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Dr. Phelps with KCOM military students (l-r) 2LT Justin Grisham, OMS II, U.S. Army; 2LT James Scholfield, OMS III, U.S. Army; 2LT Katherine Dittman, OMS I, U.S. Air Force; and 2LT Matthew Nemergut, OMS I, U.S. Air Force

Saluting those who serve

This edition of *Still Magazine* is dedicated to our graduates who spent and continue to spend all or a portion of their careers serving our country.

Whether in armed services, community health settings, or volunteering to help with physicals at a local high school, digging in and rolling up their sleeves is a hallmark of our many wonderful alumni.

Some graduates choose to live and work in rural and urban underserved communities. Others have served in harm's way far from home. During my travels while meeting with alums, I have found those who serve do so without expectation of recognition or reward. In fact, they often deflect any attention toward themselves to those they are serving or working alongside.

While a student at KCOM, I frequently witnessed preceptors, often after a long day in the clinic or hospital, seeking ways to further serve their communities through volunteer activities. I was lucky many took me along for what I thought was an "extra pair of hands." In reality, I probably slowed them down. What they were actually doing was teaching me that a healthcare professional's responsibilities and rewards extend far beyond four walls and a setting sun. To this day, I am grateful they brought me along, showing me what it really means to serve.

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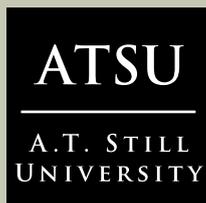
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Inspiration

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Dr. Still is Famous Missourian

At a grand ceremony on the House of Representatives chamber floor at the Missouri state Capitol, father of osteopathic medicine and ATSU founder Andrew Taylor Still, DO, was inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians on April 16. Dr. Still received nearly 38 percent of more than 34,000 votes in a public nominating and voting process. A bronze bust of Dr. Still was unveiled and placed on the third floor of the rotunda, forever a symbol of his legacy. Read more about Dr. Still's induction into the Hall of Famous Missourians on p. 37.

Kirkville artist Brandon Crandall, of Crandall Sculpture and Design, emblazoned Dr. Still in bronze. The rendering took Crandall approximately 1½ months to complete.

Oral care, here to there

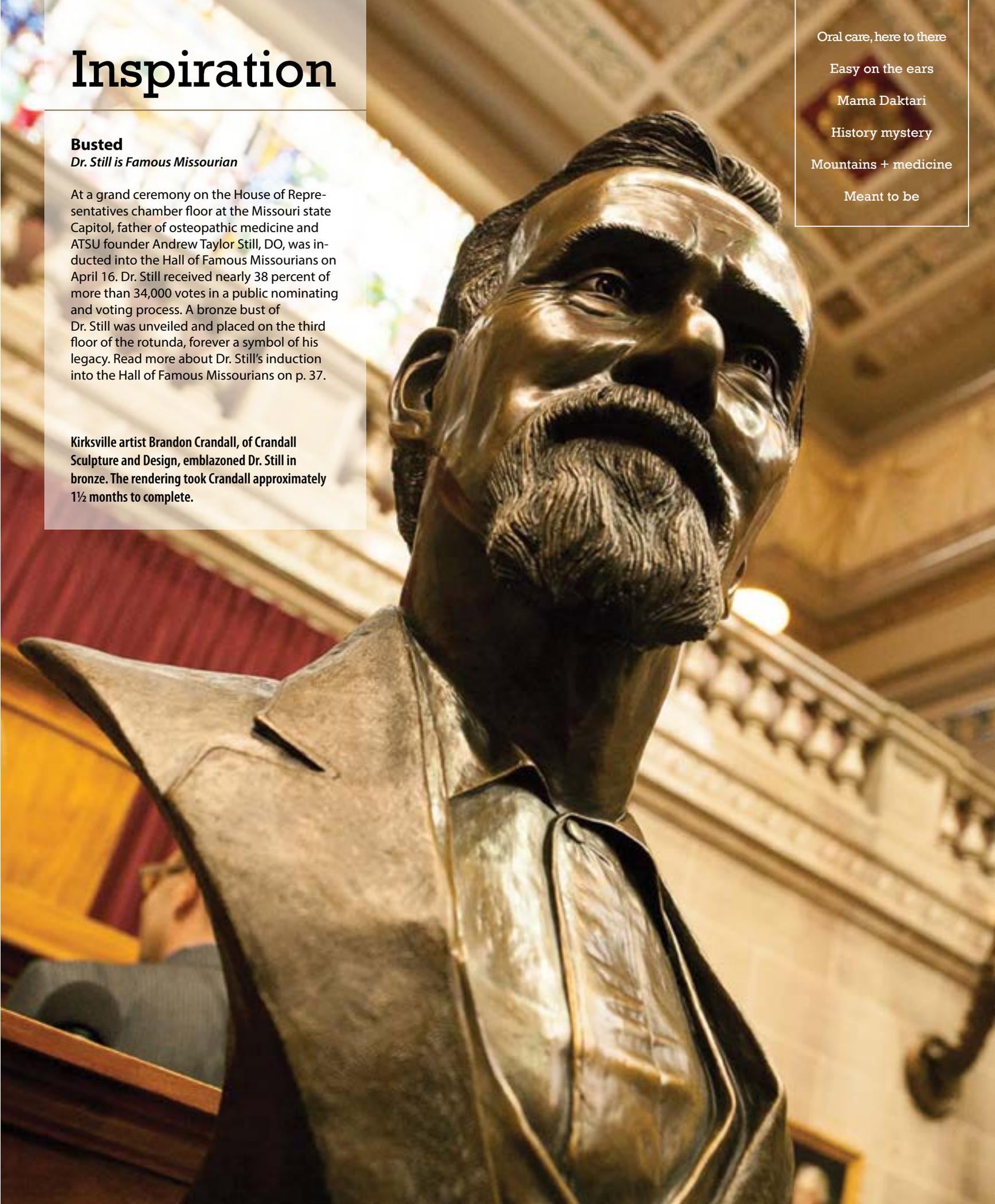
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Oral care, here to there

By Katie Thudium

Joshua Davidson, DMD, '11, has a heart for volunteer work and helping others. A practicing dentist based in Chippewa Falls, Wis., he helps communities close to home and around the globe.

Last October, Dr. Davidson participated in a humanitarian trip to Guilin, a picturesque city in southern China. A member of a 22-person team, he was accompanied by six dentists, one optometrist, two nurses, two hygienists, a videographer, and nine support staff. Together, the team provided care to underserved locals, including mentally challenged children. However, due to the lack of supplies and technology available, the team brought most of their own equipment.

"In terms of materials, understanding, and research, it just wasn't what we have here in the United States," says Dr. Davidson, who worked mostly at the Affiliate Hospital of Guilin Medical University. "They didn't even have cartridges of anesthesia for the pain."

Most surprising to Dr. Davidson was dental hygienists are not common in China—something he considers a major downfall in their dental care system. Unfortunately, for many people in the region, periodontal disease is endemic.

"The most rewarding part of the trip was teaching patients about proper dental care at home and getting regular cleanings to prevent unhealthy gums and bone loss," Dr. Davidson says.

The trip didn't completely revolve around a dental chair, though. He also



Dr. Davidson with Dr. Hu Xiaoxi, an orthodontist who assisted him in the Guilin clinic.

accompanied the team's optometrist to a rural boarding school and helped fit glasses for kids for a day. The optometrist brought along 1,800 pairs of prescription glasses and tested each child's eyesight. As they fitted each child, Dr. Davidson couldn't help but notice their excitement as they were finally able to read an eye chart.

Of course, visiting Guilin wasn't Dr. Davidson's first unique volunteer experience. At his local farmers market, he recognized the poor oral hygiene of several Amish adults.

"These folks have awful teeth," he says. "They seem to think teeth are expendable and that's the normal trajectory of the human mouth."

In hopes of breaking generational cycles of poor oral health, Dr. Davidson set out to educate the local Amish children. He received approval from the school board president to visit the Amish school.

After giving a short presentation, he handed out toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss to each child. Following through on his approach, he hoped to revisit the school one year later and provide a refresher on proper oral care and give away more toothbrushes.

"This time, for some reason, the board president said, no, so my project ground to a halt."

Persistently, Dr. Davidson continues to volunteer and make a difference at every opportunity. He believes the training in public health dentistry he received at ASDOH prepared him for the kind of volunteer work he loves.

"I went into dentistry because I truly want to help people and give them a better quality of life," he says. "There's value in seeing different cultures and helping people in other places." ■

Easy on the ears

By Eden Derby

Carrie Spangler, AuD, '05, wakes up every day, puts on hearing aids, and enters into a colorful world of sound. With severe hearing loss in both ears due to lack of oxygen at birth, she's made helping others with hearing loss her life's work. Her career path, based on her own journey, drives her personal and professional passion to change lives in this purposeful occupation.

Growing up in mainstream schools in Ohio, Dr. Spangler didn't know anyone else with hearing loss. Her experience inspired her to help launch programs for young people in her community who had that in common, including Stark Project for Education Audition in Kids, a specialized program to assist preschool-aged kids with listening and language skills. She also co-founded Hearing Impaired Teens Interacting Together (Hit It!), an advocacy and social support group in Stark County, Ohio. This program was based on the dedication she felt to help teens with hearing loss, providing a nonthreatening environment where they can learn more about themselves and others.

“I wake up every day and enter into a colorful world of sound.”

“Audiology has significantly improved over the years,” says Dr. Spangler. “Technology opens up a lot of doors for people with hearing loss to access listening and spoken language in our hearing world, and audiologists are professionals who can give that gift to people in an effective way.”

She also says there's much more to audiology than just hearing aids.

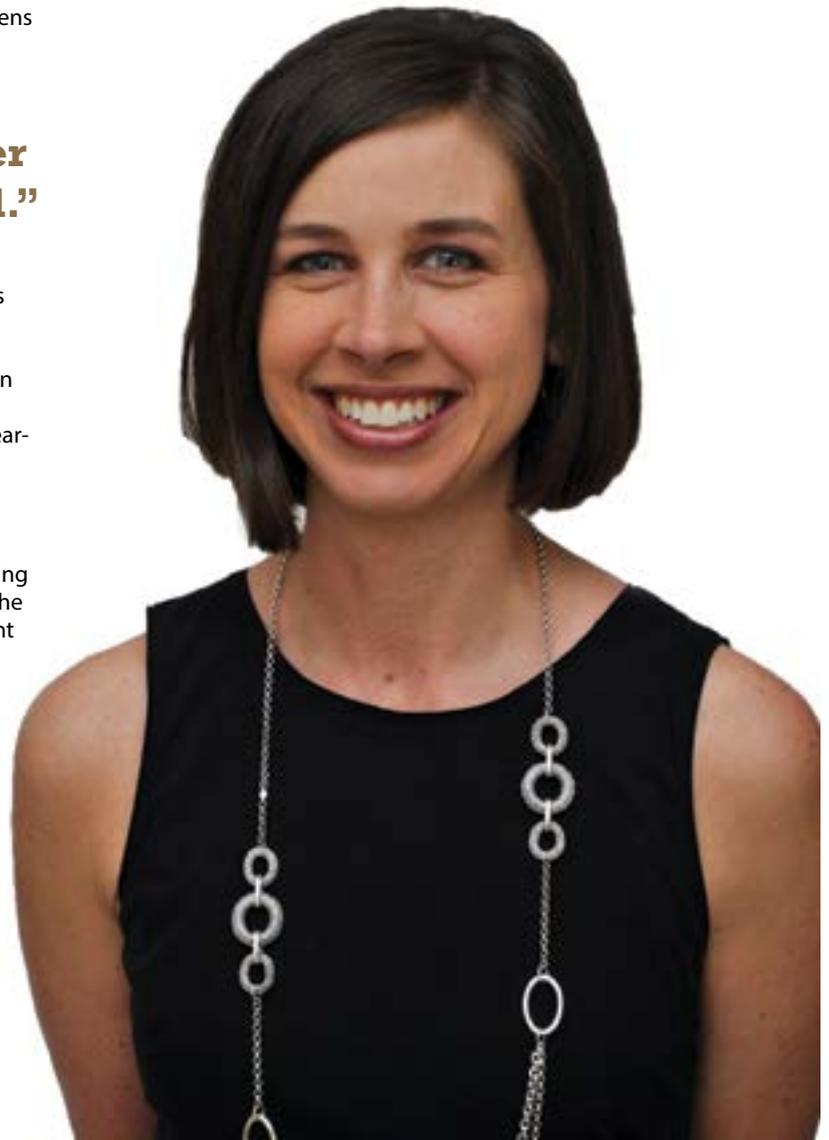
“Hearing aids are a tool that can help individuals live well with hearing loss, but you have to look at the whole person, not just the hearing loss itself,” she explains. “I see audiology continuously moving toward a whole person approach, making sure individuals have the social and emotional comfort and the ability to overcome communication barriers in lots of different situations.”

Dr. Spangler has worked with her state legislature to develop and pass a bill implementing universal newborn hearing screenings in all birthing hospitals in Ohio. This technology did not exist when Dr. Spangler was born, which led to her late hearing loss diagnosis at age 4, where she missed a crucial period to develop listening and language skills. Additionally, she worked with state representatives to obtain a line item in the current state budget to help provide hearing aids for kids whose insurance will not cover the cost.

