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## **Adrian Billings, MD, PhD, receives exemplary teaching award**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — Adrian Billings, MD, PhD, of Alpine, Texas, was awarded the Exemplary Volunteer Teaching Award by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the organization's 2015 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 14. This award honors individuals with outstanding teaching skills and those known for their innovative teaching models.

Billings is a professor for both the University of Texas Medical Branch and Texas Tech Permian Basin. He recently became the director for the Texas Statewide Family Medicine Preceptorship Program, a program designed to match medical students with an experienced family physician for two or four weeks to help them gain real life experience in a community setting. Billings has been active in the program for many years, precepting about 100 medical students total.

Over the years, Billings has also hosted about 20 residents in the Big Bend area, working alongside them to demonstrate true rural family medicine. He is known for incorporating the students and residents into every aspect of his practice, and his community has seen three former trainees return to the area to practice.

After receiving his doctorate and medical degree from UTMB in Galveston, Texas, Billings completed a family medicine residency and obstetrics fellowship at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as chief resident.

Family physicians like Billings 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](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*

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