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Blessings

In 1892, Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, started one of America's most influential healthcare movements—osteopathic medicine. Today, osteopathic medicine boasts 30 colleges of osteopathic medicine with 38 campuses in 28 states. Building upon Dr. Still's foundation, ATSU now comprises six distinctive schools, three based in Kirksville and three in Mesa, and offers 21 degree programs.

Our newest dental school, the Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (MOSDOH), earned its initial accreditation in August. In October, its doors opened wide to new students who filled its classrooms and labs with vibrant enthusiasm. And not just dental students, but KCOM students, too—all of whom are getting a top-notch education at ATSU as they learn with, from, and about one another in the dental and osteopathic medical professions.

The aptly named Interprofessional Education (IPE) Building is a wonderful sight, and ATSU is forever grateful to the Kirksville community and the many caring donors who helped make it a reality. (You can take a tour of the building in the cover story, p. 14.) Yet, it's not so much the bricks and mortar that make the IPE Building so monumental. It's more the fact ATSU has once again orchestrated a new legacy with a new generation of compassionate healthcare professionals who will undoubtedly make a profound difference in the health of their communities.

In celebration of the University's newest family member, MOSDOH held an inauguration ceremony featuring George Blue Spruce, DDS, MPH, assistant dean for American Indian Affairs, ASDOH, and assistant surgeon general (retired). Dr. Blue Spruce opened the ceremony with a traditional American Indian blessing, reminding attendees of the sacred interconnectedness humans share with each other, nature, and the environment.

As the holidays draw near, we are reminded, both personally and professionally, how truly blessed we are.

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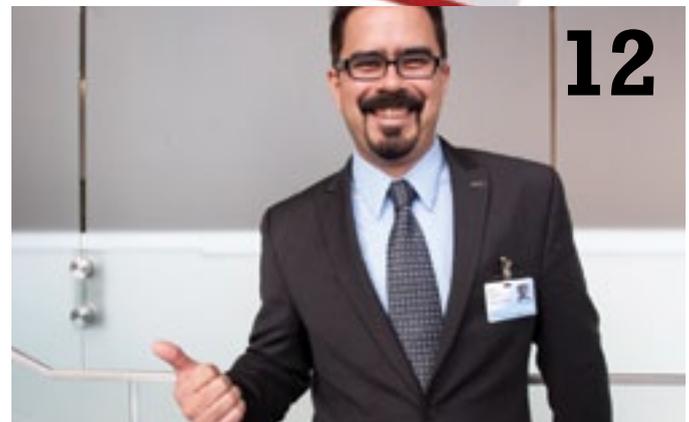
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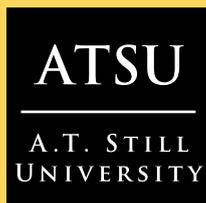
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TCC BOOST

Renovations to boost student wellness

Demand for fitness options and wellness programming has outgrown present space and equipment at the Thompson Campus Center (TCC) on ATSU's Missouri campus.

Campus life

Self-awareness and positive lifestyle choices through comprehensive fitness experiences are integral components of students' health education experiences.

Fitness amenities

TCC facility renovation goals include a new front entry and reception space, expanded free-weight and cardio equipment areas, new fitness area flooring, and greater compatibility with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Gift designations

Your gift will help the TCC flex its muscles. Designations may include overall renovation expenses (\$225,000 projected) or fitness equipment such as arc trainers, treadmills, and free-weights.



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Dan Martin, TCC director of wellness programs, leads a cycling class. "Our facility, along with its wellness services and programs, is integral to educating students in lifestyle choices that positively impact their lives and ultimately the lives of those they will serve," says Martin.



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- Provide quality healthcare to those living in rural and impoverished communities in Nicaragua
- Allow students across the learning continuum an opportunity to strengthen clinical and cultural knowledge and understanding
- Set the stage for students and alumni to learn from, with, and about one another
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- Enhance whole person healthcare beyond the United States
- Provide an opportunity for humanitarian outreach

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Culture growth

ATSU is nation's leading Native graduate health professions institution

ATSU is the proud home to a growing number of American Indians and Alaska Natives serving in healthcare professions. Nearly half the nation's American Indian dental students attend ASDOH; ASHS' Physician Assistant American Indian Track program has graduated approximately 20 percent of the nation's Native PAs; and American Indian/Alaska Native enrollment across the institution averages between 40-50 students.

More than 25 tribes are represented at ATSU, with strong enrollment from the Southwest tribal communities and nations. ATSU recently graduated its first American Indian dentist from the Northern Crow Nation; its first American Indian athletic trainer—a member of the Hopi Tribe, Roadrunner Clan; and a Navajo dentist who served in Alaska, traveling to work each day on a dog sled. This year, ASDOH graduated six new American Indian dentists—the largest single group to graduate in the United States.

