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Todd Miller, MD, FAAFP selected as 2018 Kansas Exemplary Teaching Award winner

WICHITA, KANSAS – The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) announces **Todd Miller, MD, FAAFP** of Wichita, Kansas as a 2018 Kansas Exemplary Teaching Award winner. The awards acknowledge KAFP members who deserve recognition of exemplary teaching skills, as well as individuals who have implemented outstanding educational programs and/or developed innovative teaching models. This award is presented in two different categories: Full/part-time faculty and volunteer faculty. Dr. Miller is the volunteer category award winner.

Dr. Miller will be honored at the KAFP Annual Meeting on June 15, 2018 at the Overland Park Marriott, Overland Park, Kansas during the Awards & Recognition Lunch. He has been nominated for the national American Academy of Family Physicians Exemplary Teaching Award, to be announced in the fall. Dr. Miller is also the recipient of a second award — the 2018 Presidential Award for his 27 years of service as treasurer.

Dr. Miller was born and raised in Great Bend, Kansas. He received his undergraduate degree from Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas. Dr. Miller earned his medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and completed his family medicine residency at St. Joseph Medical Center, Wichita. He practiced in Atchison, Kansas from 1984-1987 before joining West Wichita Family Physicians where he has practiced for the last 31 years.

Here are selected quotes about Dr. Miller's award nomination:

"My time spent with him was eye-opening, educational and so much fun. Without a doubt, Dr. Miller demonstrates the knowledge, commitment, and passion that are integral qualities of an outstanding educator. I learned a lot from Dr. Miller, but I will always remember his emphasis on prevention. He leads by example, living an extremely healthy lifestyle. Seven years after my time with him, I still think of him as I ask a patient who presents with simple cold symptoms about their smoking status. From this, I learned to never miss an opportunity to talk about prevention and wellness."

– Stacey Dimitt, MD

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“My two month rotation with Todd cemented my plan to go into a family medicine residency. I found out quite quickly that he was a very bright, caring physician. He is also one of the most efficient physicians I have ever met. His patients loved him as well as the staff. He showed me what a dedicated physician looked like.”

– Mark Hilger, MD

“In large part, I chose a primary care field because I wanted to have the same impact on my patients’ lives as Dr. Miller had on his. I remember being struck by how well he knew his patients and by how much he was a part of their lives. I was moved by the cancer survivor who told me that she was alive because of Dr. Miller. I remember the daughter of an older male patient who had progressing dementia and was losing his independence; Dr. Miller not only helped the patient, but counseled and guided the daughter as she cared for her father. I remember the young lady who opened up to him about her prior sexual trauma. All a testament to the level of trust his patients have in him. What made the biggest impact, however, was his unwavering devotion and care to his patients. He was there for them in whatever capacity they needed. He knew his patients inside and out and cared for them as if they were his own family. His commitment and dedication to his patients is something to aspire to.”

– Branden Comfort, MD, MPH

“From the outset, Dr. Miller was an avid and willing teacher. After particular interesting cases he would have me list a differential diagnosis and we would go over it together. This kind of 1-on-1 teaching was extremely valuable to me and I still use many of the thought processes Dr. Miller instilled in me during my rotation. Many of his patients would tell me ‘You’re learning from the best,’ and I quickly realized this wasn’t just an empty platitude, it was true. Dr. Miller is an outstanding clinician and he takes the time to make sure students are learning and that the time with him is valuable. Dr. Miller volunteers time from his schedule to provide excellent teaching to medical students. He goes above and beyond what is expected of a clinical preceptor and his teaching was some of the highest caliber education I received throughout my 4 years at KU Medical School.” – Cole McGregor (Wichita)

“Todd loves patient care and it shows in his teaching. I recently asked him when he might retire. He said, ‘Rick, I just love taking care of patients too much to retire.’ Todd is respected by his peers and patients as completely trustworthy. Todd is unassuming. His unpretentious nature and humility are characteristics that medical students appreciate about him as a clinician. Todd is committed to medical education of students. He has always taken a student when we are shorthanded for preceptors. Todd is very smart. He graduated first in his class in medical school. He is able to combine his medical knowledge with outstanding patient care, making him an exemplary role model. Medical students recognize his clinical competence and thoughtful approach to patient care.” – Rick Kellerman, MD, FAAFP (Professor & Chair, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, Dept. of Family & Community Medicine)

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About the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians

Founded in 1948, the KAFP represents 1,760 physicians and medical students statewide. It is the only medical society in Kansas devoted solely to primary care. A family physician takes care of the whole family, all ages, both sexes, each organ system and every disease entity. Research has proven that people with access to primary care have better health outcomes than those who do not. In Kansas, approximately one-half of family physicians practice in non-metropolitan areas. Over 25 percent treat uninsured patients, especially children and families receiving public assistance. The mission of the KAFP is to support and serve family physicians of Kansas as they advance the health of Kansans. For more information visit the KAFP website at www.kafponline.org.