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## **Mary Nguyen, MD, FAAFP, receives Exemplary Teaching Award**

ADDISON, TEXAS — Mary Nguyen, MD, FAAFP, was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Preceptor Exemplary Teaching Award during TAFP's Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Addison on Nov. 15. The award honors individuals with outstanding teaching skills who have volunteered for the Texas Family Medicine Preceptorship Program.

Two students who were lucky to have Nguyen as their preceptor nominated her for this award. One was left without a preceptor, and Nguyen quickly added the student to her busy schedule without any hesitation. She is always willing to guide her preceptees outside of the clinic, offering her time and resources to help them on their educational paths to becoming family physicians. Her compassion for patients and students alike and ability to encourage thoughtful reflection show how impactful she has been as a preceptor.

While accepting her award, Nguyen encouraged her colleagues to volunteer as preceptors in the state's preceptorship program, where family physicians welcome medical students into their offices during the summer for two to four weeks. Students gain real-life experience in a community setting and have the unique opportunity to explore what it means to be a family physician.

Nguyen practices family medicine in Castroville, Texas, and serves as a board member of the United Physicians of San Antonio Accountable Care Organization. She has served in many leadership roles within TAFP over the years, including as the 2021-2022 president, and is also active in business with TAFP's Alamo Chapter, AAFP, the Texas Medical Association, and the Bexar County Medical Society.

Family physicians like Nguyen 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.

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