

UT Medical School Honors Excellence

Pediatrics professor also wins national humanism award

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The opportunity to make a difference in people's lives and change things for the better is what drives Dr. Virginia Moyer and other physicians at the University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston.

The Humanism in Medicine Award, sponsored by the Health Foundation of New Jersey, recently was awarded to Moyer, the Director of Community and General Pediatrics at Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital and Professor in the Pediatrics and Internal Medicine departments at UT Medical School.

"I wanted to be a doctor beginning in grade school," Moyer said. "I enjoy the rewards of working with patients and changing healthcare policies so people can be healthier."

The award honors faculty who demonstrate compassion to patients, are role models and administer exceptional clinical care.

During May and June, UT also celebrated excellence in teaching by recognizing physicians.

And just as the mission of the University of Texas Health Science Center is "to advance the health of people ... through educating compassionate healthcare professionals ..." the Harris County Hospital District shares in that mission in "training the next generation of health professionals."

Moyer and several other UT physicians practicing at LBJ Hospital or the Community Health Centers were recognized for their excellence in teaching, receiving the Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dean's Teaching Excellence Award winners:

Dr. Ben J. Barnett, Internal Medicine
Dr. Brett Buchmiller, Emergency Medicine
Dr. Rosemary M. Conlon, Pediatrics
Dr. Elizabeth H. David, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Kevin W. Finkel, Internal Medicine
Dr. José García, Pediatrics
Dr. Harinder S. Junega, Internal Medicine
Dr. Judianne Kellaway, Ophthalmology & Visual Science
Dr. Ralph E. Ligon, Surgery
Dr. Niraj N. Mehta, Internal Medicine
Dr. Virginia Moyer, Pediatrics
Dr. Kevin D. Pereira, Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
Dr. Cheves M. Smythe, Internal Medicine
Dr. Edward R. Yeomans, Obstetrics Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences
Dr. David L. Zelitt, Radiology