She takes any opportunity possible to make a difference in the lives of children who have hearing loss, especially those families just finding out about their child's needs.

“I strive to be a positive role model in their lives because they're going down a new road and don't know what to expect,” Dr. Spangler says. “I also hope to inspire others pursuing a career in audiology and show them how important this work is on a daily basis.”

Dr. Spangler can't imagine life without the tools necessary to listen in our hearing world. She considers herself a No. 1 advocate for those with hearing loss, and strives to make the world just a little easier on the ears. 📌



Born with severe hearing loss, but not diagnosed until age 4, Dr. Spangler missed a crucial period of skill development.

Tonya Hawthorne, DO, '92, came to KCOM with one goal: to become a missionary physician. Since then, she's worked in war zones, refugee camps, tsunamis, volcano eruptions, earthquakes, and city dumps. She's traveled the globe saving lives, and now deep in the Kenyan bush, she's establishing clinics in the most remote locations.

As a medical student, Dr. Hawthorne embarked on her first outreach trip to the Dominican Republic. The experience opened her eyes and further solidified her passion for medical missions. Knowing she could really make a difference, she hoped to one day open clinics around the world.

In 1997, Dr. Hawthorne founded New Frontiers Health Force, an organization dedicated to developing international health centers, medical outreaches, and community education programs. The organization began setting up temporary clinics around the world, moving to different, and often dangerous, locations each month. After re-evaluating her goals for the organization and why she chose mission work, Dr. Hawthorne knew temporary clinics weren't enough. She needed to establish permanent clinics.

Her first stop was Kenya. In a very remote village called Ngoswani, she found a total of five buildings, no running water, no electricity, and no education.

"I thought to myself, 'Wow, I could really make an impact here,'" Dr. Hawthorne recalls.

Since opening the clinic in 2009, it has grown to serve more than 10,000 Masai people and includes immunizations for children, HIV treatment, TB and malaria treatment, 24-hour trauma care, pharmacy, laboratory testing, prenatal, obstetrics, and gynecology.

Her organization focuses on education, too. Since location often determines a child's education in Kenya, New Frontiers provides the foundational education necessary for local children to attend primary school. Additionally, the organization helps fund students' education through high school graduation.

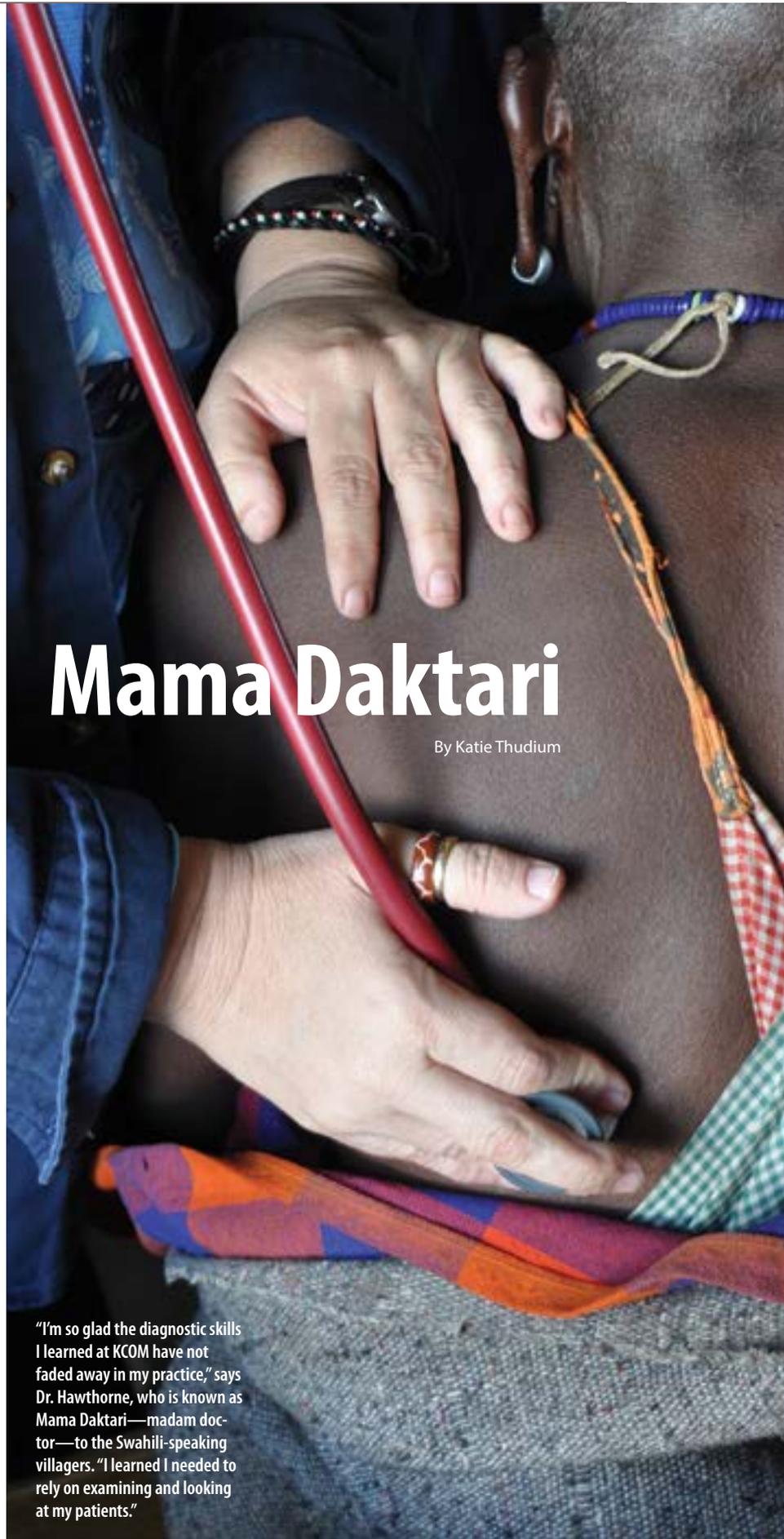
Dr. Hawthorne believes education is the best way to make a lasting impact on the Masai, who are known for their strong cultural identity. They hold their traditions close, including the more extreme rituals like female circumcision, which she strongly educates against.

Because the Masai also place great significance on childbirth, Dr. Hawthorne educates their traditional birth attendants so they will send pregnant women to her clinic early—not when they are in trouble. This approach helps her overcome her biggest challenge, which is getting patients to her clinic before their conditions become too advanced. With rough terrain and wild animals, traveling to the clinic is risky, especially at night.

Regardless of all she's seen, she still gets nervous when she hears middle-of-the-night knocks for help. One night, she rushed to the clinic to find a young woman in a breached delivery. Knowing breached deliveries are seldom successful, she quickly started Pitocin for the contractions, grabbed the two blue feet, and said a prayer. Within minutes, a blue baby flopped onto her table.

Remembering the previous summer when she had four fetal deaths in a row, she was determined to bring this baby to life.

"Not today," Dr. Hawthorne said to herself as she hurriedly began resuscitating the newborn.



Mama Daktari

By Katie Thudium

"I'm so glad the diagnostic skills I learned at KCOM have not faded away in my practice," says Dr. Hawthorne, who is known as Mama Daktari—madam doctor—to the Swahili-speaking villagers. "I learned I needed to rely on examining and looking at my patients."

Suddenly, she heard a weak little cry.

Often given the privilege of naming the babies she delivers, Dr. Hawthorne named the baby Miracle. She knew years ago when she first came to KCOM, someday, somewhere, a miracle was waiting to happen, and she was going to be a part of it.

Through all the challenges and excitement, she remains passionate for her work. In October 2013, Dr. Hawthorne opened her second clinic in Kenya. In a village called Empaash, the clinic is 2½ hours further in the bush. As she looks to a third site, she knows these clinics will provide care for those who don't have access anywhere else.

"There really are heroes in this world, but I'm not one of them," Dr. Hawthorne says. "I'm just doing what I feel I'm supposed to be doing with my life." ■

History mystery

By Katie Thudium

After 150 years, the mystery is solved. Thanks to Mathew Lively, DO, MHA, '11, and his book "Calamity at Chancellorsville," the controversy surrounding Stonewall Jackson's death during the Civil War is finally laid to rest.

Dr. Lively always had a fascination with the Civil War. A native to West Virginia—the only state born of the Civil War, he was similarly interested in Stonewall Jackson. Jackson, who was born in present-day West Virginia, served as a Confederate general during the war and is a popular icon to the region for his commitment to the Southern cause.

As Dr. Lively's interest in medicine grew, he became equally interested in the medical aspects of the Civil War, which led him to some lingering controversies surrounding Jackson's wounding and eventual death. Dr. Lively scoured historical records, but he couldn't find a definitive account of one of the most pivotal events of the Civil War.

"No one had put together a scholarly analysis of the situation," says Dr. Lively, a practicing physician and professor at West Virginia University. "I'm an academic physician, so I decided I would do it."

On May 2, 1863, at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Jackson rode between the battle lines at night. As he returned to his own line, his men mistook him for the enemy. They shot him three times, twice in his left arm and once in his right hand. The next day, his left arm was amputated, and seven days later, he died of what his doctor believed to be pneumonia. According to Dr. Lively, the eyewitnesses to the events disagreed about key facts, primarily Jackson's location when he was shot and his actual cause of death.

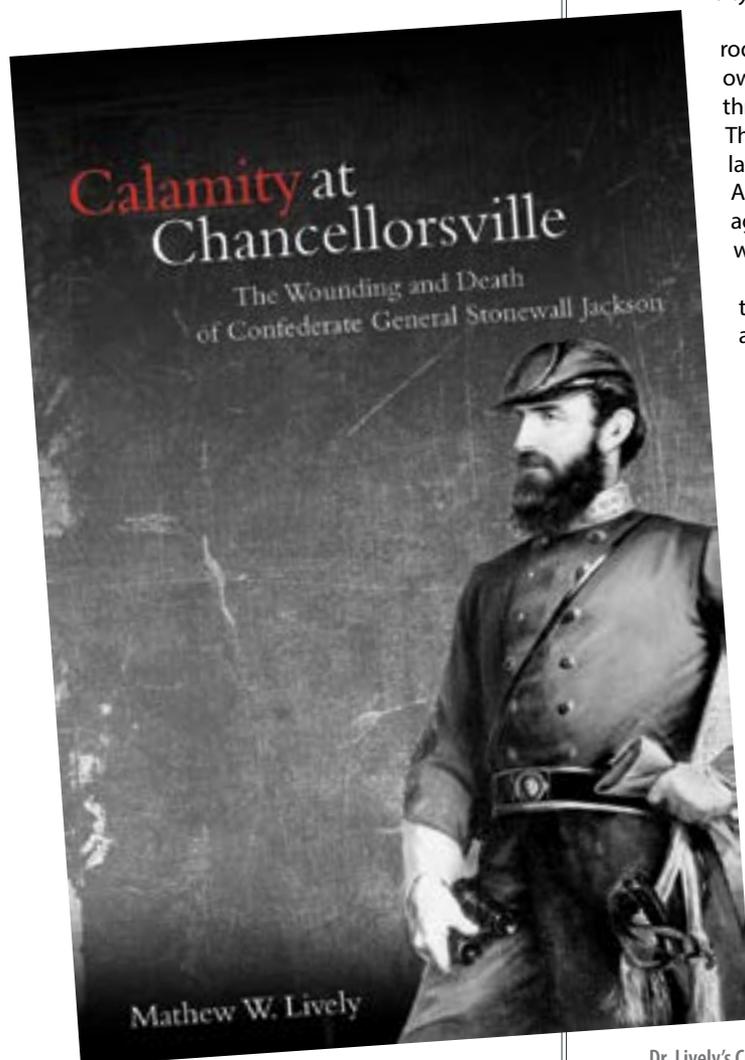
Determined to find answers, Dr. Lively traveled around the country to different historical societies, uncovering clues and gathering resources.

"Because I practice and teach and am a sports team physician, I did the research and traveling in my spare time," says Dr. Lively, who was simultaneously completing his master's degree at SHM.

Ten years later, after much research and writing, his book was complete. Covering the last 20 days of Jackson's life, "Calamity at Chancellorsville" set the record straight. It begins with a visit from Jackson's family prior to the battle and follows Jackson through the conflict and ultimately to his fatal outcome.

Marking the 150th anniversary of Jackson's death, the book was published in May 2013 and is in its second printing.

"I plan to write more books," Dr. Lively says. "I haven't decided exactly what the topic will be, but it will probably cover some medical aspect of the Civil War." ■



Dr. Lively's Civil War fascination led him on a modern day hunt for clues.

Mountains + medicine

By Karen Scott

"I am strongest and most effective when working within in my community," says Martin Peters, DO, '13. "I am an Oregonian—born and raised."

Although the majority of his time is spent fulfilling his family medicine residency at The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education in Portland, Dr. Peters immerses himself with a full agenda of extracurricular activities, like volunteering for Outside In and Health Bridges International, both community-based organizations aimed at bettering lives and helping people in need.

"I was able to stay local for medical school and my residency, so I am fortunate to have remained deeply involved with these same organizations," he explains.

Dr. Peters also is an outdoor enthusiast.

