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## **Seth Cowan, MD, honored for philanthropy in medicine**

GALVESTON, TEXAS — Seth B. Cowan, MD, of Tyler, Texas was named the 2017 Philanthropist of the Year by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Foundation during the 2017 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Galveston on Nov. 11.

Cowan was president of TAFP from 1979-1980. He is responsible for several leadership development programs and mentored several generations of TAFP leaders. He was named Texas Family Physician of the Year in 1989 in recognition of his years of service, leadership, and excellence. He is a founding member of the Family Clinic of Garland.

Throughout his career, he has been a leader in organized medicine on all levels, becoming a member of TAFP and the American Academy of Family Physicians in 1958. He served as TAFP Foundation president, oversaw the development of the scholarship program, and has served on numerous committees and commissions for both TAFP and AAFP.

Cowan has served on the TAFP Foundation's Board of Trustees for close to 36 years including seven years as treasurer and is a monthly donor who reached the fifth level of the organization's monthly donor program in 2015. In 2017 he made a generous donation to endow a scholarship in his name to benefit a family medicine resident in training at the Baylor Family Medicine Residency at Garland.

The TAFP Foundation Philanthropist of the Year Award was initiated in 1995 to recognize physicians whose contributions have made a significant impact in fulfillment of the TAFP Foundation mission: to support the educational and scientific initiatives for the specialty of family medicine and to improve the health of all Americans.

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