TTUHSC Associate Professor wins Top Aesthetic Doctor and Top Plastic Surgeon West 2020

On Tuesday, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso officials announced that a clinical associate professor was once again named one of the top plastic surgeons in the country.

“It’s an award that gives us the validity of all the hard work we put into our practice and taking care of our patients. It’s very rewarding to be acknowledged,” Dr. Frank Agullo, M.D., FACS, said. “It’s an award we’ve been given every year for the last five to six years – it’s a great honor because it’s an international award, which carries more weight and brings recognition for El Paso.”

In February, Dr. Agullo was announced as the winner of the Top Aesthetic Doctor and Top Plastic Surgeon West 2020 during the Aesthetic Everything 2020 Aesthetic and Cosmetic Medicine Awards. More than 40,000 online votes were cast between January 13 and February 7.

Dr. Agullo is a board certified plastic surgeon in both reconstructive and cosmetic fields. In addition to being a clinical associate professor of plastic surgery at the Foster School of Medicine and an affiliate professor at the University of Texas at El Paso, he primarily practices at Southwest Plastic Surgery.

As a clinical associate professor, Dr. Agullo is a voluntary member of the TTUHSC El Paso faculty and serves as a mentor to students, assisting them with research and residency applications. Students and residents also rotate with him at Southwest Plastic Surgery, which is when he feels he has the most devoted time to mentor them.

At Southwest Plastic Surgery, Dr. Agullo offers cutting edge technology to show patients 3D renderings of what they’ll look like after their surgery. He also offers some of the most advanced treatments to help with hair restoration and plastic surgery.
“That’s one of the things that sets the practice apart: We provide the latest technologies for our patients, and we try to weed out technologies that have more hype than benefit,” Dr. Agullo said.

“We’re also active on social media and have a large following on Instagram and Snapchat, where we post videos of our surgeries and treatments every day. That’s created an influx of patients, some who are now travelling here to El Paso. In fact, I would say half my patients are from outside the city. We’re happy we’ve put El Paso on the map as a destination for plastic surgery.”

Dr. Agullo was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and received his medical degree from Universidad Anáhuac in Mexico City. He completed his residency training in general surgery at TTUHSC El Paso, followed by plastic surgery training at the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

“I’ve been very grateful for TTUHSC El Paso. I was a foreign graduate and the Foster School of Medicine gave me the chance to do my general surgery training,” Dr. Agullo said. “I always thought the general surgery program here was strong, but on top of that, everybody was friendly and approachable. It was definitely a platform that allowed me to launch and continue my residency with their support. I enjoyed the experience so much that I came back after specializing at the Mayo Clinic.”

As a clinical associate professor, Dr. Agullo has welcomed Foster School of Medicine students and residents for clinical rotations with his private practice. He said some have been accepted to the Mayo Clinic like he was.

“We’ve always been open to having students visit us. Foster School of Medicine students have rotated with us, as have residents from El Paso and Lubbock, when they’re interested in going into plastic surgery,” Dr. Agullo said.

“We’ve been able to help them with projects, and that’s helped them present at national and international conferences.”

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