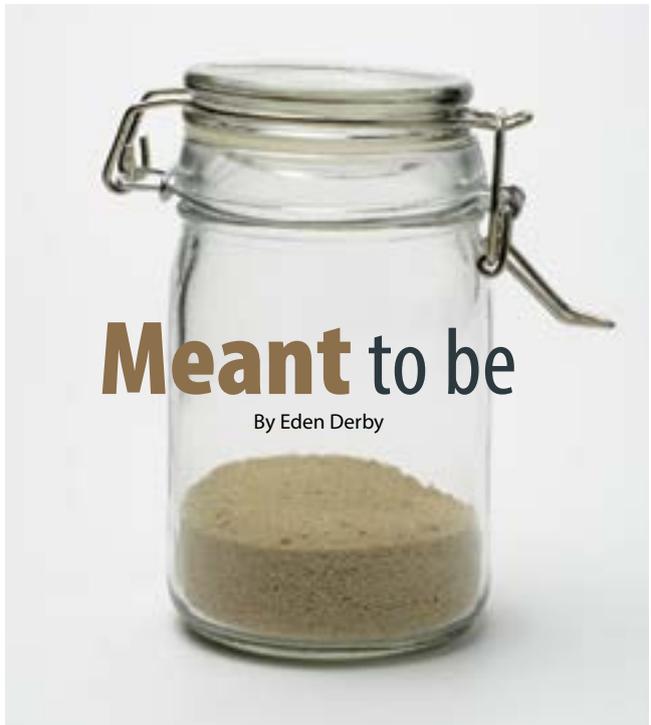
"As a medical student and resident, I have had the chance to practice wilderness and sports medicine with Mountain Emergency Services at Mount Hood Meadows," says Dr. Peters. "I am almost finished with a fellowship in wilderness medicine and have halfway completed a diploma in mountain medicine."

In 2010, Dr. Peters' passion for wilderness and medical education was shared with Arizona campus students through a medical club he founded called Still Wild. Still Wild took students on medical expeditions—like climbing the nearly 14,000-foot Mount Humphreys in Flagstaff—to practice high altitude osteopathic manipulative treatment.

Long-term, Dr. Peters hopes to become an attending for his residency program at The Wright Center and work in the community health center. Because of his love of outdoor adventure, he also would like to direct the health center's growing wilderness path, where he would lead residents and medical students into the back country of Oregon while teaching wilderness medical skills.

Says Dr. Peters, "Overall, my goal was to combine my interests in foreign language, outdoor adventure, and community development into one super career." ■

"I have a purposeful desire for adventure," says Dr. Peters.



If people are meant to be at a certain time and place, at just the right stage in their life, the pieces definitely fell into place for first-year MOSDOH student Kristen Alexander.

Alexander, who hails from Poplar Bluff, Mo., always knew dental school was in the cards for her. In eighth grade, she met a dentist at a career fair, who a few years later happened to have a position available for a high school intern. Through this mentorship, community service, and job shadowing via the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program, she was laying the foundation for a future career in dentistry.

After graduating from Southeast Missouri State University, Alexander took a job at AHEC to give kids in her hometown the same experience to explore healthcare careers she once had. That's when she learned about ATSU and the possibility of a new dental school in Missouri.

"When I read the mission statement and the focus on the underserved at ATSU, I knew that's where I wanted to be. I get goose bumps talking about it," says Alexander.

Her aspirations perfectly describe ATSU's vision for its students to become hometown providers.

"I've been in and out of small towns where there's only one healthcare provider for 45—even 90 miles. Experiencing this in my own area turned my career goals into a passion," Alexander says. "It's something you always wanted to do when you were little, and then it turns into a child thanking you, saying he'd never had his own toothbrush before. That's when I knew what I had to do, because I need this in my community."

Alexander was the only student from the inaugural class to attend the MOSDOH groundbreaking ceremony in 2012 and says her shovel and jar of sand from that day remind her of her goals and why she's here: to help Missouri with the dental care crisis. To build relationships with patients, and see them in wellness, not just sickness. To be the next generation of public health dentists. To do what she was meant to do, right where she was meant to do it. ■



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Lessons in a Lunchbox

Student dentists teach kids good oral care habits

Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health students presented Lessons in a Lunchbox® to second-graders at the Kirksville Primary School on March 6. The program, developed by nonprofit organization The Children's Oral Health Institute, was created to help children learn early about taking care of their teeth, eating healthy, and considering career options in dental medicine.

Student dentists taught youngsters about good oral health,

demonstrated how to brush and floss, and stressed the importance of healthy eating. Each child also received a lunchbox containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, and rinsing cup, provided by The Children's Oral Health Institute.

Said Drue Barton, D1, "It was a great opportunity to teach the kids about the importance of proper oral care in a fun and unique way."

Kolby Lance, D1, demonstrates proper oral healthcare to a captive audience.

ATSU alums heed the call of duty and share untold stories from the front lines.



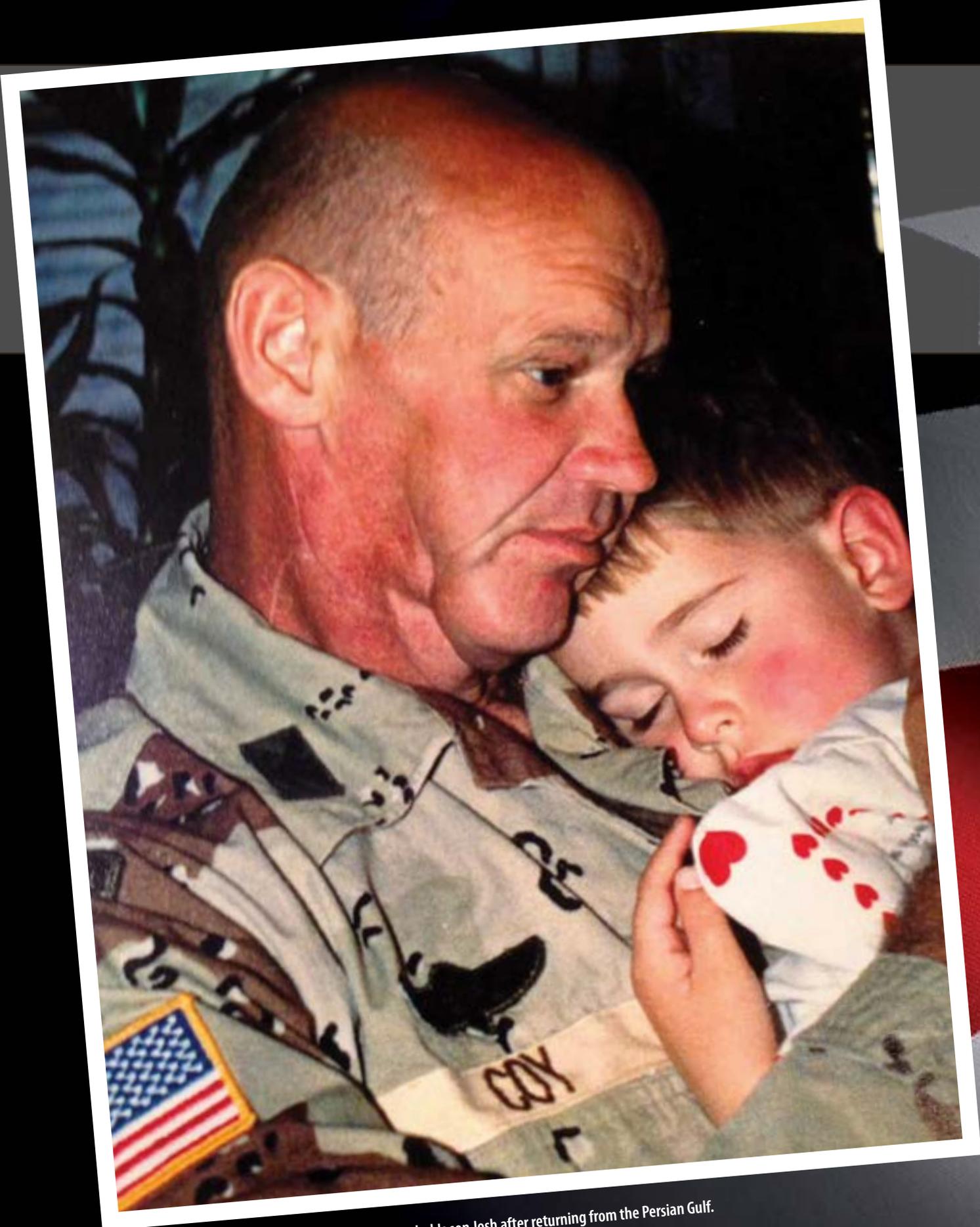
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MISSION to serve

By Lee Cashatt

The United States military is comprised of extraordinary men and women who selflessly serve for the greater good of this great country. Many of these individuals are also ATSU alumni, specializing in various aspects of military medicine, attending to the complex healthcare needs of service members in all branches of the armed forces. They serve bravely on the front lines, where indescribable soldier trauma is all too familiar. They serve quietly behind the scenes, planning intricate medical missions at home and abroad. They are innovators, taking military medical technology and knowledge to the highest levels. Their personal military stories, heart-wrenching and raw, define humble heroism. As they carry out their missions, changing lives across the world, their lives, too, are forever changed.



Dr. Coy holds son Josh after returning from the Persian Gulf.

One of four military physicians on a three-week humanitarian mission aboard a small Peruvian Naval vessel in 1989, Col. Jimmie D. Coy, DO, '73 (Ret.), recounts how he helped save the life of a young boy facing near death. Dr. Coy never lost faith that the child's health would be restored.

Dr. Coy remains a medical consultant for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. He served two years as national president of the Special Operations Medical Association and as national surgeon of the Reserve Officers Association, as well as with numerous Special Forces and Special Operations units, notably the 3rd Group Army Special Forces (Airborne) in the 1991 Gulf War. He has received a myriad of military honors, awards, and badges, including the Legion of Merit, the Combat Medical Badge, and the prestigious "A" designation—the highest recognition of the Army Medical Department.

Dr. Coy chronicles his military experiences as the author of a series of books addressing leadership, courage, hope, and faith, which can be found at www.agatheringofeagles.com.

Miracle on the Amazon

The trip from San Palo was long and we arrived at dusk at the small village of Triumfo. A family rushed up with their young boy who was extremely sick. He had been vomiting and had diarrhea for many days. As I pinched the skin on his abdomen, the skin remained raised in an elevated mound. My suspicion of profound dehydration was confirmed. We knew the child would not survive without intensive medical intervention, but no local care was available.

The medical supplies on board the vessel were very limited, so we decided to take the sick child and his family to a small, but primitive, Peruvian hospital about four hours down river. We only had a few IV solutions, some IV tubing, and needles. The youngster was so sick, and his dehydration so severe, that he was almost unresponsive. As we started down the river, the two Peruvian physicians tried to start an IV on the child. After many unsuccessful attempts, they asked the other American physician to try. Despite numerous attempts, he too was unable to start an IV. As each minute passed, the child seemed less responsive even to the painful needle sticks. He was moving closer to death.

As his pulse weakened and his rapid heart rate became faint, I lifted his eyelids and saw his eyes were rolled back in his head and his pupils appeared dilated. We were weary from the long day, but there would be no rest. We knew if we did not get fluid into the child that he would die.

The two Peruvian physicians re-examined the child and agreed with us that death was imminent and proceeded to inform the family that we were unable to save the child. The mother began to quietly sob, as did the boy's siblings as they surrounded the dying child. The father sat quietly watching. Just looking at his face, you could see the pain and tell that his heart was breaking. The other American physician headed for the door, trying to hide his tears and silence his own grief.

The youngster's vascular system was collapsing. There seemed to be no vein that we could use. The thought came to me that if I could just get a needle into the faint and barely palpable femoral artery, near the groin, that maybe there might be a slim chance of saving him.

As I felt for the pulse of the femoral artery, I began to recite to myself Psalm 91, the soldier's psalm. As I finished the verse, I stuck the needle once again into the almost lifeless child. Arterial flow; it worked.

We compressed the IV bag and began administering fluids. After an hour passed, the arterial line stopped flowing; it wasn't working. Once again I searched for a vein to use. I noticed a small one above the child's ear. Again I prayed the words in Psalm 91 and was able to start an IV.

After midnight we finally reached the small village and began our trip carrying the child on winding, narrow paths through the dark jungle to the hospital. On the way, the IV line was accidentally pulled out, and our hopes dashed once again. When we arrived, the caretaker told us that a part-time physician and a nurse staffed the hospital but would not return until morning.

We gently placed the child on one of the few beds. With another prayer, I was able to start the final IV by the light of a flashlight one of the others held. At that point there was nothing more that we could do for the boy. We left him in the hospital and headed back through the hot, sticky darkness of the jungle.

When I climbed into my bunk, I thought about home. Exhausted, I finally fell asleep.

When I awoke, the other American physician came by and told me the news: Not only was the child alive, he was awake in his mother's arms, talking, and drinking fluids! He was alive!

James D. Cannon, DHA, PA-C, MS, '97, is chief operating officer for Coast Guard Health Services and oversees physicians, PAs, dentists, corpsmen, and techs at 45 clinics in 13 regions. In the U.S. Coast Guard, Dr. Cannon served as chief physician assistant and consultant to the USCG surgeon general and chief medical officer. He also was responsible for the program that trains Coast Guard PAs and served as the agency's medical contingency planner.

