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Erica Swegler, MD, recognized for outstanding advocacy efforts

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — Erica Swegler, MD, of Austin, Texas, was awarded the 2018 TAFP Political Action Committee Award by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Political Action Committee during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Arlington on Nov. 10. The award recognizes an outstanding member who shows great dedication to the advancement of the political voice of family medicine.

The TAFP Political Action Committee serves as the political voice for family medicine and allows the Academy to help elect legislators who care about family physicians and their patients. TAFPPAC members support the specialty by serving as key contacts and making generous contributions, and are politically involved in their respective communities.

“She has long understood the power of the PAC,” TAFP President Janet Hurley, MD, said at the awards ceremony. “She has tirelessly championed both TAFPPAC and AAFP’s FamMedPAC – not only as a continuous donor, but by challenging her friends and colleagues to do the same.”

Swegler served as the president of TAFP and went on to represent Texas in AAFP’s Congress of Delegates. Last year she was elected to the AAFP Board of Directors where she continues her work on behalf of the specialty. She is a longtime advocate for family medicine, working to develop relationships with her elected officials at the state and national levels.

Family physicians like Swegler 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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