ATSU's social mission and unique focus on Native communities attracts students with strong cultural roots and a deep heart for service. Assisted by the University's National Center for American Indian Healthcare from matriculation to graduation, ATSU supports and advocates for Native students as they learn their profession, as well as how to practice in two distinct worlds.

American Indian alumni Stanley Kurley, PA, '11, and Kristina Ahmie, PA, '11, at the A.T. Still Memorial Library - Arizona.

Making a world of difference

By Eden Derby



Life for Sheila Weagle, DHEd, '11, MPH, '09, RDH, CHES, has been a whirlwind of work, education, and family. In just a few short years, Dr. Weagle transferred from the U.S. Air Force to the U.S. Public Health Service, started a family (she and husband Andrew have two young children), and earned two degrees from ATSU—an MPH with a dental emphasis and a doctorate in health education.

After more than a year working in Oklahoma as a clinical dental hygienist for the Indian Health Service, Dr. Weagle got a job with the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga. Because of her strong professional background, she was able to get a position with the CDC in the Division of Oral Health while completing her master's.

After receiving her doctorate, Dr. Weagle transferred to her current position with the CDC as a public health analyst in the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention in the Chronic Center where she's involved with projects that can literally help millions—like Million Hearts®, for example. In her day-to-day duties, Dr. Weagle is proud to be part of this national initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes by 2017 by

bringing together communities, health systems, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, and private-sector partners from across the country.

"I feel so complete at the end of the day knowing that I am helping states build their infrastructure and capacity to improve population health. I am so fortunate to be with the CDC and see how we're changing lives every day," says Dr. Weagle. "Working at the CDC was a dream that came true."

Although her projects are exciting, Dr. Weagle says her roles and responsibilities at the CDC aren't like what you see in the movies, with disease outbreaks and people in strange suits looking at viruses. Instead, she spends her time gathering data that can help link the long-term health effects of chronic illnesses to life-saving prevention efforts. Her role with the CDC is complex and includes everything from working to establish hypertension and stroke guidelines to providing cooperative agreement guidance to state health departments.

Whatever she's doing, she says always asks the question: "What can I do to change this for the better?" and in doing so, is making a world of difference in the lives of millions. ■

More Cowbelt, please

By Katie Thudium



Forget plain and boring gait belts of the past! Marla Pomeranz-Rossman, MS, '12, created the next generation of gait belts that has even the manliest man in the therapy gym sporting hot pink leopard prints. Gait belts, which are used to transfer people from one place or position to another, typically come in two colors: white or pale rainbow. Now, thanks to Pomeranz-Rossman and her 97 different belt patterns, she's turned mundane medical equipment into must-have fashion accessories.

Pomeranz-Rossman, a practicing occupational therapist, was fed up with using passé gait belts.

"Since all belts look the same, someone would use mine as soon as I set it down," she says. "By the time I got it back, I never knew where it had been or if it was clean."

That prompted her to make her own belt that couldn't be mistaken for anyone else's. She asked her neighbor, who had an upholstery business and heavy-duty sewing machine, to help her create her own custom belt. Setting the trend, her colleagues soon wanted their own belts, and her business took off.

Realizing she needed a company name as unique as her products, Pomeranz-Rossman chose More Cowbelt. A Will Ferrell fan, the name is a spin on Ferrell's "Saturday Night Live" skit, "More Cowbell." Even her tagline—creating scrumtrulescent gait belts for healthcare professionals—echoes one of the comedian's famous lines.

Making fun and fashionable gait belts that are sure to please even the most macho healthcare provider, customers can browse Pomeranz-Rossman's website, www.morecowbelt.com, and choose from different prints and colors to fit their individual styles. Upon request, she also personalizes belts with embroidered names. Most importantly, she keeps prices low because

she wants to encourage healthcare professionals to use the belts.

"If the belts are attractive, healthcare professionals are more likely to wear them and use them with their patients, aiding in fall prevention," explains Pomeranz-Rossman.

Knowing all too well the dangers of falls, especially among the elderly, she only uses high-quality materials and metal clips. Additionally, More Cowbelt is the only company that sells quick release belts with metal—not plastic—buckles.

"Several therapists asked me if I would carry quick release belts, and at first I said no because I don't trust plastic clips," says Pomeranz-Rossman. "Ultimately, we decided to use a metal prototype from an industrial airplane supplier, so we know the clips won't break."

Furthermore, for each belt she sells, part of the proceeds are donated to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, in memory of her mother.

"My mom was my best friend in the entire world," says Pomeranz-Rossman. "Watching her independence dwindle away because of macular degeneration was devastating, and no one should have to go through that."

Hoping that More Cowbelt will make a difference in the lives of others, she credits her family for giving her the support she needs to work and run a business. In fact, her 5-year-old daughter even helps create thank you cards that are sent with each belt.

