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## Mary Nguyen, MD, sworn in as TAFP President

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — Mary Nguyen, MD, of Castroville, Texas, was sworn in as president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 2021 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands. Nguyen assumed her duties Nov. 6 at the TAFP Business and Awards Lunch.

"As we address the problem of health care, we need to remember what drew us to medicine in the first place. Remember the physicians that carried the title of physician before us," Nguyen said. "I'm here as a wife, a mother, and a physician. I'm a refugee here to give back to the country I have adopted. As the new president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, I'm fully vaccinated and ready to go."

Nguyen shares a family medicine practice with her husband in the rural town of Castroville and counts special needs advocacy as near and dear to her heart. She attended medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and completed residency at Christus Santa Rosa in San Antonio. She served as a Member Constituency Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates and is the treasurer of the TAFP Alamo Chapter.

During her year as TAFP president, Nguyen will work with other officers to lead the Academy: Immediate Past President and Board Chair Amer Shakil, MD, of Dallas; President-elect Emily Briggs, MD, of New Braunfels; Treasurer Terrance Hines, MD, of Austin; and Parliamentarian Lindsay Botsford, of Houston.

Family physicians like Nguyen 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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.

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