Member of the Month January 2021

A person holding a fish

Description automatically generated A picture containing tree, outdoor, rock, ground

Description automatically generated

NAME: A Marc Nielsen, MD

Undergraduate School: Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

Medical School: University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Residency: Altru Family Medicine Residency

Any additional training: Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors National Institute for Program Director Development Fellowship

Current Position/Practice Location: Program Director, Altru Family Medicine Residency

Family: Spouse: Wendy Children: Aaron (20) Tanner (18) Logan (12) Westin (12)

Family Medicine Questions: (please answer 3)

1. Why did you choose Family Medicine? The opportunity to provide care for all patients across the spectrum of health care in a rural setting.
2. If you weren’t a physician, what do you think you would be doing? Construction management
3. What is the best part of your current position/practice? Patient care will always be special. I cherish the opportunity to establish relationships with patients who trust me to provide medical care. My colleagues are exceptional. The opportunity to teach residents is exhilarating, challenging, and fulfilling.
4. What makes our mission meaningful to you? As a family medicine physician of 20-years, initially in a rural setting, and now in an educational environment, I have lived the mission statement of the NDAFP.
5. What advice would you give to a young physician starting out? Medicine is a commitment to lifelong learning. Enjoy the ride, avoid the politics, and take time for yourself.

Fun Questions: (please answer 3)

1. Where’s your favorite place in the world? Fort Peck, MT and Nipawin, SK, Canada
2. If you could be an animal, which would it be? Big Horn Sheep
3. The last book you read? Into the Darkness, L.T. Ryan
4. What are you currently binge watching? Yellowstone
5. What is your secret talent that no one knows about? Cooking/grilling
6. Which superpower would you most like to have? Superman
7. How many states have you visited? 23