"We care about what we do," Pomeranz-Rossman says. "Helping people is a good thing, so why not look good doing it?"

What's in a name?

By Katie Thudium



Behind every name is a history. On the surface, a name is merely letters on a page, but digging deeper, it represents a family and a personal identity. At first glance, U.S. Air Force Captain Leif Magnusson, DO, '13, is an officer and a doctor. Looking closely, however, this Wisconsin native represents more than the Air Force and the osteopathic profession.

"My parents wanted a name that would reflect my Scandinavian heritage and came across Leif," says Dr. Magnusson, whose great-grandfather emigrated from Finland to Chisholm, Minn.

While Dr. Magnusson's last name is Swedish, his lineage is heavily Norwegian—making the pronunciation of his first name "lay-f" rather than "leaf," which he says he is quite thankful for now.

"The actual meaning of my name is 'beloved descendant,' which I think is a pretty sweet meaning for a name," Dr. Magnusson says.

Along with Dr. Magnusson's Scandinavian lineage, he also inherited a mind for medicine. Both his father and grandfather were veterinarians, which exposed him to medicine at an early age.

"As I spent more time around pets and their owners, I learned that my compassion and concern was oriented toward the owners more so than the pets," says Dr. Magnusson.

His compassion is evident when helping patients. While on rotation in downtown Detroit, Mich., Dr. Magnusson treated a homeless woman who had restricted motion in her arms, which interfered with her ability to do anything. After treating her with osteopathic manipulation, she regained almost full range of motion.

"She came to the clinic in tears but was almost giddy when she left," Dr. Magnusson says. "Had I not treated her with OMT, I don't know if she would have been a priority since all consults were on a volunteer basis."

Similarly, while working with an OMT doctor south of Detroit, Dr. Magnusson assisted with a patient who had multiple sclerosis. During the treatment, he introduced the doctor to a technique he learned on a rotation in Kirksville.

"Later that day, the patient's physical therapist called the doctor to ask what we did because this was the first day in more than a year that the patient was pain free," says Dr. Magnusson.

The more Dr. Magnusson became involved with medicine and patients, the more he wanted to be involved in all areas of a patient's healthcare. He felt family medicine was the option that afforded him that ability.

"My old family doctor was one of my favorite people growing up," Dr. Magnusson recalls. "I saw how a great family medicine doctor could do a lot for bringing stability to a family."

Making a name for himself, he graduated at the top of his KCOM class and entered a family medicine residency at the Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Following his residency, he will complete a four-year stint with the Air Force, taking care of other service members and their families.

Dr. Magnusson adds, "My family and I are hoping to spend some of that time abroad, maybe Guam, Japan, or another country that will give us very different and unique experiences."

When his service commitment expires, he and his family will decide if military life is right for them or if they want to follow their roots back to the northern United States. Regardless of where the road leads, Dr. Magnusson puts family first and proudly carries his heritage with him. 

Queen of internal medicine

By Katie Thudium



Hailed as the queen of internal medicine by her peers, Lindsey Merritt, DO, '13, is leading the charge to boost participation in internal medicine among medical students. Dr. Merritt, a resident at Stamford Hospital in Connecticut, began her journey with internal medicine as a first-year medical student at SOMA. By seizing new opportunities, she found her career path and paved the way for others.

As a first-year student, Dr. Merritt attended many different club meetings available to new students, searching for the best fit. She discovered the Internal Medicine Interest Group (IMIG), a new group needing a first-year student to take charge and get the group off the ground.

"I didn't know for sure I was going into internal medicine, but I knew I couldn't go wrong because internal medicine is essentially the basis for all specialties," says Dr. Merritt.

Soon afterward, opportunities came like a domino effect.

As the student leader of IMIG, Dr. Merritt became a member of the American College of Physicians (ACP), IMIG's sponsoring organization. She progressed through ACP's ranks, serving two years as the student osteopathic representative for the national Council of Student Members. In her fourth year, she became chair of the council, as well as the student representative to ACP's board of regents. During her tenure with the board, she served

on the Health and Public Policy Committee, developing policies and evidence-based papers to help ACP influence healthcare issues nationwide.

"I wanted to help medical students across the country get involved in internal medicine," Dr. Merritt says. "It was very rewarding to be involved at the national level in ACP."

International opportunities came during her second year as she and classmate Simrat Singh, DO, '13, traveled to Nicaragua for a DOCARE mission. The mission team trekked to small towns and rural areas around the country, setting up make-shift clinics and using whatever resources were available.

"The people we helped were in so much need and so thankful for whatever we could do for them," recalls Dr. Merritt. "I came back to SOMA with a renewed sense for medicine and helping people."

Upon her return, Drs. Merritt and Singh decided to make the most of their experience by establishing a DOCARE chapter at SOMA to give other students the opportunity to share in similar experiences.

