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## **Justin Bartos, MD, recognized for outstanding advocacy efforts**

DALLAS, TEXAS — Justin Bartos, MD, of North Richland Hills, Texas was awarded the 2016 TAFPPAC advocacy award by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Political Action Committee at the organization's 2016 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Dallas on Nov. 5. TAFPPAC is the political arm of TAFP, and 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 serves as the political voice for family medicine and allows the Academy to help legislators who care about patients and family medicine practices. TAFPPAC members support the PAC by serving as key contacts and making generous contributions, and are politically involved in their respective communities.

Bartos is a longtime advocate for family medicine, working hard to develop local relationships with his elected officials, and is a tireless advocate for family physicians and patients. Not only does he serve as a key contact, but he is also regarded as an expert in health policy. He has served on the TAFP PAC Board of Directors for over 12 years and remains one of the top financial contributors to the PAC over the last decade.

He earned his medical degree at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed a family medicine residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

Family physicians like Bartos are qualified to work in all major medical areas and 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 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*