In 1997, just six months after graduating from the first PA class at ASHS, Dr. Cannon was mobilized to a draught-stricken, remote Polynesian island where he was the only U.S.-trained provider as part of a multi-service engineering team comprised of members from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Unfazed by the enormity of his mission, he heralds his comprehensive training for his readiness.

“Semper paratus”: Always ready

Pohnpei at the time was probably 20,000 people, and about 40 percent of the population was under 18 years of age. It was a tropical paradise with mangoes, papayas, and yellow fin tuna swimming out in the water, but it was underdeveloped. I was a brand new graduate PA using remote supervision of physicians and had very complex cases. I was well-trained and well-prepared. For seven months, I took care of truly everything under the sun from the very young to the very old with very few diagnostics. You couldn't be in more of an underserved population.

I worked in their version of an emergency room, which was an open air hospital—very low-tech. It wasn't much more than a set of exam rooms. A case came in. I remember a young 14-year-old kid, just barely able to walk. He'd take a few steps, stand and rest, his dad helping him. I had been on the island for about three weeks. He came to see me because he had seen all the other doctors there and didn't know what to do.

The kid approached, and I saw some distention on his neck vein. I barely got the stethoscope up to his heart and knew right away he had a bad mitral valve regurgitation. His mitral valve was not working. I asked him how long he'd had it, and he said about a year. I asked him what other complaints he had. He said his knees hurt, his back hurt. He recently had strep throat ... The strep infection disseminated down his neck and eroded his heart valve. He met the Jones criteria for mitral valve dysfunction secondary to strep infection. They just didn't put the pieces together. I got on the phone, did a telephone/email consult with Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii, and two weeks later we got him on a plane and to a pediatric surgeon who replaced his valve. He was back on the island eight weeks later, doing great.



COO for the Coast Guard Health Services, Dr. Cannon additionally extends his service to ATSU as vice chair of its Board of Trustees.

After multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, CAPT(sel) Sean P. Barbabella, DO, '96, compares his experiences and is especially grateful for the camaraderie among Marines. Dr. Barbabella is highly decorated, having received the Legion of Merit on his second tour in Afghanistan and a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation with combat valor. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his 2009 Afghanistan tour where he sustained wounds in an IED explosion and was a pioneering physician of the Mobile Trauma Bay, a large armored vehicle used in combat to provide ER-level care to wounded on the battlefield.

Personal combat, personal care

In '09, it was very kinetic. I was in a total of three IED blasts. Luckily, I was in armored vehicles. In one, I got a concussion and a shoulder injury. It was an interesting dynamic—different than my other deployments because I was with a small company of about 300 Marines and we were surrounded on three sides by the enemy. Our unit was in fire fights or engagements daily. Any time I went out to pick up a casualty, and any time someone would step on an IED, that's when an engagement would start because the enemy knew we were at a disadvantage. I had a side arm and an M4 for protection of my patients and my personal safety. We were in combat almost all the time when we went "outside the wire."

There was a six-week period where we took multiple contacts daily—mortars, rockets, and machine gun fire into our outpost. The first night it was hard to sleep, but then I quickly came to the realization that I am here to do my mission and can't worry about all this other stuff. At one point, almost every vehicle we had except the medical vehicles was destroyed. Then, my vehicles started getting blown up.

I was told to never get out of the medical vehicle. One day, we were stuck in a wadi, and I saw all the Marines getting out. I know they said never get out, but when the gunners are getting out of the top of the vehicle, something's not right. They yelled, "Run, mortars walking in on our vehicle!" I started running, and one of the Marines grabbed me and said, "You've got to run behind me, Doc. If I step on an IED, that's OK, but you can't."

It's just the thought process that once you knew these guys, how much they went out of their way to protect you. Even though they knew they could get injured, they thought if the doctor gets injured, that limits everyone.

Our combat outpost was very small, maybe a football field long and wide. You knew every casualty you took care of. There was a difference—they knew you, you knew them, they were your friends. You provided far forward cutting-edge trauma care either way, but it was

Dr. Barbabella's primary focus was to stay with the mission: to take care of the guys.

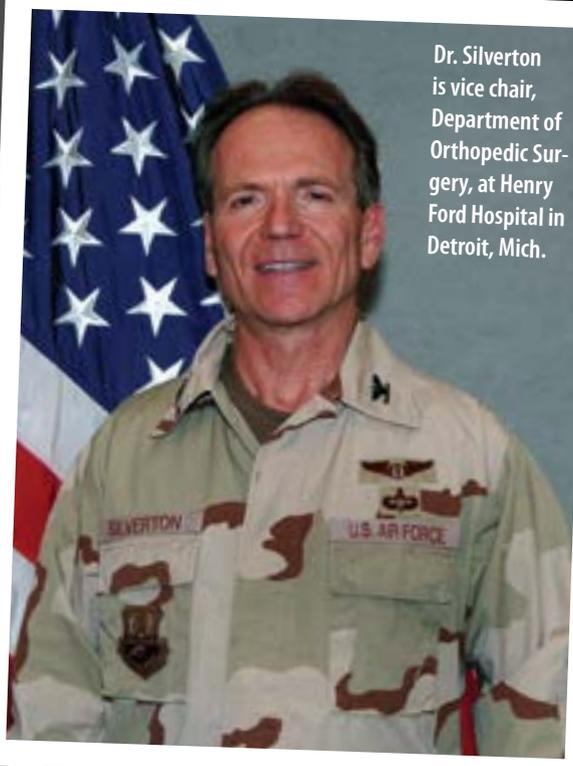


Dr. Barbabella currently serves as chair of emergency medicine at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune and emergency medicine consultant to the Navy Surgeon General.

definitely more personal. You fought for the guys you were with.

One of the guys I took care of, Sgt. Josh Sweeney, was a double amputee. It was a long day. We started to do the medevac. Our convoy hit multiple IEDs, we lost three vehicles, and we started taking direct fire. We lost a Marine trying to rescue these guys. Fast forward and Sweeney is a paralympian who scored the only goal to win a gold medal for Team USA in the March Sochi, Russia, Paralympics as a forward on the sled hockey team. Coincidentally, Sweeney's teammate, Paul Schaus, is another Marine my team took care of in Now Zad, Afghanistan. These are the truly amazing heroes; they are why we do what we do.

Col. Craig D. Silverton, DO, '78, retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves after 30 years of service. He spent 10 years as a para-rescue officer and several years on active duty working with an elite counterterrorism unit. He did two tours in Iraq as a combat surgeon and one tour in Afghanistan. Stationed on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan, he was sent into the Afghan mountains to evaluate trauma care by a local Afghan military hospital, which he describes as a "wild experience." The following excerpt is from Dr. Silverton's time log in May and June 2010.



Dr. Silverton is vice chair, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich.

Into the Afghan mountains

The base is large and surround by Constantine wire like most bases. Outside the wire are mud walls—almost like mud cities. That's where the Afghans live. No electricity and no water. An ancient living people—like they lived 1,000 years ago. The ability for the Afghans to come right up to the wire/perimeter is unlimited. Kids are cute with their little outfits. Seem just like normal kids, but playing with their goats and sheep. Such a different way of life.

They have an opportunity to jump over the fence and use cardboard to lie over the wire and come on in and join the 30,000-40,000 folks who are already here. So many local nationals



Dr. Silverton teaches Afghan surgeons how to make antibiotic beads for the treatment of infections.

walking around, you would have no idea who is who. I have the feeling they hate us for invading their country. Although they don't mind our medical care! They will drive hundreds of miles through mine infested roads to get here and pay \$300-\$400 for a cab ride that takes two days for a 15-minute visit. Most are postoperative checks from IED or GSW, which we operated on at some time. If the Taliban finds out they go to an American outpost, they will be killed, along with their family.

Very interested in what our role will be in training the Afghan surgeons. No real program is put together yet. I question the real commitment that they have in this endeavor. And do I want to be a part of this training, or is it a lost cause? Working with the surgeons at Gardez was interesting, but day-in and day-out would get old. The chiefs at Gardez have their own ways of doing things. Not sure they are interested in our training their surgeons in the U.S. ways. Not really sure how open they are to this. Maybe they fear for their jobs? Not sure, but the younger surgeons are very anxious to be able to operate on their own. This would require lots of training. They really have not had a residency and trying to make them into surgeons (general or orthopedic) without the required residency may be a bit too much and expectations are unrealistic.

Mission accomplished

Boots on the ground and missions accomplished, military medicine is not for the faint of heart or the faint of skill. When faced with uncertainty and danger—when lives are in the crossfire—ATSU's military service alumni are able to make the best out of a bad situation. Their personal stories amply tell of their drive, ingenuity, and passion for doing good. ATSU is honored to be a part of their healthcare training and proudly salutes those who serve.

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See more behind-the-scenes photos from these alums at stillmagazine.atsu.edu.

MOSDOH student Kimberly Nguyen, D1, is custom fitted for loupes, futuristic-looking, ergonomic dental glasses.



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Strategic plan takes University to 2020 and beyond

By Lee Cashatt

What will ATSU look like?

As a mission-focused institution, a solid strategic plan is essential to laying the groundwork for making decisions—big and small—that will affect students, faculty, staff, and the communities the University is privileged to serve.

"Soon to celebrate 125 years, ATSU must continue developing its signature identity, embrace a strong interdisciplinary culture, foster health professions education innovation, and maintain its reputation as the 'go-to' national and international authority on osteopathic medicine—whole person healthcare," says ATSU President Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84.

To help meet these goals, a new strategic planning committee has been established to identify opportunities and challenges facing ATSU and shape a plan for 2016-20. This inclusive group of internal and external stakeholders will guide the plan's design and refinement (see inset). According to Dr. Phelps, the committee will examine how ATSU will accomplish its vision of preeminence; which skills and resources our faculty and staff will need to continue successfully educating students; what experience our students will need to be post-graduate, market, and patient-care ready; and what ATSU can do to best prepare for America's changing demographic and economic future.

Additionally, the committee will consider "megatrends" facing America's economy, higher education, and health professions education. The Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges has identified eight megatrends facing higher education, which include:

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new learning modalities, demographic shifts, decline in enrollment growth, student retention and completion pressures, market niche and branding, twin forces of technology and globalism, a changing economic model, and academic governance.

An analysis of these trends will help form the foundation for ATSU's strategic plan.

"Colleges and universities failing to confront tomorrow's rapidly changing environment will find themselves uninformed and unprepared," Dr. Phelps says. "ATSU will not find itself among the uninformed or unprepared as we prepare a bold and encompassing strategic plan."

The University community will have an opportunity to help ATSU envision its future by participating in the strategic planning process. Details forthcoming, all ATSU stakeholders will be invited to contribute and comment on the plan. Once a plan is formulated, it will go to the Board of Trustees for approval.

With the guidance of the newly established committee, the plan will shape how efforts, resources, and activities are prioritized as it is implemented in 2016, taking the University to new heights in 2020 and beyond. ■

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Diversity and dwarfism: **Life as a little person**

By Lee Cashatt

**“I don’t think
twice about
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– Jessica Markbreiter



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What is diversity at ATSU?
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“When someone says ‘no’ to me, that makes me want to do it five times more,” says Jessica Markbreiter, AT, ’15. Her independence and determination have served her well—though she is small in stature, Markbreiter is accomplishing big things.

Markbreiter has Achondroplasia Dwarfism, a genetic mutation that results in shorter limbs and a standing height of four feet tall. Achondroplasia is the most common form of dwarfism along the spectrum.

There are many challenges associated with dwarfism. Dwarfs often experience chronic health issues, from bone and joint pain to bow legs and narrow spinal columns. Markbreiter has undergone two surgeries on her neck and back to widen her spinal cord.

The social challenges are equally extensive. As a youth, Markbreiter says elementary school was difficult, with peers who teased and bullied her. But, her experience got better as she grew older. Looking back now, she laughs. She has grown to accept her diversity.

“Instead of identifying my difference as a crutch in my life, I use it to set myself apart and make it a unique characteristic about myself. I am always eager to educate others about dwarfism and to answer questions they may have,” she says.

On a day-to-day basis, Markbreiter doesn’t consider herself different from others. Even though she may need to stand on the wastebasket to reach the sink or use water from the bathtub to brush her teeth in a hotel room, she accomplishes tasks with confidence and ease. It doesn’t faze her to climb up on countertops in front of classmates or co-workers to reach into cabinets.

“Everything I do, I have to adapt. It’s part of my nature,” she explains. “I don’t think twice about doing something differently than everybody else.”

Her car is modified to fit her small stature, with pedal extensions and safety features such as disarmed air bags. At home and work, chairs and stools are right-sized to accommodate Markbreiter.

Inspired by her high school gym teacher to pursue athletic training, Markbreiter is now a first-year AT student at ATSU. Although it is challenging, and she doesn’t know of any other short statured athletic trainers, Markbreiter is excited to pursue a profession in healthcare.

“It is tough, especially with the physical demands,” she says. “I find ways to make it work. I could be as negative as, ‘Well, I can’t do it.’ Then what am I going to do with the rest of my life? But, I just choose not to do that.”

Her patients are curious and receptive.

“Once I tell them, ‘I’m just like you,’ they get over it,” she says. “I may be small, but I can still stretch you. I can still treat you.”

Culturally, dwarfism often receives negative attention, stemming back to 19th century mythology. In art, literature, and Hollywood, dwarfs are typically depicted as non-human, mythical, and even divine. While dwarfism is more socially accepted today, there is still a fine line between how little people are depicted and how they want to be perceived.

