Allegheny doctor is top physician teacher! Richard Bruehlman, MD named 2017 'Exemplary Teacher of the Year'

(HARRISBURG, PA Feb. 28, 2017) This year, Pennsylvania's top physician teacher is from Allegheny County! The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) has chosen Richard Bruehlman, MD of Allison Park as its 2017 Exemplary Teacher of the Year. Dr. Bruehlman will be presented with his award at the 2017 PAFP Annual Business Meeting, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 17, at the Hilton Harrisburg in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Bruehlman practices with UPMC Renaissance Family Practice in Gibsonia and has served for 30 years as a preceptor and teacher of family medicine residents at UPMC St. Margaret. He has served as chair of the UPMC St. Margaret Hospital Departments of Family Medicine and Pediatrics, Director of Family Health Centers, and Director of Preceptors. In addition, Dr. Bruehlman has led many instructional clinical courses and workshops for residents, has participated in 10 service trips to Tajikistan, Kyrygyzstan, Moldova, and Georgia, and has been named a Pittsburgh Magazine "Best Doctor in Pittsburgh" for the last five years.

The impact of Dr. Bruehlman's career, if measured by the gratitude and adoration of his current and former residents and colleagues, is just as impressive as his professional and academic accomplishments. He "dedicated himself wholeheartedly to not only improving our medical knowledge and skills, but also to ensuring our well-being as residents," said one former resident. "He was always happy to chat with us about work, the hospital, or our personal lives, always providing sage, and often humorous, advice."

More information, including a photo and biography of Dr. Bruehlman, can be found at <u>PAFP.com/awards</u>. Higher resolution photo available on request.

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