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KAFP's Executive Vice President Retires After 30 Years of Service



WICHITA - After 30 years of service to the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Executive Vice President Carolyn N. Gaughan CAE officially retires Aug. 31. A transition to the incoming EVP, Tarah Remington Brown, has been in progress since May.

The KAFP honored Gaughan at its 61st Annual Meeting on June 7 for her stellar service, leadership and contributions to family medicine. The KU School of Medicine — Wichita's Department of Family and Community Medicine Chair, Rick Kellerman, MD, FAAFP, said: "Oh, the personal connections she has made both within the Academy and outside the Academy, if you have met Carolyn, you have been positively influenced. If you haven't met Carolyn, you have still been positively influenced."

Gaughan's career highlights at state and local levels include:

- Reducing tobacco use in Kansas by being instrumental in adoption of the Clean Indoor Act. Advocating for immunizations through numerous grants.
- Building national leadership through the successful elections of five AAFP board members.

Her many awards include: the Doren Fredrickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award; the Department of Family and Community Medicine Chair's Award; the AAFP President's Award; the AAFP Award of Merit; the AAFP Executive Legacy Award; the *Wichita Business Journal* Health Care Hero, Lifetime Achievement Award.



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AAFP Delegate and KAFP-Foundation President, Jen Brull, MD, FAAFP said: “I became the leader I am today in no small part because of Carolyn's example and guidance. My turn at the leadership ladder for KAFP allowed me to grow and mature, learn and mellow. Many of my skills are copied directly from Carolyn's playbook. I will be forever grateful that she was in the right place at the right time to teach me.

“Carolyn has paved a path of success for the board, staff and the entire Academy,” said Remington Brown. “I’m so thankful to have had time transitioning with Carolyn. The relationships she has created during her tenure are so valuable and I plan to continue building on the Academy’s successes.”

Gaughan’s legacy endures with the establishment of the Carolyn Gaughan Student and Resident Leadership Fund at the KU Endowment Association.

Any who know Carolyn are invited to a retirement reception being held Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 4-6 p.m., at the KU School of Medicine – Wichita, 1010 N. Kansas Ave.

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Founded in 1948, the KAFP represents 1,820 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.