

December 2021 Member of the Month



NAME: Genevieve “Gigi” Goven

Undergraduate School: UND in Chemistry

Medical School: UNDSMHS Grand Forks

Residency: Family Medicine in Fargo, ND

Any additional training: no

Current Position/Practice Location: Sanford Health Valley City, started in 1993 when it was with Fargo Clinic, then Meritcare, now Sanford.

Family: Brother that I reside with, single

Family Medicine Questions:

1. Why did you choose Family Medicine? I liked that cradle to the grave approach to medicine. I like trying to keep people healthy as well as managing their multiple issues, as best as I can.
2. Who is someone along your path that inspired you and why? My father was a family physician and really enjoyed his work. He had fun at it and he loved to have students as well.
3. If you weren't a physician, what do you think you would be doing? Probably a chemistry teacher. I did some TA and tutoring work in college and really enjoyed that as well.
4. What is the best part of your current position/practice?. Like to take care of multiple generations in a family.
5. What makes our mission meaningful to you? We try to be patient advocates, and care about the cost of medicine.
6. What advice would you give to a young physician starting out? Have non medical friends and do take the time to enjoy your hobbies. Learn to say no.

Fun Questions:

1. Where's your favorite place in the world? Minnesota lake cottage.
2. If you could be an animal, which would it be? A dolphin, they're smart and they get to swim a lot. They interact with others.
3. The last book you read? Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty, much better is the audiobook I's still listening to, Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow.
4. What are you currently binge watching? Nothing, the local news.
5. What is your secret talent that no one knows about? I have a good sense of direction and love taking historical off the beaten path, still on roads, to find historical spots.
6. Which superpower would you most like to have? Melt away fat cells.
7. How many states have you visited? 30