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## **Linda Siy, MD, receives TAFP Presidential Award of Merit**

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The Texas Academy of Family Physicians presented its Presidential Award of Merit to Linda Siy, MD, of Fort Worth, Texas, during TAFP’s virtual Member Assembly on Oct. 24. TAFP President Javier “Jake” Margo Jr., MD, chose to honor her for her leadership and dedication to the specialty of family medicine. The award is given each year to those who show outstanding contributions to health care in Texas.

Siy has cared for patients as part of the JPS Health Network since 1995 at the JPS Northeast Tarrant Medical Home. She has been involved with TAFP for many years and in a variety of ways; as a past president, as a delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates, as chair of the TAFP Political Action Committee, and she currently serves as the TAFP Foundation President.

“It is an honor to be recognized for doing something that I have loved to do all these years,” Siy said. “My involvement with the TAFP and the AAFP, as well as my local chapter here in Tarrant County, over the years has been quite rewarding, both personally and professionally.”

Her commitment to TAFP extends beyond attending or chairing meetings. She also identifies and encourages young leaders. Siy takes time writing personal notes to encourage them to continue to show up and get involved. For the medical students attending her clerkship rotations, she goes out of her way to bring in practicing physicians — many of whom are TAFP and AAFP leaders — giving those future physicians a taste of what family medicine has to offer.

Family physicians like Siy are qualified to work in all major medical areas and are trained to treat more than 90% 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.*