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Columbus family physician receives TAFP Presidential Award of Merit

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — The Texas Academy of Family Physicians presented its Presidential Award of Merit to Thomas E. Mueller, MD, of Columbus, Texas, at TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 9, 2019. TAFP President Rebecca Hart, MD, chose to honor him for his leadership and dedication to the specialty of family medicine. The award is given each year to those who show outstanding contributions to health care in Texas.

Hart began her career in La Grange with Mueller. “He started my journey of understanding that issues in family medicine stretched well beyond our practice,” Hart said. “Tom showed me through his mentorship that being involved in the TAFP is one major way we can, as family physicians, join together to help improve the health care system and the care of our patients.”

“One of the greatest honors one can receive in my mind is the recognition of your body of work by your peers who you know are busy doing the same things you do day in and day out,” Mueller said. “Thank you for this recognition.”

Mueller is a past president of TAFP and was named Texas Family Physician of the Year in 2011. He continues to be a strong advocate for family medicine and rural health care. He served on and chaired numerous committees within TAFP and served on the American Academy of Family Physicians Committee on Rural Health and the Texas Medical Association Council on Legislation.

Family physicians like Mueller are qualified to work in all major medical areas and are 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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.