Reality TV shows such as “The Little Couple” and “Little People, Big World” show the “real” lives of people of small stature. The stars of these shows have careers, families, and homes, and prove dwarfs are neither strange nor mythical. Markbreiter doesn’t keep up with the shows due to her busy schedule, but she recommends them nonetheless. It’s a positive way to spread dwarfism awareness, and it creates a conversation starter.

“Instead of identifying my difference as a crutch, I use it to set myself apart.”

“Everyone will ask me if I know Matt Roloff [of “Little People, Big World”],” laughs Markbreiter. “I don’t see the glitz and glamour of it, but it’s great for people to be exposed to that.”

In the media hubbub following the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards, it seemed the whole world was talking about the Miley Cyrus and Robin Thicke performance. Markbreiter reveals she was more focused on what was happening in the background of said performance: The stage dancers dressed as teddy bears were little people.

“Some people say that’s a great career and others see it differently. But you have to realize that now, that is how people are going to see you, and we are more than just a person dressed in a costume playing a role. I, like many others, want to be seen as equal to all of my peers.”

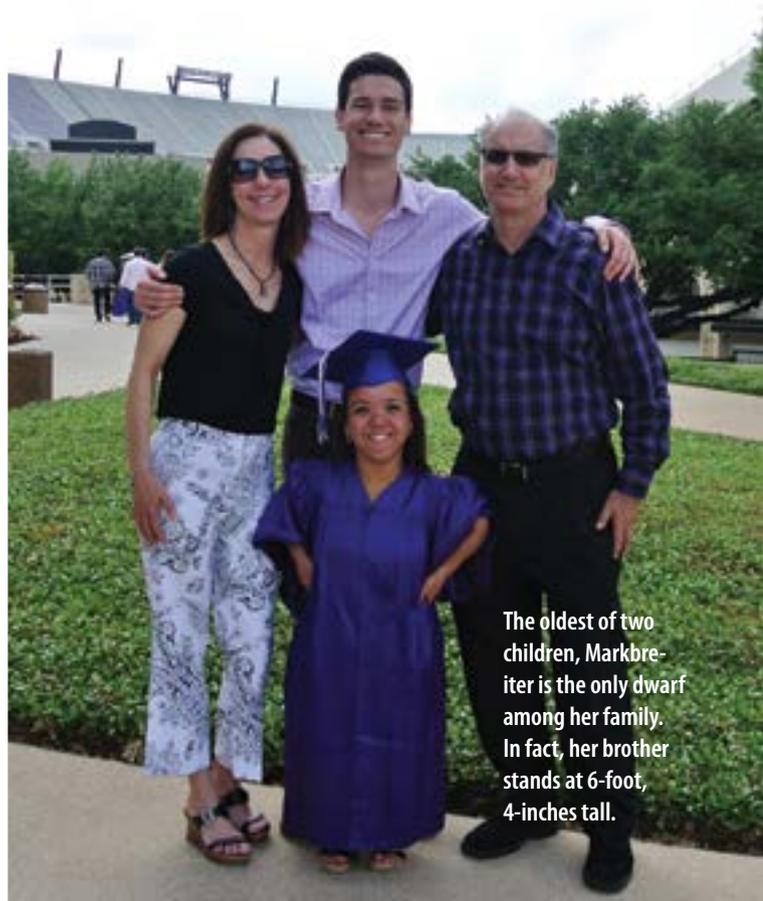
Regardless of the media’s perception, ATSU sees Markbreiter the same way it sees each of its students—as passionate individuals seeking to use their graduate degrees to do good in the communities around them. Markbreiter happens to be a person of short stature, and from the University’s perspective, that’s value added for fellow students.

“Our students are better served when they interact with students who are different from them,” says ATSU Diversity Director Clinton Normore, MBA. “My mission is

to infuse the idea of difference in every aspect of our academic environment.”

Diversity means differences, and at ATSU, differences bring value to all.

“I am so grateful my difference has been embraced at ATSU,” Markbreiter says. “The support I have received from everyone at ATSU is something I would have never imagined. ATSU isn’t just my school; it is my home away from home.”



The oldest of two children, Markbreiter is the only dwarf among her family. In fact, her brother stands at 6-foot, 4-inches tall.

A firsthand educational experience: What being a patient taught me as a student

By Adam Bennett, D4

When I first heard these words I was a first-year dental student, newly exposed to the concepts of interprofessional education and collaborative practice. The IPECP movement was gaining momentum, approaching a level of national awareness never achieved during its emergence in the 1960s and 70s. Little did I realize how intimately I would encounter the meaning behind these words through my own involvement with interprofessional education, collaborative practice, and patient-centered care.

For many of us students—engaged at various points along our health career education—the terms “interprofessional education” and “collaborative practice” are common buzzwords interspersed among lectures on chronic conditions, preventable medical errors, and managed care. Our instructors lecture on the importance of overcoming professional silos, establishing shared values and ethics, acknowledging the roles and responsibilities of healthcare professions different from our own, and working collaboratively through a multidisciplinary framework to achieve holistic patient-centered, team-based care. Through diverse externships and rotations at exemplary clinical sites, many of us are privileged enough to witness, on a practical level, how IPECP positively contributes to improving patient outcomes

and protecting population health. However, while we may remember the words behind the concept, do we ever truly understand the impact that collaborative models of care can have on the most important member of the healthcare team: the patient?

During my second year of dental school, I came face to face with this reality and began a journey toward fully understanding and appreciating the necessity for transforming health education and care systems. The realization started small: a firm, non-tender, semi-movable lymph node located in the right supraclavicular region. A chest X-ray, complete blood count, CT, fine needle biopsy, and mediastinoscopy later, I received a diagnosis and my golden ticket into healthcare practice and education: Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Initially, I found myself a patient against the backdrop of a fractured system—practitioners failed to communicate with each other, providers spoke at me instead of with me, and I was rarely included in making treatment decisions that directly impacted my day-to-day and long-term well-being. The focus was on my disease and not on me as a person, as a human being. I knew there must be a better way.

Making the decision to seek care elsewhere, I eventually found myself being treated within a care system that embodied interprofessionalism and patient-centered

care. It was immediately obvious to me the cadre of professionals treating me was familiar with each other and they made it a priority to get to know me as a person, both as an aspiring professional student and as a 20-something whose feelings of youthful invincibility had been shattered by cancer.

So the question I want to pose, first as a patient and then as a dental student, is this: What aspects of my experience as a patient within two very different healthcare systems did I most appreciate and attribute to inter-professional collaboration?

“We are ready for a healthcare system capable of employing our willingness to collaborate.”

The most obvious and important characteristics include improved health and well-being, [an] improved care experience, and greater patient engagement and empowerment. My experience directly impacted how I now consciously choose to interact with my own patients in the dental operator. As a dental student I understand the mouth is



Bennett's personal health crisis challenged him to examine his role as a healthcare provider. He is now 1½ years into successful cancer treatment.

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a very small component of the human body; it is a small part of a complete individual who has the ability and often the desire to take ownership of their health and well-being. I now understand the importance of my responsibility as a healthcare provider to empower my patients in actively engaging and taking part in decisions relating to their health.

[Last] summer I was privileged to work as a student consultant with the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education. On my last day, I was challenged to answer the question, "Why should students care about interprofessional education?"

My reply was this: If my grandmother or your grandmother received a diagnosis similar to mine, would she be better served by a system of care centered on the problem or the person? Would she be able to navigate the endless appointments with disjointed providers who may or may not communicate with each other, and still maintain the optimism and positivity crucial for patient success? I honestly would hope and pray this is true, but my own personal experience tells me otherwise.

As millennial students and the next generation of healthcare providers, we have grown accustomed to collaboration and communication in both our professional and personal lives; we have come to expect it. We are ready for a healthcare system capable of employing our willingness to collaborate; we are eager for a system that encourages us to learn with, from, and about each other. We are asking for instructors, providers, administrators, and policy makers who believe, wholeheartedly, in IPECP and who are willing to invest the time and energy to create a system capable of matching our collaborative potential.

My experience challenged me to redefine myself as more than just a dentist; I am a healthcare provider, a committed member of a team responsible for improving and maintaining the health and well-being of my entire community.

Who are you challenging yourself to be? 



Students at ATSU are taking Bennett's challenge and enhancing their own IPE experiences. Get details and see photos at stillmagazine.atsu.edu.

By special invitation

By Karen Scott

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Seated in the First Lady's Box, Shelley (center, right) listens as President Obama tells America about her journey to healthcare.

Gilbert, Ariz., resident Amanda Shelley was in the car when her phone rang; there was no identifiable number, so she let the call loop to voicemail. Minutes later, she received an interesting message. The caller claimed to be from the White House, under the directive of the president of the United States.

"I didn't believe the message at first; I was incredulous," Shelley, PA, '05, recounts. "In fact, I called a few of my friends to see if they were playing a prank on me."

After her friends denied having anything to do with the curious call, she realized this could be someone calling from her nation's capital and immediately called the number back.

To her astonishment, a White House speechwriter answered the phone and explained the president was interested in sharing Shelley's story on her journey to healthcare in his State of the Union address, scheduled for the following week.

An independent contractor having pre-existing medical conditions, Shelley struggled to find a health insurance plan that would accept her. In December 2013, Shelley enrolled as a recipient of the Affordable Care Act. After eight months without insurance, Shelley was notified in January that she had been approved under the ACA.

However, just days after she received the good news, she was rushed to the emergency room.

Shelley's hospitalization was unforeseen, but she is grateful for the timing in which she received health insurance. Shelley's

experiences were shared on National Public Radio and through the power of telecommunication, the White House caught wind of her story.

The other details, outlined by the White House speechwriter, involved Shelley's attendance at the January 28 address, and furthermore, a seat alongside first lady Michelle Obama in the First Lady's Box.

"When I was told all of the details, I was shocked. I thought, 'I can't believe my bad luck with my health could lead to this,'" says Shelley.

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The day before President Barack Obama was scheduled to give his speech, Shelley flew overnight to Washington, D.C. She attended a dinner with other guests and dignitaries and was escorted by motorcade to the White House for a meet-and-greet with the first lady. More excitement followed, and she was led through security to the First Lady's Box.

"I went to the chair with my name on it, and immediately noticed I was seated just behind Michelle Obama," Shelley recalls. "I could not believe it."

After the address, Shelley met President Obama and socialized with other dignitaries.

"It was a memorable experience," Shelley says. "I was honored to represent PAs, but also very honored to represent the thousands of patients I have seen over my career, and across the nation, who needed insurance and were not able to get it due to pre-existing conditions." ■

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Solving the world's problems

Spring commencement keynote advocates responsibility

ATSU's Arizona School of Health Sciences held its spring commencement ceremony for six online programs March 7 at the Mesa Arts Center. More than 150 students earned master's or doctoral degrees in human movement, occupational therapy, advanced physician assistant studies, audiology, health sciences, and physical therapy.

Donald M. Pederson, PhD, PA-C, professor, family and preventive medicine, University of Utah School of Medicine, presented the keynote and received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. In his address, Dr. Pederson advocated that ASHS graduates be part of the solution to the world's problems.

"You have a solemn responsibility to make sure you are always on the forefront of the ever-changing healthcare landscape, and your education at ATSU has prepared you very well for this challenge," Dr. Pederson said.

Anisha Jain, PT, DPT, '14, and son Priansh at ASHS commencement.



Reunion round-up

OT Alumni Reception

Sept. 20, 2013

Kendra Mitchell, MS, OTR/L, '11; Mary Greer, PhD, OTR/L, assistant professor, ASHS; Erika Mamangon, MS, OTR/L, '10; and Veronica Lopez, MS, OTR/L, '12. OT alumni in Arizona reconnect at a reception held in conjunction with the ArizOTA Annual State Conference in Phoenix.



AuD Alumni Reception

Dec. 5, 2013

Tricia Dabrowski, AuD, associate professor; Sadaf Fateh, AuD, '10; Bob Jensen; and Troy Hale, AuD, '08, director, AFA Balance & Hearing Institute, reconnect with alumni, students, and faculty at ATSU's new audiology clinic.



ATSU Alumni & Friends Reception

Oct. 2, 2013

ATSU President Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84, and Rick Watson, DO, '97, KOAA president, present the KOAA Alumnus of the Year Award to Martin S. Levine, DO, '80, MPH, '03, FACOFD dist. (center) at the AOA OMED Conference in Las Vegas.



DHSc Alumni & Student Reception

Feb. 3

DHSc alumni, students, and faculty gather at the DHSc Winter Institute. Geoffrey Hoffa, DHSc, '14, PA-C, '00, ASHS alumni board member, presents Helen Ewing, DHSc, MN, RN, former chair, and Patrick Palmieri, DHSc, '12, with awards from the ASHS Alumni Chapter.



PT Alumni Reception

Oct. 4, 2013

ASHS PT alumni Jeff Thorne, PT, DPT, '09; Makkeda Rubin-Deloney, PT, DPT, '09; and Jessica Thorne, PT, DPT, '09, at a reception held on the Arizona campus as part of the AzPTA Annual Fall Conference.



