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Charmaine Martin, MD, receives exemplary teaching award

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — Charmaine Martin, MD, of El Paso, Texas, was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Full-Time Faculty Exemplary Teaching Award during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Arlington on Nov. 10. The award honors individuals with outstanding teaching skills and those who have developed and implemented innovative teaching models.

Martin is Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso where she has taught for more than a decade. She has an impressive resume filled with awards, community service, and research. She is recognized for her ability to challenge, inspire, and motivate her students in the clinic. With the compassionate care she provides, she sets an example they want to live up to.

“One student referenced his first encounter with Dr. Martin at his white coat ceremony where she spoke about social justice and how it relates to the journey of becoming a physician,” TAFP President Janet Hurley, MD, said at the awards ceremony. “The student wrote: ‘I didn’t know what type of doctor she was, but she immediately became a role model.’”

Martin created a program called Scholars in Primary Care. It’s designed to encourage student interest in primary care by providing opportunities for leadership, patient advocacy, and clinical experience. The participants in the program work with Dr. Martin at a free clinic for migrant farm workers, gaining hands-on clinical training early in medical school while serving the community.

Family physicians like Martin 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.