

# News

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\*\*\*First recipient of Family Practice  
Award named.

DALLAS--Mike Jutras, a 1984 graduate of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, has been named the first recipient of an award to the outstanding senior going into family practice. The presentation was made April 16 at a meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the American Academy of Family Practice. Jutras was presented with a certificate and \$100 cash award.

Choosing the awardee, said Dr. Bill Ross, chairman of the Division of Family Practice and Community Medicine, was "like being asked by somebody which of my five children is the best. There were many outstanding nominees.

"It was very difficult, but we had the help of a lot of people, including getting comments from people who had worked with these students on their clerkships and on ward rounds."

Scholarship was also a consideration in choosing the awardee, and Jutras, who will begin his residency in family practice at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth in July, had a high academic average. Jutras, son of Mrs. Patricia L. Schroeder of 1205 Springwood Court in Euless, Texas, will receive his M.D. degree in graduation ceremonies June 2.

The graduate gives much of the credit to making his career decision to a preceptorship in Grapevine with Dr. Ed Lancaster. The experience made a believer of Jutras who feels more students should take the opportunity to do preceptorships "because they can see anything out here." Of course, that's true in a large metropolitan hospital like Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. But there is also a lot of decision-making in the Grapevine doctor's office where he spent part of last summer. And in the small-town setting he had to get along without some of the fancy tests he was used to having in the hospital setting.

Why did Jutras, who has worked his way through medical school as a pharmacist, decide on family practice for his specialty training?

"Making this kind of decision is really complicated," he said. "But I guess my ideal doctor is really like Marcus Welby, one who treats all ages, both sexes and people with all kinds of problems."

The graduate said that during the time he was trying to make his career decision, he found friends and family supportive. Also, the people in the community seem to want more of that kind of medicine. "When I'd tell them I was thinking about going into family practice, they'd say 'Great! We need more family practice doctors.'"

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