PT Alumni Reception

Feb. 5

Anthony Cheung; Peter DeSmidt; Trisha Perry, PT, DPT, '07; Tammy Roehling, PT, DPT, '06, director, tDPT program, ASHS; and Jim Farris, PT, PhD, PT chair, ASHS, at a reception for alumni, students, and faculty held during the APTA Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas.



ASDOH Alumni Reception

Nov. 2, 2013

ASDOH alumni, students, and friends connect at a reception in New Orleans as part of the ADA Annual Session.



ASDOH Alumni Reception

Feb. 21

Ben Nelson, DMD, '09; Sue Yoon-Lee, DMD, '09; Charmine Ng, DMD, '09; Isabel Simpson, DMD, '09; Tina Ptacek, DMD, '09; and David Hoffman, DMD, '09, DHSc, '11, at a reception honoring the ASDOH class of 2009 as part of the ASDOH Alumni Weekend.



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Upcoming alumni events



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**JUN
26**

AT Alumni Reception
Indianapolis, Ind.

**OCT
11**

ASDOH Alumni Reception
San Antonio, Texas

**OCT
16-
18**

**Missouri Campus
Founder's Day and KCOM
Alumni Reunion Weekend**
(featuring the classes of 1964 and 1989)

**OCT
23**

**Portland Area Alumni &
Friends Reception**
Portland, Ore.

**OCT
25-
29**

AOA OMED Convention
Seattle, Wash.

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Bucky, the Ram of Reason



Wilbur H.S. Bohm, DO, and soldier
at Camp Zachary Taylor during WWI
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WWI Purple Heart awarded to
Harold I. Magoun Sr., DO
[2004.238.15B]



WWII Army Service Forces Civilian
six-month ribbon from the
I.M. Korr Collection
[2012.101.90]



“Combat Surgeon in Vietnam” by
Andrew Lovy, DO
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1930s

Doran A. Farnum, DO, '36, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., retired in 2013 just after his 101st birthday. Dr. Farnum practiced osteopathic manipulative medicine for more than 75 years.

1940s



Pictured are **W. Jean Davison, DO, '48**, and **Dorothy H. Neff, DO, '48**.

Says Dr. Davison, "It was late October 2012. Hurricane Sandy and I arrived in Lancaster, Penn., about the same time. One of the items on my 'bucket list' was to visit my friend, Dorothy Neff, one more time. My oldest son made this possible.

"The class that arrived in Kirksville in late September 1944 was special. There were 10 members—three women and seven men. One of the women left school when her husband returned from the Navy. She was replaced by Dorothy Neff who had attended the Philadelphia school for a year. The class ahead of us one semester was all male. They didn't want a 'girl' in their class.

"This class was one of the last to graduate on the accelerated course. It was the first to have a class in pharmacology and training in mental illness at Still Hildreth Sanitarium in Macon, Mo. (former Blees Military Academy, now senior housing and a museum).

"I practiced in Mercer, Mo., with my late husband, George, for nearly 38 years.

"Dorothy practiced a little longer, but as I am, she has been retired for many years. Dorothy still lives in the house where she was born. At this time, she requires a caregiver. I live in an apartment in my son and daughter-in-law's home. I am able to care for myself pretty well.

"We began practice without penicillin. We finished with drugs, procedures, and electronics that we could not have imagined or envisioned. It was a great time to practice medicine. We adhered to the advice from Dr. Max Gutensohn: 'Look at the patient, and he will make the diagnosis.'"

1950s



William C. Blueskye, DO, '54, (July 13, 1922 – Jan. 1, 2004) was honored by ATSU's National Center for American Indian Health Professions as the first recorded American Indian to graduate with a DO from KCOM. While at KCOM, he was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity. After graduating, he set up practice in Mentor, Ohio.



Pictured is Eleanor Pearson, wife of **Robert H. Pearson, DO, '57**. This photo appeared in the fall/winter 2012 issue of *Still Magazine*.

Says Eleanor, "What a surprise. When looking through my husband's old copy of *Still Magazine*, I saw my picture. It dates back to 1955 or 1956. My husband, Robert Pearson, DO, and I were married in 1955 when we were both 24 years old and he was starting his junior year at KCOM. I had been a professional singer and at many functions at the college, I entertained.

"Our son, Jeffrey, was born three weeks before my husband graduated, so we decided to stay and intern at Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital. Those three years were three of the happiest years of our lives. Twenty-six years later we returned when our son graduated from KCOM [**Jeffrey K. Pearson, DO, '83**]. We also have two daughters, Lori, an attorney, and Wendy, a personal trainer.

"My husband practiced in Emerson, N.J., for 50 years and had a very successful practice. The osteopathic profession has been good to us. My husband, who is now 83, still misses going to the office and treating patients."

J. Jerry Rodos, DO, DSc, '59, Western Springs, Ill., received the New York Institute of Technology Riland Medal for Public Service at the 20th Orientation of the Health Policy Fellowship held in August 2013 at NYIT in Old Westbury, N.Y.



Dr. Rodos' 50-year career includes experience in clinical medicine, behavioral medicine, and medical education, as well as leadership positions in state and national osteopathic associations and federal health policy organizations. He is board certified in psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, family medicine, and correctional healthcare. He currently operates Transitions Counseling and Consultation in Matteson, Ill.

Dr. Rodos served as dean of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (Biddeford, Maine) and what is now the Midwestern University-Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (Downers Grove, Ill.). He also served as interim executive director and associate executive director of the American Osteopathic Association and associate editor of the American Journal of Clinical Medicine.

From 1988-2002, Dr. Rodos served as consultant to the director of the National Health Service Corps, U.S. Public Health Service, under the jurisdiction of the federal Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Rodos has shared his expertise in policy and politics with 17 classes of health policy fellows since the inception of the Health Policy Fellowship (HPF) program in 1994.

Pictured with Dr. Rodos are Wolfgang Gilliar, DO, dean, NYIT-COM, HPF class of 2007; Nancy Cooper, HPF coordinator; Norman Gevitz, PhD, senior vice president – academic affairs, ATSU, and HPF faculty; and Barbara Ross-Lee, DO, vice president of health sciences, NYIT, and HPF director.



1960s

Joseph H. Hunt, DO, '64, Carleton, Mich., retired Jan. 31, 2013. Dr. Hunt, a family physician who used OMM, served patients in the Carleton area for his entire career of 49½ years. He is a former member of the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association board of directors and has achieved membership in the A.T. Still Founder Lifetime Giving Club at ATSU.

James A. O'Connor, DO, '67, medical care director, St. Luke's Clinic, Jackson, Mich., was chosen as the 2014 *Jackson Citizen Patriot* Citizen of the Year. For the past 13 years, Dr. O'Connor has volunteered his time and changed the lives of thousands of Jackson County residents in need of free medical care. He also works part-time for an in-home hospice physician (he is board certified in hospice and palliative care in addition to family practice) and for a visiting doctor's company where he makes house calls. He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Kiwanis.

Roy Vomastek, DO, '67, is the subject of a book about his life called "Roy: The 78-year-old Champion" by Jay Lavender and Brian Mulvaney. Dr. Vomastek is from Michigan and still practices there today at age 82.



1970s

Col. Jim D. Coy, DO, '73, (Ret.), Columbia, Mo., has authored numerous books addressing leadership, courage, hope, and faith. His most recent book is "Those Who Serve." Dr. Coy grew up in Kirksville, attending Kirksville High School, Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), and KCOM. He served 26 years in the military. Read more about Dr. Coy on p. 16.



Nils A. Olson, DO, '73, gifted new reference books to the ATSU Memorial library, Missouri campus, which will benefit the pharmacology, microbiology, and anatomy departments. Dr. Olson, who will soon retire from general practice in Mercer, Wis., has a KCOM family legacy including his father, **John C. Olson, DO, '39**, his son, **Erik A. Olson, DO, '08**, a brother, and an uncle.

Frederic L. Jackson, DO, MPH, FAAFP, CAPT, MC, USN (Ret.), '74, retired from active practice. Dr. Jackson completed a 30-year career in the Navy Medical Corps, retiring as commanding officer, Naval Hospital, Long Beach, Calif. After Navy retirement he was a hospital medical director for two years, a family medicine residency director and director of osteopathic medical education for eight years, and most recently completed nine years as a full-time hospice medical director in Georgia and California. He is board certified in family medicine, preventive medicine (aerospace), hospice and palliative medicine, medical management, and is a

certified physician executive. His future plans include extensive traveling and eventually settling in Pensacola, Fla.



Karen M. Steele, DO, '78, retired faculty, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, was the first registered U.S. osteopathic physician in South Africa. The process took two years.



Toni R. (Smith) Patterson, DO, FAOCA, '79, Town and Country, Mo., received the 2013 AOCA Distinguished Service Award, presented annually for service to the college and the profession that exemplifies the best in professional leadership. Dr. Patterson also was named to Becker's Healthcare

"101 physician leaders to know in the ASC industry" in 2014.

Dr. Patterson recently completed her term as American College of Osteopathic Anesthesiologists president. A veteran clinician and medical educator, Dr. Patterson serves as associate clinical professor of anesthesia at KCOM and as medical director of Mid-Rivers Surgery Center (St. Peters, Mo.).

Dr. Patterson's current position is with Physician Anesthesia Associates in St. Louis, Mo. She is a member of a group covering six ambulatory surgical centers in St. Louis and maintains privileges at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville.

1980s

Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI, '82, Seminole, Fla., was elected to the board of directors of the American College of Osteopathic Internists on Oct. 13, 2013. Dr. DiGiovanni is program director of the Largo Medical Center Rheumatology Fellowship (Largo, Fla.). His father, **Leonard G. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOP**, is a 1963 KCOM graduate, and his daughter, **Rachel L. DiGiovanni, DMD, MPH**, is a 2013 ASDOH graduate.

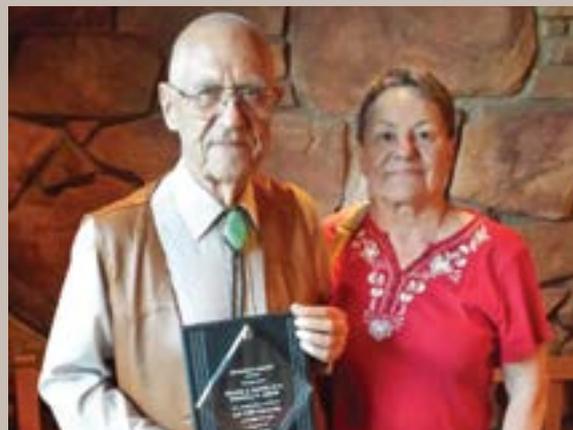
Michael E. Murray, DO, '83, Seminole, Fla., is semi-retired and the owner of Murray Hair Transplant Associates. Dr. Murray enjoys golf, guns, and cars.

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Kent Campbell, DO, '83, and wife **Bonnie** receive the award from ATSU President **Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84**. In January, Dr. Campbell began serving students as associate dean for academic and clinical educational affairs at KCOM. Prior to joining ATSU, Dr. Campbell was president of the DePaul Medical Group in St. Louis, Mo., where he led numerous Tel-Alumni campaigns and served on the KOAA Alumni Board from 2009-14.



Frank J. Krist, DO, '52, and wife **Pamela** receive the award at the 2013 American Osteopathic Association convention in Las Vegas. Dr. and Mrs. Krist have lived in Las Vegas for more than 55 years, most of which time Dr. Krist spent as an OTM physician.



Cynthia Paulis, DO, '84, published an essay in "We Will Survive," a book by Gloria Gaynor. Dr. Paulis' essay on surviving Hurricane Sandy was one of 40 winners in a worldwide competition that were included in the book. Read more on Dr. Paulis' essay on p. 45.

1990s

Stefan G. Chevalier, DO, '90, Middletown, N.Y., was appointed as adjunct clinical assistant professor for plastic surgery at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Chevalier also was selected as the No. 1 plastic surgeon in the Hudson Valley for 2013.

Tonya K. Hawthorne, DO, '92, is founder of New Frontiers Health Force, a faith-based, nonprofit organization that provides medical care to developing countries such as Haiti and Kenya. Her work was featured in *The DO's* "Hero Next Door" series in August 2013. Read more about Dr. Hawthorne on p. 10.



Regan Shabloski, DO, '92, was among 10 graduates of the 2013 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians Physician Leadership Institute, a rigorous, 12-month applied academic program with concentrations in political, organizational, and academic leadership. Dr. Shabloski is assistant dean of clinical education and assistant clinical professor at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Katherine R. "Kate" Lichtenberg, DO, MPH, FAAFP, '97, Kirkwood, Mo., (second from left) and **Kathleen M. Eubanks-Meng, DO, '00**, Blue Springs, Mo., (far right), attended Kirksville Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., in February. Drs. Lichtenberg and Eubanks-Meng are pictured with Truman State University President Dr. Troy Paino (far left) and ATSU President **Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84**.

Saroj Misra, DO, '98, spoke on digital health and medical technology at the Consumer Electronics Show on Jan. 10 in Las Vegas.

2000s



John H. Rickelman, DO, '00, hospitalist, critical care specialist, Northeast Regional Medical Center, Kirksville, Mo., was named one of ACP Hospitalist's Top Hospitalists for 2013. "Top docs" have distinguished themselves in areas including patient safety, community involvement, clinical skills, quality improvement, leadership, and teaching.



