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Doug Curran, MD, receives the TAFP Presidential Award of Merit

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — The Texas Academy of Family Physicians presented its Presidential Award of Merit to Doug Curran, MD, FAAFP, at TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 9. The award is given each year to those who show outstanding contributions to health care in Texas.

Curran's tenure with TAFP has been marked by exemplary leadership and mentorship, as he has guided both current and future family medicine leaders. He was instrumental in opening the UT Tyler Family Medicine Residency Athens program and recently worked to establish a federally qualified health center in Athens, Texas, further solidifying his dedication to rural communities and medical education.

While presenting the award, TAFP Past President Terrance Hines, MD, applauded Curran’s long tenure as a leader in the specialty. “Reflecting on the legacy of past recipients of this award, it is clear to me that Dr. Curran stands shoulder to shoulder with those who have significantly advanced the field of family medicine. His contributions are not only a source of personal inspiration but also embody the pinnacle of our profession.”

Curran practices full-scope family medicine and teaches family medicine at the University of Texas Health Athens in East Texas. He has previously been honored as Texas Family Physician of the Year and served both as TAFP president as well as president of the Texas Medical Association. He has also served as Texas delegate to the American Academy of Family Physician Congress of Delegates.

Family physicians like Curran 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.