

BEULETTE Y. HOOKS, MD, FAAFP

For Dr. Beulette Y. Hooks, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has not simply been a part of her medical career, but an extension of her lifelong goal of promoting better health and providing comprehensive medical care for all.

A native of Macon County, Georgia and the oldest daughter of the late Lewis and Vivian Hooks, Dr. Hooks earliest dream was to practice law. However, learning the harsh realities of medical disparities in rural areas, she realized medicine could also bring a form of justice to so many families like her own.

She received her bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia in 1985. She was then selected to participate in the Summer Academic Achievement Program at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and earned her master's degree in biology from North Carolina A&T. Dr. Hooks received a full, four-year scholarship to Mercer University School of Medicine, where she was one of only three Black students in her class. She did her Family Medicine Residency at The Medical Center of Central Georgia/Mercer University in Macon, where she was Chief Resident in 1996.

Dr. Hooks became involved in the AAFP during medical school, serving as Chairperson of the AAFP National Congress of Student Members in 1992 and later as Chairperson of the AAFP National Congress of Family Medicine Residents in 1995. She has served as Convener of AAFP's National Conference of Special Constituencies and as Parliamentarian, Speaker, President and Board Chair of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Hooks is currently Physician Team Leader for the Victory Team at the Family Medicine Clinic at Benning Martin Army Community Hospital. She is one of three new members of the Health Resources & Service Administration's (HRSA) Council of Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Hooks continues giving back to the community as Volunteer Medical Director for the nonprofit Tree of Life Healthcare Clinic and encourages young people to follow her path in health services by forming and leading the Post 69 Healthcare Explores at 4th Street Baptist Church.

In addition to being a devoted, loving, and supportive sister, aunt, niece, and mentor to too many to mention, Dr. Hooks lives each day in pursuit of her goal to bring excellent medical care to all.