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## CHRIS PAYNTER, DO, FACOFP RECEIVES FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

CHRIS PAYNTER, DO, FACOFP of Jefferson City, MO was awarded the 2024 Family Physician of the Year Award by the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (MSACOFP).

Dr. Paynter was honored at a ceremony on January 20 during the 2024 MSACOFP Winter Family Medicine Update. This award recognizes individuals who exemplify the principles of osteopathic family medicine and exhibit outstanding accomplishments for the betterment of the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Paynter is the past president of the Missouri society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He has been a member of this organization since 2008 and a member of the ACOFP since 2012. He was instrumental in bringing student rotations to SSM Health Jefferson City hospital in 2022. He has received several awards including the MSACOFP James A. DiRenna, Sr. appreciation award with SSM Health, the MAOPS professional medallion award, Lincoln University's 40 under 40, Jefferson City Magazine's ones to watch, and SSM Health physician of the year.

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Chartered in 1994, the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians serves as the state affiliate of the ACOFP, representing Missouri's osteopathic family physicians and physicians-in-training. The MSACOFP's mission is to preserve and promote the distinct philosophy and practice of osteopathic family medicine through quality education, leadership, and responsible advocacy. ###