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**STANDOUT MEDICAL STUDENT RECEIVES TOP AWARD FROM
SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL FOUNDATION**

Dr. Cayenne Price presented with prestigious Ho Din Award, the highest honor for graduating UT Southwestern medical student

DALLAS -- May 12, 2022 – Southwestern Medical Foundation presented Cayenne L. Price, M.D., with the Ho Din Award at the UT Southwestern Medical School Commencement Ceremonies on May 12, 2022. Established in 1943 by Southwestern Medical Foundation, the Ho Din Award recognizes those who exemplify the unique personal qualities embodied in all great physicians – medical wisdom and human understanding. The award represents the ideals and aspirations on which the school was built and continues to be the highest honor bestowed on a graduating UT Southwestern medical student.

Leading with a heart of service, Dr. Price hopes to create as much of an impact in her community as possible while caring for her patients. She has volunteered to assist with screening and healthy lifestyle education at local events, helped lead planning efforts for a medical service trip to the Dominican Republic, contributed to critical community education efforts that engaged the African American community around the COVID-19 Vaccine, and produced an independent film about systemic racism and how to initiate social change.

“I think it's so important to be involved in the community for everybody, but I think specifically as physicians, we have a responsibility to be,” said Dr. Price. “In a career that has so much respect and trust just kind of inherently built into it, we have such an ability to make influential change in our communities.”

Throughout her academic career, Dr. Price has demonstrated excellence at every level. Among other accolades at UT Southwestern, she earned a GPA of 3.93 and was selected into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society (AOA) as a senior medical student. Prior to medical school, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Physiology & Health Management from Southern Methodist University. Dr. Price also served as an SMU School Senator and was inducted into both the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and the Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society for students of pre-health professions. Furthermore, she has served as a tutor to her peers and a mentor to young aspiring physicians.

“Cayenne embodies all of the qualities we hope for in our students and aspire to as fellow physicians,” said Blake Barker, M.D., Associate Dean of Students, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, and Chair of the Student Awards Committee. “She is a true servant to her community and a role model in everything she does. We could not be more proud to see Cayenne receive this honor.”

Southwestern Medical Foundation's Board of Trustees was pleased to bestow the 2022 Ho Din Award to a student distinguished in her academic and service careers. As part of her Ho Din Award, Dr. Price is the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship and a commemorative Ho Din medal presented to her at the UT Southwestern Commencement Ceremony by the 2007 Ho Din Award recipient, Dr. James Cutrell. After receiving his award, Dr. Cutrell went on to become the Program Director of the Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program at UT Southwestern and has become a leading figure in UTSW's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It is a great pleasure to celebrate Cayenne Price for her devotion to medicine and service to community,” said Kathleen M. Gibson, President and CEO of Southwestern Medical Foundation. “Cayenne, like the Ho Din Award winners before her, exemplifies the qualities of medical wisdom and scholarship, service, and leadership inherent in all great physicians. Her passion and commitment to the underserved is an inspiring example to all of us who are seeking to address disparities in health care. I have no doubt that she will help us change the world for the better.”

Dr. Price, who grew up in McKinney, Texas, will stay close to home, serving her residency in anesthesiology at UT Southwestern this summer. She hopes to later complete a fellowship in pain management and one day work in an academic setting, practicing both anesthesiology and pain management.

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ABOUT THE HO DIN AWARD

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ABOUT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL FOUNDATION

Southwestern Medical Foundation is a public charity and a registered 501(c)(3) organized in 1939 with a question: “Why not a great medical center in the Southwestern United States?” The Foundation was created to rally citizens in support of the highest quality health care possible in the Southwestern U.S. Out of that community vision, UT Southwestern Medical Center emerged. Today it remains the Foundation’s partner and most significant beneficiary. Southwestern Medical Foundation is guided by four core principles: Service to Community, Vision of Excellence, Mindful Stewardship, and Best Outcomes. Each principle is a promise to donors, beneficiaries, and generations to come that the Foundation is dedicated to bringing the gift of better health to the Southwest and the world beyond. Southwestern Medical Foundation holds a 100 out of 100 Encompass rating with Charity Navigator and a Platinum rating with Candid (formerly Guidestar) – the highest status offered by each rating organization. These organizations rate governance, accountability, and transparency, supported by both qualitative and quantitative measures. Learn more at swmedical.org.

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UT Southwestern, one of the nation’s premier academic medical centers, integrates pioneering biomedical research with exceptional clinical care and education. The institution’s faculty has received six Nobel Prizes and includes 26 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 16 members of the National Academy of Medicine, and 14 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigators. The full-time faculty of more than 2,800 is responsible for groundbreaking medical advances and is committed to translating science-driven research quickly to new clinical treatments. UT Southwestern physicians provide care in more than 80 specialties to more than 117,000 hospitalized patients, more than 360,000 emergency room cases, and oversee nearly 3 million outpatient visits a year. Learn more at utsouthwestern.edu.