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## June 10, 2015 - Kirksville Physician Named MAFP Family Physician of the Year

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented Arthur Freeland, MD, FAAFP, of Kirksville, Missouri, with the 2015 Family Physician of the Year Award at the Academy's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Assembly held June 5-6, 2015 in Camdenton, Missouri. Dr. Freeland was chosen as the award recipient by a committee of family physicians from nominations made by patients, community members, and fellow physicians.

Dr. Freeland grew up in Kirksville and continues to live there with his family and is involved in his community. He serves as a family medicine preceptor for medical students from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Missouri - Columbia. He holds board certification from the American Board of Family Medicine and is an American Academy of Family Physicians Fellow. Dr. Freeland is a graduate of the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Medicine and completed his residency at the University of Missouri - Kansas City, Truman Medical Center at Lakewood.

Dr. Freeland is involved in many local, state, and national organizations. He has been a member of MAFP since 1985 and has served as board chair, president, and district director. He is the current board chair of Hospice of Northeast Missouri; the past district chair, Black Diamond District, Boy Scouts of America where he also received the District Award of Merit; and past president of the Genesis House of Northeast Missouri. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Dr. Freeland practices at Northeast Family Health Clinic in Kirksville, Missouri. He resides in Kirksville with his wife, Kelly. They have three children, Lucas, Maureen, and Allison.

## About the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)

Founded in 1947, the MAFP is a non-profit professional medical society of more than 2,000 physicians, residents and medical students across the state. Approximately one in four of all office visits are made to family physicians. That is nearly 214 million office visits each year — nearly 74 million more than the next largest medical specialty. Today, family physicians provide more care for America's underserved and rural populations than any other medical specialty. Headquartered in Jefferson City, the MAFP is dedicated to optimizing the health of patients, families, and communities of Missouri through patient care, advocacy, education, and research. The MAFP is a constituent chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), representing 115,900 physicians and medical students nationwide. It is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care. The AAFP is headquartered in Leawood, Kansas.

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