



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CONTACT:**

Jean Klewitz  
Texas Academy of Family Physicians  
(512) 329-8666 ext. 116  
jklewitz@tafp.org

## **Lane Aiena, MD, recognized for outstanding advocacy efforts**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — Lane Aiena, MD, of Huntsville, Texas, was awarded the 2019 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 The Woodlands on Nov. 9. 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 allows the Academy to help elect legislators who care about family physicians and their patients. TAFPAC members support the specialty by serving as key contacts and making generous contributions, and are politically involved in their respective communities.

During Aiena’s residency at Conroe Family Medicine Residency Program, he spent a month in Austin on a policy rotation where he cemented his commitment to being active in advocating for patients. He is completing a term on the TAFP Board of Directors and he participated in TAFP’s Family Medicine Leadership Experience this year, a yearlong leadership training course. During the legislative session, he testified before the House Higher Education Committee in support of the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program. Since 2009, the program has allowed physicians to receive up to \$160,000 to pay off their educational debt in return for four years of service in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area. In addition to advocating at the Texas Capitol, he has been to D.C. to fight for funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers several times.

Family physicians like Aiena 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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*