

CCH Board Member

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Spotlight

Columbus Community Hospital



Joe Citta, MD

BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Joe Citta, who serves as the medical staff president at Columbus Community Hospital, joined the board of directors in December 2022 and is excited to help shape the future of Columbus Community Hospital.

Citta grew up in Columbus. After graduating from Scotus Central Catholic High School, he received his undergraduate degree from Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska, participating in the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP). RHOP aims to recruit high school students from rural Nebraska who will return to the area in which they grew up to practice medicine. He earned his medical degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine in Omaha, and has been home in Columbus for the last 12 years.

Citta's parents instilled in him the importance of community involvement while he was growing up. His dad led the Platte Valley chapter of Ducks Unlimited, a conservation organization, and Citta

helped his father make fundraising calls and organize events. After he returned to Columbus he and his wife, Amber, took over as leaders for the chapter. Under their leadership, membership has grown to more than 500 people — doubling previous membership numbers.

Citta is a family physician at Columbus Family Practice who specializes in all aspects of family medicine, from preventive care to women's health. As a family physician, he experiences something different every day.

“Columbus has small-town values I appreciate, and you feel that the minute you get here,” said Citta. **“I am here to help our community be as healthy as possible.”**

As a doctor in the community, Citta wants to advocate for his fellow providers and the patients he and the hospital serve.

“I hope we continue to offer affordable, quality care to our community,” he said.

Citta and his wife have two children. In his

free time he enjoys hunting and fishing so he can get away and connect with nature. He also volunteers for St. Bonaventure Parish.

To learn more about Columbus Community Hospital and its board of directors, visit columbushosp.org.