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**Executive Director Celebrates 25 Years with the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians**

(LISLE, Ill – November 10, 2014) Vincent D. Keenan, CAE of Naperville is celebrating 25 years with the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP). He was honored as part of the IAFP annual awards banquet on November 7, 2014 at Key Lime Cove Resort in Gurnee.

Keenan was hired in 1989 by the IAFP board of directors. Vince left the American Medical Association for IAFP and the joy of family medicine.

His first job was Director of Placement Program, matching family medicine members with their dream job. Since that time, he has worked to match family physician members with the opportunities throughout the health care landscape. After just three years, Keenan was chosen by the IAFP board to be the Executive Vice President in May 1992.

Over a quarter-century, he has connected with members in every area of the state and at every career phase. Many IAFP physician leaders have known and worked with Vince since they were medical students or residents. He has shepherded, recruited and encouraged generations of family physician leaders.

His professional accolades include successfully completed the requirements and became a Certified Association Executive in 1990. The CAE is a certification demonstrating high knowledge in all aspects of association leadership. CAEs much achieve continuing education to retain their certification.

The IAFP is a constituent chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) representing over 115,000 members across the nation and beyond. As a chapter staff executive, Vince was selected to serve on two AAFP Commissions:

* Commission on health of the public and science
* Commission on quality and practice

Most recently, he was named the AAFP chapter staff executive to represent all state chapters on the groundbreaking “Family Medicine for America’s Health” campaign launched on October 23, 2014 in Washington, DC under the tagline “Health is Primary” [www.healthisprimary.org](http://www.healthisprimary.org).

Vince believes in the values embodied in family physicians which have helped move family medicine into the forefront of healthcare, and when you believe in your mission, every day is a great day to come to work. His motto, “I live to serve!” has been tried and tested throughout his quarter century at IAFP,

Gov. Pat Quinn issued a proclamation to Keenan thanking him for the 25 years of service to IAFP.

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Vince continues to set high standards for himself and challenges his colleagues. Using a quote from author and pastor Charles Swindoll, he says, “As high achievement leaders, we often overemphasize the achievement itself. The product. Getting the job done. But the leader who forgets that he or she is first a model, short circuits the influence they can have. The build in the mind of those around them that the most important thing is things, or activity, motion, movement, objectives. Get it done regardless. They forget that the model is what is going to be remembered.”

Vince received a BS in Education from Northwestern University, an MS in Public Health from University of Illinois at Chicago.

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