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## MEMBER *spotlight*

### **Dr. Brynna Connor** **Family Medicine**

Dr. Brynna Connor's "joie de vivre" is matched by her passion to help her patients be their healthiest. "Family medicine is a specialty like no other! I love working with patients to reach their best level of health, addressing their medical concerns and fears—specifically family history and the genetics that may play a role in their health," she explains.

A highlight of her medical training at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago was advice from an instructor who was teaching students how to perform a physical exam and take patient histories. "I think back to Dr. Rosenbaum's words. He said, 'Your patient will give you the answer if you listen. Listening is the key.' Wow, was he ever right!"

Her family medicine practice allows her to interact with her patients through the years, which she also enjoys. "I am a fierce advocate for my patients and strive to meet them where they are—I consider it a privilege to be able to get up every day and see patients," she says with emphasis. "These patient relationships fuel my passion for family medicine." [Read more.](#)

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## Join Your Colleagues as we Celebrate This Year's TCMS Award Winners

### TCMS Annual Awards Dinner

**Date:** Thursday, Dec. 5

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Place:** Austin Central Library

710 Cesar Chavez, Austin 78701

### TCMS 2024 Physician of the Year:

Dr. Pradeep Kumar

### Humanitarian of the Year:

Dr. Hemali Patel

### Ruth M. Bain Young Physician of the Year:

Dr. John Weems

RSVP



## Retired Physicians' Organization (RPO) Luncheon:



### Evan Stern, Host and Creator of [\*Vanishing Postcards\*](#) Podcast

In the fall of 2021, Evan Stern grabbed a microphone and took two months to drive Route 66 from Oklahoma to the Santa Monica Pier. Along the way, he logged 6,845 miles on his odometer and spoke with over 100 people for his podcast *Vanishing Postcards*. For his presentation to our group, Evan will combine personal reflections with select footage from a few he met along this journey.

Please join us for a conversation with Evan Stern and bring a friend, a spouse, a family member!

**Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 19

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Place:** Tarrytown Methodist Church, 2601 Exposition Blvd, Austin

**Cost:** \$25 per person (non refundable)

## Nominate An Excellent Science Teacher!

Do you know of an excellent science teacher? TMA honors exceptional teachers annually at the elementary, middle, and high school levels who are dedicated to fostering a love for science in their students. Their commitment to creating an innovative learning environment sparks their students' interest in science, which lays the groundwork for future physicians.

**Grand prize:** One Texas science teacher will receive \$20,000 plus a \$5,000 school resource grant.

**Distinguished awards:** Three teachers (one at each level) will receive \$7,000 and a \$3,000 school resource grant.

**Rookie award:** A teacher with less than seven years' experience will receive \$5,000 and a \$2,000 school resource grant.

**Application Deadline:** Jan. 6, 2025

Check [here](#) for eligibility and the application.

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**Dates:**

**Nov. 7:** 8 am to 4:45 pm,  
(followed by reception)

**Nov. 8:** 8 am to 11 am

Meals provided

This event presents an opportunity for healthcare professionals to stay up to date on the latest advances in the treatment and management of clinical topics relevant to both inpatient and outpatient practice. The one and a half day conference is led by Dell Medical School's Department of Internal Medicine faculty members, and filled with valuable information that will help to improve your practice and provide optimal care to your patients.

Sessions offered in large group and breakout formats. Participants will receive up to 8.25 CME credits, including a .75 medical ethics credit and a .75 pain management and opioids credit.

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## Get Up and Take a Walk!

Join TCMS physician members Drs. Buteau and Blankenship for a walk on Lady Bird Lake Trail the second Saturday of each month.



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