Jessica Huss, PT, DPT, CCI, '02, is one of only six AquaStretch™ trained instructors in North America. AquaStretch™ is a breakthrough physical therapy treatment in aquatic therapy, pain management, and physical medicine. Dr. Huss is the owner/aquatic physical therapy director of the Aquatic Rehab & Wellness Center in Lake Havasu City, Ariz. She also serves as adjunct faculty for the PT assistant program at Mohave Community College.



Jerry Obed, DO, FAOCD, '03, founded Broward Dermatology & Cosmetic Specialists in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after completing his dermatology residency last year. Dr. Obed specializes in the identification and treatment of skin cancer, as well as both general and cosmetic dermatology.



Robb Blackaby, PT, ATC, CFMT, DPT, '04, was a team physical therapist and athletic trainer for the United States snowboarding halfpipe team at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Dr. Blackaby is the co-founder/owner of Medicine in Motion with **Clay Selby, PA, ATC, '08**. Before leaving for Russia, he was in Aspen, Colo., for the Winter X Games, where Medicine in Motion was the official sports medicine provider.

Daniel E. McDermott, MS, PA-C, '04, is dean of health and human services at Stark State College. McDermott, of Richfield, Ohio, previously was associate dean of health careers and science at Cuyahoga Community College.

Peter U. Baik, DO, '05, appeared in a Microsoft Kinect for Windows television ad, which aired during the 2014 NFL Super Bowl XLVIII. Dr. Baik specializes in incorporating technology in the surgical suite.

Kelli M. Ward, DO, MPH, '05, Arizona state senator, spoke about the political process and preparation for DO Day on the Hill events at a presentation on the Arizona campus.

David A. Fife, DO, '06, opened Hot Pepper Yoga, a physician-sponsored yoga studio in Mesa, Ariz., in January.



Justin Puckett, DO, '06, Kirksville, Mo., received the Steelman-Seim Educator Award from the American Society of Bariatric Physicians (ASBP). Dr. Puckett received the award at the ASBP Annual Awards Luncheon in Phoenix on Oct. 12, 2013, at a ceremony attended by more than 500 clinical obesity medicine specialists. The award is presented annually and recognizes those who have exhibited excellence in advancing the cause of healthcare through education and teaching.

Dr. Puckett has been an ASBP member since 2012. He received this award for his assistance in integrating obesity medicine education at his

state-level medical society and introducing the Obesity Basic Medical Treatment educational course into the curriculum at the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians' annual meeting in January 2013.

Dr. Puckett is board certified in obesity medicine, osteopathic family medicine, and manipulative treatment. He is the founder and medical director of Complete Family Medicine LLC and the Center for Medical Weight Loss, located at Complete Family Medicine. Dr. Puckett serves on the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians editorial committee.



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DezBaa Damon, DMD, '07, was the featured guest speaker at the ATSU Hero Healer luncheon held on the Arizona campus on Oct. 1, 2013. Dr. Damon was vice president of ASDOH's inaugural class. After graduating, she lived and worked in a remote Alaskan community for four years as a healer among American Indian people. She traveled to isolated villages, sometimes by snowmobile, to provide care. More recently, she has been a dentist for a high desert tribal community in Northern Arizona.

Dr. Damon, an accomplished and sought-after speaker, shared her passion for working with the underserved, how she was inspired to practice frontier healthcare, and the trials and fulfillment of serving where needs are greatest.

Dominique B. Yang-Kim, DO, '08, moved to San Angelo, Texas, to work as a medical director for San Angelo Hospice Group.

2010s

Lindsey J. Feldman, DO, '10, joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, Mich. A board certified internal medicine physician, Dr. Feldman practices at Millennium Medical Group West in Westland, Mich.

While a KCOM student, she served as founder and president of the Jewish Medical Student Association and was inducted into Sigma Sigma Phi, the national honor society in osteopathic medicine. During that time, Dr. Feldman also served as a volunteer court-appointed special advocate

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Gregory C. Reicks, DO, '85, general practitioner, Grand Junction, Colo., is presented the award by KCOM Dean Margaret Wilson, DO, '82 (left). Dr. Reicks' contributions supplement the Edna Lay, DO, KCOM OMM Department Endowment he established. Pictured with Dr. Reicks is KCOM OMM Department Chair Karen Snider, DO (right).

Richard Theriault, DO, '83, (right) receives the award from Mark Burger, associate director of development, ATSU. Dr. Theriault, and wife Kathleen live in Houston, Texas, where he recently retired after many years of practice at MD Anderson Cancer Center.



Family ties



Several members of the Still Family attended Dr. A.T. Still's induction into the Hall of Famous Missourians in April in Jefferson City. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. A.T. Still's great-great-grandsons Richard H. Still III, DO, '78, and Adam Still, and great-great-great-grandson Andrew T. Still IV.

for abused and neglected children as well as a mentor to first-year medical students. She completed her post-graduate clinical training at Botsford.

Dr. Feldman is a member of the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Internists.



Joshua Davidson, DMD, '11, participated in a humanitarian trip to Guilin, China, in October 2013 to provide oral healthcare to school children with special needs, to treat the local underserved population, and to offer instruction to hospital staff on new dental techniques and dental materials. Read more about Dr. Davidson on p. 8.

Shannon J. Jameson, DPT, '11, has worked at Swan Rehab in Phoenix, Ariz., as a physical therapist since graduating from ATSU. She has worked with many inspiring people, one of whom garnered national attention during January's State of the Union address. Dr. Jameson is the PT who appeared in the video, "Cory Remsburg's long march back from war," which was featured on *CBS News* in February.

Dusty Boyd, DHEd, '12, South Kona, Hawaii, climbed three of the world's tallest mountains—a combined nearly 80,000 feet. Dr. Boyd first ascended Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, followed by Mount Lohtse, and finally Mount Everest, both located in the Himalaya Mountains. His adventurous efforts helped fund the creation of an athletic training center and field that also focuses on the importance of studies.

Marietta Tartaglia, MS, OT, '12, authored a chapter in the clinical textbook, "Fundamentals of hand therapy: Clinical reasoning and treatment guidelines for common diagnoses of the upper extremity," by Cynthia Cooper, MFA, MA, OTR/L, CHT, adjunct professor, occupational therapy, ASHS. Tartaglia was invited to author the chapter by Cooper, a certified hand therapist and occupational therapist, who taught a course while Tartaglia was a student at ATSU.

In addition to being an OT, Tartaglia is a ballroom dancer. The title of her book chapter is "Using dance in hand therapy," and is intended to give other therapists a basic dance framework and an understanding of how partner dancing might be used to facilitate healing of certain conditions of the upper extremity.

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Correction
The name of ATSU's National Center for American Indian Health Professions was incorrectly referenced on p. 7 of the fall/winter 2013 *Still Magazine*.

KOAA announces annual award recipients



Every year, the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association honors alumni and friends who, through their achievements, have helped ensure the continued reputation of excellence at ATSU. The 2013 award recipients are:

Alumnus of the Year

Martin S. Levine, DO, '80, MPH, '03, FACFP dist.

Living Tribute Award Recipient

Willis Jackson "Jack" Magruder, EdD

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Robert J. "Bob" Behnen, MBA
Monnie Harrison, CPA

Honorary KOAA Membership

Aline Benner
Robert D. Ligorsky, DO, MACOI, FACP, FAHA
Fred Peterson, PhD
Stacy E. Phelps

faculty & staff news

Tim Flores, online enrollment counselor, was honored as an outstanding Native American employee for 2013 at the AZ American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards by the Phoenix Indian Center.

ATSU

Norman Gevitz, PhD, senior vice president, academic affairs, published "A Degree of Difference: The Origins of Osteopathy and First Use of the 'DO' Designation" in *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*.

Jason Haxton, MA, director, Museum of Osteopathic MedicineSM, presented the 2013 Mary Burnett, DO, FACOFP dist. lecture during the OFP Fellows Semiannual Business Meeting at the ACOFP/Osteopathic Medical Conference & Exposition on Oct. 2 in Las Vegas.

Michael Kronenfeld, MBA, MLS, AHIP, university librarian, ATSU Memorial Library, Arizona campus, was selected as one of 50 top alumni over the past five decades by the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. He was recognized in November in Warwick, R.I.

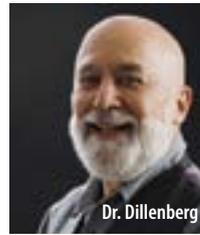
Adam Moore, MS, manager, Gutensohn Clinic, completed the Certified Medical Practice Executive certificate program with the Medical Group Management Association.



Normore

Clinton Normore, MBA, director of diversity, joined ATSU last summer and will serve in a strategic role to assess, promote, and increase diversity and diversity of service among the University's students and workforce. Normore will work with key leadership to collaboratively develop and oversee a comprehensive plan to implement diversity goals to support ATSU's mission and vision.

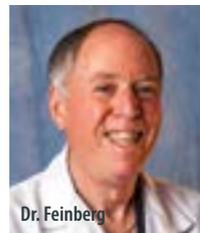
Since 2005, Normore served as director of multicultural student affairs at Oklahoma City University. He has notable teaching and presentation experience in the areas of diversity and cultural competency, as well as an impressive record of service in diversity organizations at the state and national levels.



Dr. Dillenberg

Jack Dillenberg, DDS, MPH, dean, was inducted into the *Incisal Edge* Dental Innovator Hall of Fame. He also was featured on the cover and in an article on innovation in dentistry in the winter 2014 issue of *Incisal Edge*.

Additionally, Dr. Dillenberg received the AEEDC Dubai Personality of the Year Award 2014, an annual award granted to a person who has made a significant contribution to oral health on a global scale. AEEDC is the United Arab Emirates International Dental Conference & Arab Dental Exhibition and is the largest dental meeting in the Mideast. He was honored at a banquet in February.



Dr. Feinberg

Irwin Feinberg, DDS, associate director, periodontics, received the 2013 Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics Award by the American Academy of Periodontology.

Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS, director, postgraduate orthodontics, was selected as an American Board of Orthodontics examiner and was voted chief editor of the *Journal of the Pacific Coast Orthodontic Society*.

Dr. Park also was elected as secretary-treasurer of the Arizona State Orthodontic Association. After fulfilling his one-year term, he will serve as president-elect for one year, and then assume his role as president.

ASDOH



ASDOH gets Gies

ASDOH was awarded the Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation by the American Dental Education Association at a presentation held March 17 in San Antonio, Texas. The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, PhD, honor individuals and organizations exemplifying dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation, and achievement in dental education, research, and leadership.



Dr. Burch

Annlee Burch, PT, EdD, MPH, MS, vice dean and associate professor, was selected as a member of the Women in Education Leadership, class of 2014, at Harvard Graduate School of Education. The forum convenes a cohort of senior leaders interested in strengthening and leveraging their leadership skills to advance education initiatives. The program was held March 6-8 in Cambridge, Mass.

ASHS

Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, dean, and **Linda MacConnell, MSPA, MAEd, PA-C,** assistant professor, physician assistant studies, published "Allergic Rhinitis & Immunotherapy: Hope or Hype" in the March 2014 *Clinician Reviews*.

James Farris, PT, PhD, chair and associate professor, physical therapy, was accepted into the 2014-15 cohort of the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) Education Leadership Institute (ELI) Fellowship. The ELI Fellowship is a shared collaborative among the Academic Council, Education Section, Physical Therapist Assistant Educators Special Interest Group, and APTA. Participation is by application and selection only.

Deanne R. Fay, PT, DPT, MS, PCS, '07, associate professor and director of curriculum, physical therapy, attended the International Classifier Programme in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in April to become an international classifier for paralympic track and field events. She was nominated by the International Paralympic Committee from the United States Olympic Committee. Dr. Fay has been a classifier for the U.S. Paralympics for more than 15 years. A classifier assesses athletes to determine in what category they will compete.

John Heick, PT, DPT, associate professor, physical therapy, was appointed as the federal affairs liaison to represent Arizona for the American Physical Therapy Association. His responsibilities include leading PTs from every district in Arizona to Washington, D.C., annually to represent the profession.

Chelsea Lohman, MAT, LAT, ATC, CSCS, was named assistant professor, human anatomy, interdisciplinary health sciences. She came to ATSU from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, where she taught gross anatomy while pursuing her PhD in rehabilitation sciences. She received her BS from Arizona State University in kinesiology with an emphasis in exercise science. She attended Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center where she earned her master of athletic training degree. Lohman provided athletic training and strength and conditioning services for club sports at Arizona State University and then became an athletic trainer at Arizona Sports Medicine Center.



Dr. McLeod

Tamara Valovich McLeod, PhD, ATC, FNATA, accepted a new role as professor and director, athletic training. She also serves as director of the Athletic Training Practice-Based Research Network, director of the ASHS Interdisciplinary Research Labs, and is a research scientist with the ATSU Still Research Institute.

Recently, she was elected to the United States Brain Injury Alliance board. Dr. McLeod also was invited to the national conference on youth sports safety in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 7-8, 2013. Additionally, Dr. McLeod contributed as an expert reviewer of the draft report highlighting sports-related concussions in youth by The Institute of Medicine and National Research Council.

She was featured in the article "Brain Trust" in the February issue of *Athletic Business* magazine. Dr. McLeod explained the important role of ATs at the high school level and her research on pediatric and adolescent sports-related concussions.

