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November 18, 2024 – Schultz Named MAFP Family Physician of the Year

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented Brian “BJ” Schultz, MD, of Columbia, Missouri, with the 2024 Family Physician of the Year Award at the Academy’s 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. A committee of family physicians selected Dr. Schultz from nominations made by patients, community members, and fellow physicians.

Dr. Schultz has practiced family medicine at Compass Health, a federally qualified health center in Columbia, Missouri, since 2003. He cares for Spanish-speaking patients, refugees and underserved patients, and also has time for medical education. He has also impacted the world through his mission trips in Africa and beyond. Dr. Schultz believes in three things to develop in each visit: faith, truth, and virtue, which are integral components of the joy and purpose of caring for his patients and all good relationships. He cares for multi-generational families at ages from birth to senior care. His colleagues share that he is a person of great integrity and character because of his dedication to his patients, community, colleagues, and family.

He completed a Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship, which exemplifies his interest in sports and caring for athletes. He provided sports medicine care at Columbia Orthopaedic Group until 2017, when he began to focus on international care. He supports his community by serving as the team physician for the Missouri State High School Activities Association state events, as well as the team physician for Fulton High School.

Dr. Schultz is a graduate of the University of Missouri Columbia School of Medicine, where he also completed his family medicine residency and a primary care sports medicine fellowship.

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: 2024 Family Physician of the Year Brian “B.J.” Schultz, MD, giving his acceptance speech at the Academy’s 76th Annual Meeting on November 8, 2024, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza.

Right: 2024 Family Physician of the Year Brian “B.J.” Schultz, MD, with MAFP Board Chair Afsheen Patel, MD.