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November 18, 2024 – Hahn Receives MAFP Exemplary Teaching Award

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented Shelby Hahn, MD, of Springfield, Missouri, with the 2024 Exemplary Teaching Award at the Academy's 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at the InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. A committee of family physicians selected Dr. Hahn from nominations made by patients, community members, and fellow physicians.

The Exemplary Teaching Award acknowledges MAFP members who deserve recognition for exemplary teaching skills and individuals who have implemented outstanding educational programs and/or developed innovative teaching models.

Dr. Hahn is the program director of CoxHealth Family Medicine Residency program in Springfield, Missouri, and has served in this capacity since 2021. Prior to his appointment to the program director position, Shelby was the associate program director and served on a variety of GME and academic residency committees. His service on these committees highlights his commitment to program excellence and continuous improvement.

Dr. Hahn holds the rank of assistant professor with the University of Missouri Columbia School of Medicine, Springfield clinical campus. In this role, he serves as the Faculty Development Director, where he has been instrumental in implementing innovative teaching strategies and fostering a culture of lifelong learning among medical students and residents.

His personal commitment to patient care makes him a leader among teachers of our future family physicians. His active engagement and participation in the MAFP family medicine residency learning collaborative will further expand his impact across the state of Missouri.

Dr. Hahn earned his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR, and his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine in Portsmouth, Dominica. He completed his family medicine residency at Cox Family Medicine Residency in Springfield, MO.

About the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)

Founded in 1947, the MAFP represents over 2,300 physicians and medical students nationwide. It is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care.

Headquartered in Jefferson City, MAFP is dedicated to optimizing the health of patients, families, and communities of Missouri through patient care, advocacy, education, and research.

Family physicians conduct approximately one in five office visits — that's 192 million visits annually, or 48 percent more than the next most visited medical specialty. Today, family physicians provide more care for America's underserved and rural populations than any other medical specialty. Family medicine's cornerstone is an ongoing, personal patient-physician relationship focused on integrated care.

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is the state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, which represents 129,600 physicians and medical students nationwide and is located in Leawood, Kansas.

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Left: Shelby Hahn, MD, 2024 Exemplary Teaching Award Recipient giving his acceptance speech at the Academy's 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza.

Right: Shelby Hahn, MD, 2024 Exemplary Teaching Award Recipient with MAFP Board Chair Afsheen Patel, MD.