Greeneville family physician receives award for teaching students at Quillen College of Medicine

JOHNSON CITY – Dr. Daniel S. Lewis, a graduate of two East Tennessee State University degree programs, the Honors College and the James H. Quillen College of Medicine, has received a prestigious award from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Foundation in recognition of his commitment to education in the field of family medicine.

Lewis, a family physician who practices with Takoma Medical Associates in Greeneville, was selected by the AAFP to receive a 2010 Pfizer Teacher Development Award based on his scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and dedication to teaching. A member of the Quillen Class of 2004, Lewis practices medicine full-time in Greeneville, but he sets aside a number of hours each month to train medical students and resident physicians.

Like other volunteer community preceptors who help train Quillen students, Lewis receives no pay for teaching. He was nominated for the award by the ETSU Department of Family Medicine.

“I am honored to be selected for this prestigious award by the AAFP Foundation,” Lewis said. “While I greatly enjoy my private practice, a large piece of my happiness remains introducing students and residents to the joys and rewards that come with a career in family medicine.”

As a student at Quillen, Lewis completed the Rural Primary Care Track. He was president of the ETSU Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG), which won four consecutive FMIG Program of Excellence awards during his tenure.

Lewis completed his residency at Self Regional Healthcare Family Medicine Residency Program in Greenwood, S.C., and received the South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians Outstanding Resident of the Year award in 2007. He is also a graduate of the fellowship in primary care sports medicine program at Wake Forest University and incorporates primary care sports medicine into his practice at Takoma Medical Associates.

“Dr. Lewis is an excellent teacher, and we’re excited that the AAFP Foundation recognized his commitment to family medicine education,” said Dr. John Franko, professor and chair of the Department of Family Medicine. “He gives of his time out of the goodness of his heart, and he receives excellent evaluations from his student learners because of his effectiveness and his kindness. He is as good a person as he is a teacher.”

Dr. Joseph Florence, who is a professor and director of Rural Programs at the College of Medicine, agrees. “Dr. Lewis was an exemplary student in ETSU’s RPCT, and he continues to distinguish himself,” Florence said. “He has a magnetic attraction for students and residents who work with him, because he provides such exceptional clinical experiences and clearly is an outstanding family physician.”