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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT FACULTY MEMBERS WIN HONORS

DALLAS — March 3, 1997 — A national physician assistant organization has presented both of its prestigious annual teaching awards to faculty members of UT Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.

The Association of Physician Assistant Programs (APAP), a national organization representing the 80 accredited physician assistant educational programs in the United States, presented the awards to Dr. Rose Jones and Venetia Orcutt, assistant professors in the physician assistant program. Jones received the Young Faculty Excellence in Education Award and Orcutt the Master Teacher Award. Orcutt had won the Young Faculty Award in 1991.

"As a graduate of UT Southwestern, the awards are even more important to me because they represent our commitment to continuing the school's tradition of excellence," said Orcutt, who joined UT Southwestern as a full-time faculty member in 1989. Her fields of interest are health promotion and disease prevention, as well as curriculum design and evaluation.

Jones is a social scientist with a doctoral degree in medical anthropology from Southern Methodist University. Her areas of special interest are ethno-medical systems and women's reproductive health care. She is involved in attempts to increase community outreach.

"What I think is most significant about this honor is that I am not a physician assistant," she said. "This award is a stamp of approval for our efforts at an interdisciplinary approach and our desire to incorporate different viewpoints."

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