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Daniel Casey, MD, receives the TAFP Unsung Hero Award

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — The Texas Academy of Family Physicians presented its Unsung Hero Award to Daniel Casey, MD, at TAFP's Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 9. Each year, the Academy's president chooses someone who impacted their presidential year to give the award to.

Casey is the program director at the John Peter Smith Family Medicine Residency Program in Fort Worth. As a former resident of Casey's, TAFP Past President Terrance Hines, MD, chose to honor Casey with this award for his dedication to the program since 2005.

"By my count, that means around 500 family doctors have benefited from his mentorship," Hines said while presenting the award.

"A year ago, I asserted that my residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth was the most transformative time of my life. I said that it made me into a good doctor and a better person. That experience was clearly a result of the leadership of Dr. Dan Casey."

Casey was involved in the P4 Initiative and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Length of Training Pilot, which has led to innovations and improvements in the education of family medicine residents. The American Board of Family Medicine regards him as the most tenured family medicine residency innovator in the nation.

Family physicians like Casey are qualified to work in all major medical areas and 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 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.