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November 19, 2021 – Heafner Named MAFP Outstanding Resident of the Year

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented John Heafner, MD, MPH, of St. Louis, Missouri, with the 2021 Outstanding Resident of the Year Award at the Academy's 73rd Annual Meeting held November 12-13, 2021 at Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, Missouri. Dr. Heafner was chosen as the award recipient by a committee of family physicians from nominations made by Missouri family medicine residency programs.

The MAFP Outstanding Resident of the Year award is presented to a graduating Missouri resident who exhibits exemplary patient care, demonstrates leadership, displays a commitment to the community, contributes to scholarly activity and is dedicated to the specialty of Family Medicine. The recipient of this award, Dr. John Heafner, has served on the board of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. John Heafner completed medical school and residency at Saint Louis University, and is now employed with Family Care Health Center in St. Louis.

About the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)

Founded in 1947, the MAFP represents over 2,400 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 the patients, families and communities of Missouri by supporting family physicians in providing patient care, advocacy, education and research.

Family physicians conduct approximately one in five of the total medical office visits in the United States per year – more than any other specialty. Family physicians provide comprehensive, evidence-based, and cost-effective care dedicated to improving the health of patients, families and communities. Family medicine's cornerstone is an ongoing and personal patient-physician relationship where the family physician serves as the hub of each patient's integrated care team. More Americans depend on family physicians than on any other medical specialty.

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is the state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians who represents 136,700 physicians and medical students nationwide and is located in Leawood, Kansas.

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