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DALLAS--Dr. Gladys J. Fashena, professor of pediatrics at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, has been selected as one of 10 outstanding college teachers in the state to be designated a "Piper Professor of 1974."

Dr. Fashena was among 150 educators nominated for the honor throughout Texas. The awardees were chosen by the board of directors of the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio, which sponsors a variety of programs aiding education.

The occasion marked the second time in as many years that a Southwestern professor has received the honor. In 1973 Dr. Bruce D. Fallis, professor of pathology, was among the 10 chosen as "Piper Professors."

Cited by the foundation for "outstanding scholarly and academic achievement," Dr. Fashena long has been known as a popular and effective teacher, having served on Southwestern's faculty since its founding. She has previously been cited for teaching excellence by UTSWMS students.

Dr. Fashena also is noted as a specialist in pediatric cardiology, and is a recognized expert in numerous childhood diseases, particularly those such as rheumatic fever which afflict the heart.

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She has served as director of laboratories at Children's Medical Center, Southwestern's pediatrics teaching hospital, and currently is a member of the hospital's board. Since 1952, Dr. Fashena has directed a regional congenital heart disease program based at CMC.

She has been recipient of numerous community service grants from the Dallas chapter of the American Heart Association, to support activities of the cardiac catheterization laboratory at Children's.

In private life Dr. Fashena is the wife of Dr. Floyd A. Norman, well known Dallas pediatrician now serving as regional health administrator here for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. Fashena first joined Southwestern's predecessor institution, Baylor University School of Medicine, as an instructor in pediatrics in 1939. She was among some 17 faculty members who elected not to move with Baylor to Houston, staying in Dallas to help found Southwestern Medical College in 1943. She has held the rank of professor since 1949.

An honor graduate of Hunter College, Dr. Fashena received her M.D. degree from Cornell Medical College and taught there briefly before coming to Dallas. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha and Sigma Xi, scholastic honorary societies, and is a past recipient of the Marchman Award.

In addition to her affiliations with Children's Medical Center she is also a consultant to Parkland Memorial Hospital and is a clinical professor of pediatrics in the Department of Pedodontics at Baylor University College of Dentistry. She is a member of numerous professional medical organizations.

Her award from the Piper Foundation includes a certificate and an honorarium.

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