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FMEC CEO Emeritus Larry Bauer Honored at STFM Meeting

FMEC Announces Celebratory Dinner for Larry on September 15, 2022

DAYTON, OHIO – The Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) is pleased to share that the founding CEO of the FMEC, Laurence Bauer, MSW, MEd, was honored at the recent Annual Spring Conference of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) meeting in Indianapolis, IN. On May 1, 2022, Larry received an STFM Special Recognition Award, honoring his leadership in and dedication to the discipline of family medicine for three decades.

“Larry Bauer has been a visionary leader steering the ship through good times and bad. He has always believed deeply that family medicine is the answer,” said Dr. Joe Gravel, past president of the FMEC, in his introduction of Larry. “He never wavered in his commitment to support this movement and to Larry, that’s exactly what family medicine is and needs to be – a movement, not just a medical specialty.”

In his acceptance speech, Larry thanked everyone who supported his work and the FMEC over the past 30 years. He also issued a call to action to the field to move beyond feelings of helplessness and hopelessness and continue working toward “whole person, whole family, whole community healing.”

“I’ve been in family medicine all these years because I valued being a part of the community of healers and change agents. For the record, I have no plans to go quietly in the night,” said Larry. “We cannot do this alone. We must form coalitions with employers and patient citizens who want something better than the mess we offer currently. Academic family medicine has a unique role to play in the revolution. We need to hold ourselves accountable to attract the best and brightest medical students to family medicine, and to increase the number of students across the country choosing careers in family medicine.”

“Larry has been an outstanding connector within family medicine and an effective leader at making all of us believe we can and should do more to advance our discipline,” said Stacy Brungardt, CAE, STFM executive director and CEO. “His ability to inspire thousands of people to lead positive change is part of his impressive legacy.” Added Dr. Raj Woolever, FMEC president. “It’s gratifying to see his work recognized at the national level by STFM, and as members of the FMEC Board of Trustees, we were honored to attend and applaud Larry in Indianapolis.”



FMEC Past President Joe Gravel, MD presents FMEC CEO Emeritus Larry Bauer with the STFM Special Recognition Award on May 1, 2022.



The FMEC will honor and celebrate Larry at its [2022 Annual Meeting](#), to be held September 16-18, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. On Thursday, September 15, the FMEC will host a dinner in honor of Larry, to recognize his accomplishments and support the FMEC to continue his work into the future. Watch for more information from the FMEC. In the meantime, registration is open for the FMEC 2022 Annual Meeting. Visit [FMEC 2022 Annual Meeting](#) for more information.

About the Family Medicine Education Consortium

The [Family Medicine Education Consortium](#), Inc. (FMEC) is a catalyst, convener, and incubator that connects family physicians and other stakeholders to improve the health communities by strengthening family medicine, primary care and medical education. The FMEC serves 14 states and the District of Columbia in the northeast region of the U.S., working with 60 medical school departments of family medicine, 195 family medicine residency programs, and thousands of family physicians and other health care providers in community settings. Through an Annual Meeting for nearly 1,000 health professionals, annual awards, learning communities, and quality improvement projects, the FMEC inspires medical students to seek careers in family medicine, strengthens academic family medicine through faculty development and leadership experiences, and stimulates innovative approaches to primary care service delivery.

About the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine

The [Society of Teachers of Family Medicine](#) (STFM) Board of Directors represents more than 5,000 family medicine educators, including physicians, researchers, behavioral health professionals, pharmacists, nurses, physician assistants, residents, medical students, and others involved in family medicine education, with a mission to advance family medicine to improve health through a community of teachers and scholars.

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