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Mary Nguyen, MD, receives leadership award

DALLAS, TEXAS — Mary Nguyen, MD, of Castroville, Texas, was awarded the 2016 Special Constituency Leadership Award by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the organization's 2016 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Dallas on Nov. 5.

This award was established by the Section on Special Constituencies and honors an outstanding TAFP member who is a strong advocate for a specific special constituency or, as a member of a specific constituency, has served as an outstanding leader. The five special constituencies are women, minority, international medical graduates, GLBT, and new physicians.

Nguyen is a physician practicing at Median Valley Family Practice. She's been an active member of TAFP serving on multiple committees and commissions since her residency in 1999 and she has served the Alamo chapter of TAFP three times as president. She has served on AAFP's Congress of Delegates and written resolutions for the National Conference of Special Constituencies, where she serves as the minority co-convener, to bring awareness to the challenges facing new, minority, women physicians and international medical graduates.

Nguyen was elected multiple times the TAFP delegate to the National Conference of Constituency, teaches and mentors medical students, and is well known in her community as a dedicated physician who often volunteers.

Nguyen received her undergraduate degree from St. Mary's University in English and biology, her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and completed her residency at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Family Residency Program in San Antonio.

Family physicians like Nguyen 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.