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Chrisette Dharma, MD, receives exemplary teaching award

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — Chrisette Dharma, MD, of Dallas, Texas, was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Volunteer Faculty Exemplary Teaching Award during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Arlington on Nov. 10. This award honors individuals with outstanding teaching skills and those who have developed and implemented innovative teaching models.

Dharma precepts medical students at her practice, Southwest Family Medicine Associates Clinic, and as a clinical assistant professor at UT Southwestern. Those she has precepted say she has a strong ability to identify strengths and weaknesses and that she challenges them.

“One even compared her to Mr. Miyagi from The Karate Kid,” TAFP President Janet Hurley, MD, said at the awards ceremony. “One student put it best when he said, ‘great teachers help students recognize their full potential and then help them cultivate that potential.’”

She has been recognized for the way she treats patients with empathy and is described as a physician who provides holistic care and regards her patients as people rather than just a collection of diagnoses.

Family physicians like Dharma are qualified to work in all major medical areas and are 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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