



*Barbara Vereault DO, of Bangor, Maine received the award as **Maine Family Physician of the Year** at the annual meeting of the **Maine Academy of Family Physicians** in South Portland on April 11, 2014. She was chosen and recognized by her colleagues for her outstanding accomplishments and her outstanding dedication to her patients and her community.*

(Introduction and presentation remarks by William Jenkins MD (*MAFP Family Physician of the Year 1999*))

“The Maine Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) is pleased to recognize the MAFP Family Physician of the Year, 2014. This year’s Family Physician of the Year is an outstanding individual who truly exemplifies clinical excellence, devotion to patients, and the highest traditions of family medicine. This year’s award goes to Barbara Vereault, DO.

LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE ABOUT DR. VEREAULT.

A native of Maine, she was born in Skowhegan and has devoted her career to the people of Maine. She is a graduate of the University of Maine where she earned a BA in Zoology and the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine where she received the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. She trained in Family Medicine at Eastern Maine Medical Center’s Family Medicine Residency after an internship at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine in Portland. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Since residency, she has been a Family Physician in Bangor, both in private practice and as part of a Federally Qualified Health Center.

She was the key to the startup of the first Rural Health Center in Bangor, the Penobscot Community Health Center (PCHC) and to quote Robert C. Allen MD, the most recent Medical Director of PCHC, “she was “motivated by the belief that all persons should have access to quality healthcare regardless of their inability to pay’.”

Drawing further from Dr. Allen’s recommendation, it should be noted that PCHC began in the mid-90’s with Dr. Vereault, a PA, a MA, and a secretary. Dr. Vereault served as PCHC’S Executive Medical Director from 2000 until 2006. During the past 15 years PCHC has experienced exponential growth and currently serves over 50,000 patients at 16 sites.

Dr. Vereault has always been an achiever and has offered much to her community. She was a Dean’s List student at Medical School and was selected for SIGMA SIGMA PHI Honor Fraternity. She has been a member of the Medical Staff Executive Committees at both Eastern Maine Medical Center and St. Joseph Hospital. She has served our State as a Medical Examiner. In 2013, Dr. Vereault was inducted into Deborah Morton Society, honoring women of achievement from Maine.

This is some of what her colleagues and patients have said about her:

Dr. Allen further states,” I am convinced there is no finer physician in the State of Maine.”

“She has been steadfast at the helm of medical care in Bangor” says Dr. Vince Michaud who nominated her for this award. “She exhibits all the values as a community servant, a sound human being, and a superb clinician.”

To quote a patient: “I firmly believe that Barbara Vereault is the BEST Doctor in the universe and she deserves every recognition for her amazing work.” And this: “She sees patients as individuals rather than conditions.” As a Family Physician myself, I believe there can be no better compliment.

The single achievement in bringing a successful Health Center to Bangor, a Health Center which she believes is right for her community, deserves recognition and our respect in and of itself. Her reputation as an outstanding clinician and caring physician represents the highest ideals of Family Medicine and that is why we recognize her here today.”