She also was named to the newly formed board of advisors for MomsTEAM Institute, a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation that provides comprehensive information to youth sports parents, coaches, athletic trainers, and other healthcare professionals about all aspects of the youth sports experience. The board includes representatives from the national governing bodies of all major team sports, equipment manufacturers, and top experts on a wide variety of youth sports health, safety, coaching, parenting, and organizational issues, and will work with the Institute to help create and launch a new national youth sports safety certification program called Smart Teams.

Zarin Mehta, PhD, was named associate professor, audiology. She began her duties in July 2013. Dr. Mehta has been an adjunct faculty member in ASHS' transitional program since 2006 and was a clinical associate professor at Arizona State University. She also serves on the editorial board of the *Communication Disorders Quarterly Journal*.

Cailee Welch, PhD, ATC, was named assistant professor, athletic training. Dr. Welch assumed the position vacated by Dr. Tamara McLeod, who was named program director.

Dr. Welch began her career at ATSU in 2012 as a post-doctoral research fellow in the Center for Clinical Outcome Studies, part of the Still Research Institute. Dr. Welch has worked closely with AT faculty as a member of the Athletic Training Practice-Based Research Network where she provided education and training for clinicians.

Anna Wright, MBA, was named financial manager, dean's office. She has a bachelor's in accounting, a master's in business administration (both from Western International University), and more than six years of professional accounting experience. She worked for Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine as accounting coordinator, for the Apollo Group as fixed asset accountant, the University of Phoenix as financial intake specialist, and High-Tech Institute as administrative assistant to the vice president.

Kent A. Campbell, DO, '83, was named associate dean, academic and clinical educational affairs. Dr. Campbell began his duties in January. He served as president of the DePaul Medical Group in St. Louis, Mo., where he held leadership positions on numerous initiatives and committees. Dr. Campbell is active at his alma mater as a KOAA member, chair of the alumni fund drive, and student preceptor.

Peter Kondrashov, PhD, chair, anatomy; **Tatyana Kondrashova, PhD**, assistant professor, family medicine; **Jane Johnson, MA**, senior biostatistician, research support, ATSU; **Karl Boehm, OMS III**; and **Daris Rice, OMS III**, won Best Poster Award for their Anatomy

in Ultrasound poster, "Impact of the clinical elective course on retention of anatomical knowledge by second-year osteopathic medical students in preparation for board exams," at the Second World Congress Ultrasound in Medical Education conference, held Sept. 27-29, 2013, in Columbia, S.C.



Dr. Snider

Karen Snider, DO, chair, OMM, reported on the results of a pilot study of osteopathic manipulative treatment on nursing home residents during an OMED presentation at the AOA Conference on Sept. 30, 2013. Her report was highlighted in *The DO*.



Allison T. Crutchfield, DMD, '09, director, simulation laboratory, MOSDOH; **Annlee Burch, PT, EdD, MPH, MS**, vice dean and associate professor, ASHS; **Mara Hover, DO**, associate chair, SOMA; **Mindy Z. Motahari, DMD, '08**, associate director, ASDOH; and **Patricia S. Sexton, DHEd, '08**, associate dean of curriculum, KCOM, represented ATSU at the Interprofessional Education Consortium Conference held Oct. 7-8, 2013, in Chicago. The group is working on the intersection of medicine and dentistry and ways in which each can learn together to enhance interprofessional practice in the future.

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MOSDOH rising ATSU breaks ground in STL

ATSU's new dental school, Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health, is breaking ground on its dental education and oral health clinic in St. Louis, Mo. Get the latest news and construction updates at www.atsu.edu/stl-dental-clinic. Full coverage on this pioneering collaboration with Grace Hill Health Centers Inc. is coming soon in the fall/winter 2014 *Still Magazine*.





Dr. Dewald

Lori Dewald, EdD, assistant professor, had three presentations accepted at the American College Health Association annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, held in May. The presentations were "Mental Health Conditions in College Student-Athletes," "Envisioning a Healthier Campus: Help Build the ACHA-NCHA Survey for University Faculty and Staff," and "Ethical Case Studies in College Health."

Dr. Dewald also published "Inter-association Consensus Statement on Best Practices for Sports Medicine Management for Secondary Schools and Colleges" in the *Journal of Athletic Training*.

Jaana Gold, DDS, PhD, assistant professor, presented at the American College Health Association meeting in May in San Antonio, Texas. Her presentation, "Oral Health Issues for College Students," covered HPV and oral cancer, erosion, caries risk factors, fluoride, and more.

SHM

Colleen Halupa, EdD, assistant professor, was named to the editorial board as a reviewer for the *International Journal of Higher Education*.

Mike Jackson, PhD, MPH, was named professor and chair, public health. He earned his BS in public health education (Central Michigan University), MPH in health behavior and health education (University of Michigan School of Public Health), and PhD in community health education (Southern Illinois University).



Dr. Konecny

Lynda N. Konecny, DHEd, MS, CHES, '08, assistant professor, was selected to serve a three-year term on the editorial review board of the *Journal of College and Character*.

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Ronald E. Malpiedi, vice president and chief operating officer (left), and James F. Carland, MD, chair, president and CEO (right) of Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona (MICA), accept the award for their support of SOMA student scholarships. The MICA office is located in Phoenix, Ariz.



Robert J. Theobald Jr., PhD, and wife Janie are presented the award by ATSU President Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84. Dr. Theobald, a 38-year member of the KCOM teaching staff, has been pharmacology chair since 1991.

Greg Loeben, PhD, associate professor, presented twice at the Arizona Psychological Association Annual Convention on Oct. 11, 2013. Dr. Loeben also was selected to serve as a board member of the Arizona Bioethics Network.

Susan Miedzianowski, MS, adjunct professor, published "The Changing Face of Primary Care" in the summer 2013 *CSA Journal*.

Carolyn Glaubensklee, PhD, associate professor; **Barbara Maxwell, PT, DPT, MSc, Cert. THE, '06**, director, interprofessional education, ATSU; and **Mara Hover, DO**, associate chair, family and community medicine, were accepted for a poster presentation at the All Together Better Health VII conference to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 6-8. The title of their presentation is "Development of an IPE elective for ATSU-SOMA Community Health Center Sites."

SOMA

Derek Higgins, DO, was named assistant professor, OMM. Dr. Higgins is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation through the AOA and ABPMR.

Kay Kalousek, DO, MS, AAHIVS, FACOFP, dean, was featured in a one-page article in the *Arizona Republic* in conjunction with her nomination to the 2013 *Who's Who in Business'* colleges and universities category.



Dr. Kalousek

The residency team, **Thomas E. McWilliams, DO, '76**, associate dean – graduate medical education development; **Lisa Watts, DO**, director, medical education; and Brian Ebersole, Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education, presented their innovative residency model at the Osteopathic Medical Education Leadership conference held in Austin, Texas, in January as part of a keynote panel.

Jeffrey Morgan, DO, FACOI, was named interim chair, clinical sciences education.

The Virtual Community Health Center (VCHC) team presented at the Osteopathic Medical Education Leadership conference held in Austin, Texas, in January. The VCHC team includes **Frederic Schwartz, DO, FACOFP**, associate dean, clinical education and services; **Thomas Bennett, DO**, director, VCHC Project; **Monica Fernandez, PA-C, MMS**, assistant professor, VCHC continuity and educational specialist; and **Lise McCoy, EdD (ABD), MTESL**, curriculum specialist.

Mark Slivkoff, PhD, was named assistant professor, basic medical sciences. Dr. Slivkoff is a physiologist who earned his PhD from New Mexico State University (2000). He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in cardiovascular physiology at the University of Arizona.

Susan Steffans, DO, was named assistant professor, clinical science education. She earned her bachelor's in exercise science from the University of Arizona. After working several years as a certified athletic trainer, she attended Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University. She completed her osteopathic internship at John C. Lincoln hospital in Phoenix and her osteopathic family practice residency at St. Petersburg General Hospital (St. Petersburg, Fla.). She is board certified in family practice/OMT, has practiced in family practice at an underserved clinic in downtown Phoenix, and currently works part-time in urgent care.

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In memoriam

ATSU pays tribute to the following graduates.

1940s

Keith D. Swan, DO, '42
Nov. 16, 2013
Vandalia, Mo.

Howard M. Field Jr., DO, '48
Nov. 12, 2013
Bay Village, Ohio

1950s

Robert L. Hamilton, DO, '52
Sept. 21, 2013
Mabank, Texas

Thomas J. Siehl, DO, '52
Dec. 11, 2013
Lebanon, Ohio

Anthony E. Bock, DO, '53
Jan. 21, 2014
Medford, Ore.

Carl K. Brandeberry, DO, '53
Oct. 6, 2013
Ashtabula, Ohio

James W. Caton, DO, '53
Jan. 30, 2014,
Zanesville, Ohio

Edward P. Herrmann, DO, '53
Jan. 9, 2014
Kirksville, Mo.

Kenneth E. Speak, DO, '54
Dec. 23, 2013
Kerens, Texas

Plato E. Varidin, DO, FACOFP, '54
Sept. 17, 2013
Seminole, Fla.

James C. Mace, DO, MD, '55
Aug. 6, 2010
Tujunga, Calif.

Hartley Polasky, DO, '56
April 7, 2013
Dallas, Texas

Leonard A. Bellenson, DO, '57
May 25, 2010
Simi Valley, Calif.

George E. Midla, DO, '57
Sept. 8, 2013
South Bend, Ind.

Edward L. Andrews, DO, '58
Feb. 01, 2014
Solon, Ohio

Robert E. Roper, DO, '58
Dec. 25, 2013
Laguna Beach, Calif.

1960s

Fred Hoschander, DO, '60
May 15, 2012
Jamaica, N.Y.

Gerald D. Keyte, DO, '60
Sept. 29, 2013
Portage, Mich.

John M. Rathgeb Jr., DO, '61
Jan. 1, 2014
Royal Palm Beach, Fla.

Joseph C. Roby, DO, '61
Dec. 19, 2013,
Owensboro, Ky.

Billy G. Henderson, DO, '62
June 17, 2013
Pawnee, Okla.

Wayne P. Johnson, DO, '62
Feb. 3, 2013
The Villages, Fla.

Marilyn J. Arvidson, DO, '63
May 22, 2013
Clinton, Iowa

Robert D. Rollins, DO, '63
Dec. 20, 2013
Louisville, Ohio

Edwin A. Berger, DO, '66
Nov. 26, 2013
Tulsa, Okla.

John C. Auseon, DO, '67
Oct. 1, 2013
Columbus, Ohio

Samuel J. Carine, DO, '67
Aug. 11, 2012
Upper Arlington, Ohio

1970s

Jeffrey J. Patterson, DO, '72
Jan. 24, 2014
Madison, Wis.

Charles B. "Charlie" Schuetz, DO, '75
Dec. 28, 2013
Edmonds, Wash.

Michael G. Dempsey, DO, '77
Oct. 28, 2013
New York City, N.Y.

1990s

Timothy M. Meehan, DO, '90
Feb. 5, 2014
Kirksville, Mo.

Leonard G. Nepper, DO, '91
Jan. 23, 2014
Lawton, Okla.

Renae S. Carter, DO, '96
Oct. 21, 2013
Corunna, Mich.

2000s

Kimberly J. Doede Schleef, DO, '01
Jan. 10, 2014
Oregon City, Ore.

Heidi B. Hornbeek, DO, '06
Dec. 22, 2013
Glendale, Ariz.

Elizabeth A. Verber, AuD, '07
Oct. 9, 2011
Mountain View, Calif.

Matthew J. Passalaqua, MS, '09
Jan. 11, 2014
Addison, Ill.

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Sandy's Wrath



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In her essay, "Sandy's Wrath," Cynthia Paulis, DO, '84, describes in great detail her harried experience of surviving Hurricane Sandy. The October 2012 storm, which affected 24 states on the Atlantic coast, was deadly and destructive. Dr. Paulis' account was one of 40 essay winners in a worldwide competition that were included in "We Will Survive: True Stories of Encouragement, Inspiration, and the Power of Song," the December 2013 book by 70s disco queen and Grammy Award-winner Gloria Gaynor.

... The wind started to howl and the temperature dropped. I went to the beach and watched as the waves churned and threatened in the distance. ... Sandy was hungry and angry, but that day none of us could imagine to what degree.

... The next day there was massive destruction over three states ... Those who lived by the sea found their homes filled with water in a matter of minutes as the ocean and the bay joined hands and charged onto the land, killing people and sweeping them out to sea.

... It looked like a war zone outside. Trees had crashed into homes, grabbing onto power lines as they fell. Live wires were popping and crackling, spitting out sparks as they snaked their way across the pavement, littered with debris. Some streets had fish flopping around on the sidewalk, gasping for their last breath.

... Days of darkness and freezing temperatures turned into weeks with no relief in sight. I refused to fail pioneer school 101, so I decided to become more efficient. I lined my bed with flannel sheets and a down comforter, covered it with a plastic tarp to keep in the heat, and grabbed a couple of cats for warmth; they didn't seem to mind.

... During the day I rode my bike to a local park where a Red Cross relief center had been set up and volunteered, distributing food, water, and blankets. On the way to the park I passed home after home with all of its possessions dumped out on the street, reeking of saltwater, sewage, and now mold. A lifetime of memories destined for the dump. It was heartbreaking to see, yet there was one thing that struck me with each person I spoke with. They all seemed to say the same thing: "I was lucky. I was blessed. I survived." – *Cynthia Paulis*

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