dr. Briscoe practiced full-time private practice with Physicians of Family Medicine in Midlothian, Va.

He currently serves as a member of the Texas Association of Community Health Centers Medical Education Committee, member of the Methodist Hospital Academic Council, and member of the Graduate Medical Education Committee at the Methodist Hospital. In addition, he was recently appointed to be an ombudsman for the GME system.

Dr. Briscoe has been recognized with numerous teaching awards including twice with the Methodist Hospital Graduate Medical Education Teaching Faculty Award, four times as Faculty of the Year, and as Preceptor of the Year. He was also named one of the Best Doctors in America in 2011. He is known as an excellent leader and mentor, working hard to create a robust learning environment for the residents and motivating them to pursue lifelong learning with his own enthusiasm for the specialty.

“Dr. Briscoe has a natural aptitude as an educator,” wrote a colleague in a nomination letter. “He has the ability to gently determine the limits of a student’s knowledge and will use that to form a bridge toward new knowledge for the learner. Dr. Briscoe’s capacity as a self-learner informs his colleagues of the standards family physicians need to meet.”

“On a personal level, Dr. Briscoe is pragmatic, inquisitive, collaborative, insightful, and humorous,” she continued. “He manifests the best qualities of family medicine and is a source of personal inspiration.”

Dr. Briscoe was awarded his medical degree by the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, Va., and completed a family medicine residency with Shadyside Hospital Family Practice Residency in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is board-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Family physicians like Dr. Briscoe are qualified to work in all major medical areas and trained to treat more than 90 percent of all cases they encounter. Family physicians care for patients of all ages.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.

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