

Henry Haire, M.D., Wins Prestigious ACP Award

“I look at this as one of the best honors I have ever received,” said **Henry M. Haire, M.D., F.A.C.P.**, recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Community-Based Teacher of the Year award bestowed by the Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP) at its recent annual scientific meeting.

Medical director of the FAU Medicine Resident Clinic and associate professor of Clinical Medical Science, Dr. Haire was recognized for teaching residents at the clinic and his care of the underserved and uninsured. A fellow of the ACP for more than 30 years, Dr. Haire is a veteran of clinic management. In addition, Dr. Haire owned a private practice in nephrology for 20 years.

“I am truly humbled by this award,” said Dr. Haire, who has been with FAU Medicine since 2014, creating and teaching in the clinic for internal medicine residents and medical students. “This clinic has been a great opportunity for me,” he said, “not only to teach the basics, but also to share with the residents how to treat each patient with dignity and respect regardless of their circumstances.”

Approximately 3,500 patients were seen at the FAU Medical Clinic this year, about 80% of whom were uninsured or underserved. “For many, we are their only source of health care,” said Dr. Haire. The protocol is for each resident to follow the same patients to ensure continuity of care. “This is significant,” Dr. Haire said, “to reduce hospital admissions and re-admissions.” The clinic accepts most insurance, but no one is turned away due to an inability to pay for services. The clinic attracts many international patients, thus, multi-lingual staff have been made available. Located at 670 Glades Road, Suite 400, the clinic is open Monday through Friday. More information can be obtained by calling 561-955-2570. An on-site pharmacy will open in January, thanks to a grant from the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation.

Combining his passion for improving the health of others with educating the doctors of tomorrow, Dr. Haire is a worthy recipient for the Community-Based Teacher of the Year award. “I want the residents to understand that human compassion is the central core for treating others,” Dr. Haire said. “As doctors, we must always be empathetic. This is an obligation for all of us – to help our fellow human beings.”