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Paul Rachal, MD, Named LAFP 2013 Family Physician of the Year

Baton Rouge, LA. –The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) was proud to honor Paul Rachal, MD, as its 2013 LAFP Family Physician of the Year on Saturday, August 3, at the Awards and Installation Ceremony held in New Orleans, LA. This award recognizes Dr. Rachal’s years of service to his patients, his dedication to Family Medicine and his contributions to developing and improving the profession for future physicians and their patients. Letters of endorsement were received from patients, colleagues and friends who have known Dr. Rachal for numerous years, where he has been delivering health care to the State of Louisiana.

Dr. Paul Rachal graduated from LSU Medical School in New Orleans in 1983, and then completed the LSU Family Practice Residency at Earl K. Long in 1986. He worked at Ochsner Baton Rouge from 1986-1991 and has been actively practicing family medicine in New Roads, LA for the last 21 years. He has served as Chief of Staff for Pointe Coupee General Hospital for 7 of the 21 years. Dr. Rachal serves on the Board of Central Louisiana AHEC as vice-president. He is the Medical Director for the First Responders in Pointe Coupee Parish. He also serves on numerous committees at his local hospital and parish, including the education committee for his fellow physicians. Dr. Rachal actively participates in education of medical students from both LSU and Tulane Medical schools. He is a member of AOA Honor Society which he joined his senior year of medical school. He received the prestigious Our Lady of the Lake Franciscan Award for his service to the community in 2007. He is a member of the St. Mary’s Church Parish where he serves as Grand Knight of his local Knights of Columbus. He and his wife Catherine have four children. As the LAFP’s Family Physician of the Year, Dr. Rachal will automatically be submitted in the running for the AAFP Family Physician of the Year award. Congratulations Dr. Rachal!

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About the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians

Established in 1947, the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) is one of the state’s largest primary care organizations, with more than 1,500 member physicians, residents and medical students throughout the State of Louisiana. The mission of the LAFP is to promote and support Louisiana’s family physicians in providing excellent health care and to provide a unified voice for family medicine. For more information, visit the LAFP website at www.lafp.org.