"Younger classmen often look to upperclassmen for advice," says Dr. Merritt. "I really enjoy sharing my experiences and helping in any way I can."

Continuing her reign in internal medicine, she is now helping patients in residency. She knows internal medicine was the right decision, and she's grateful that she is able to provide a cohesive treatment plan for the whole patient.

"So often, people are scared to go to the hospital as a patient, not knowing what's wrong with them," explains Dr. Merritt. "It's my goal to help people understand their own healthcare process and have a doctor they can trust." ❏

Behind boardroom doors

By Katie Thudium



Isaac Navarro, DMD, has gone where few ATSU alums have gone before—behind the University's boardroom doors. As a Board of Trustees member, he holds one of the most esteemed positions at the University.

Dr. Navarro joined the board in October 2012, but he first appeared on the ATSU scene as an ASDOH student. After graduating in 2008, he returned to his hometown of Visalia, Calif., becoming the medical director for three Family HealthCare Network clinics in the San Joaquin Valley.

"One of the reasons I came to ASDOH was to be a part of something really great," Dr. Navarro says. "ATSU has really grown since I was a student. I can't even put into words how special it is to now make decisions about that growth."

At his first board meeting, Dr. Navarro immediately helped make the big decisions.

"It was exciting to be the new guy and have the same voice as people who have been on the board for years," says Dr. Navarro, who also sits on the ASDOH alumni board.

Prior to his first meeting as a trustee, he participated in an ASDOH alumni board meeting regarding the establishment of The Center for Advanced Oral Health, which was an ongoing topic of discussion.

"In the alumni board meeting we heard the update on the status of The Center, and then a month later as a trustee, I helped determine how much funding should be allocated to it," Dr. Navarro says.

Describing what it's really like inside the room where all those big decisions are made, he portrays an encouraging atmosphere

where all the members come together with a positive attitude, ready to accomplish the tasks. His favorite characteristic about the board, though, is that members do not vote on issues—everyone must come to a consensus.

"While the issues may be intense, the focus remains on the task at hand, and no one makes judgments," says Dr. Navarro. "That's really comforting to me."

Aside from his duties as a board member and medical director, he also makes time for ATSU students. Serving as the director of student medical education, he takes SOMA, ASDOH, and ASHS students on rotation at his clinics.

Coming full circle with the University, Dr. Navarro has risen from humble beginnings to graduating dental school to becoming a board member of his alma mater.

"I'm fulfilling every professional passion," says Dr. Navarro. "I don't think I would be doing exactly what I'm doing had I not gone to ATSU."

While he may sit behind closed doors as a trustee, his goal is to open more doors for ATSU in the future and help ensure the University fulfills its vision as the preeminent institution for health professions education.

"I believe we're there in many ways," Dr. Navarro says. "We have many avenues for growth, and I'm excited to be a part of it." ■

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Making a splash

Racers conquer NEMO Triathlon

The scorching summer sun didn't deter 101 triathletes at the 29th annual NEMO Triathlon, held Sept. 8. The 3/4-mile swim, 18-mile bike, and 5-mile run at Kirksville's Thousand Hills State Park is a formidable athletic challenge for racers, ages 14-85+. The NEMO Triathlon is a USA Triathlon sanctioned event presented by ATSU.

KCOM alumna Cathy Koger, DO, '10, exits Forest Lake during the triathlon's swimming portion.



HOME *Sweet* MOOS DOHN

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Home is where the heart is

At 8:00 a.m. on Oct. 1, 42 eager dental students began their first day of classes at the Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health*. After more than three years of preparation and paperwork, conversations and construction, the inaugural class finally settled into their new home on the Missouri campus. Filing into the Interprofessional Education (IPE) Building, the new 42 were greeted by a welcoming committee led by MOSDOH Dean Christopher Halliday, DDS, MPH, who couldn't restrain his excitement or his permanent smile.

"I am going to interact with students," Dr. Halliday says. "I want their feedback. I want them to feel that they're a part of this dental school, not only as students, but also part of making this school as successful as any dental school could hope to be."

Dr. Halliday spent Day No. 1 with his new family of students, conversing with faculty, and even attending classroom lectures. If engagement is the goal, MOSDOH's inaugural dean has it covered.

"It will be hands-on; I want it to be a collegial environment," Dr. Halliday continues. "The learning environment here will be cool because it won't be the typical higher education instruction where students are lectured to. We're going to make sure our instructors are interactive with students. Students are going to know how to apply this information, and the instructors will not only instruct, but also facilitate the learning process. We're going to make sure students know the material well enough that they can converse amongst themselves and apply this information."

Because the class of 2017 started late in the year, a compressed schedule means there is a large amount of information for D1s to process quickly. The daily grind of graduate school has a reputation for leaving students exhausted and disenchanted with their profession. But, promises President Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84, that is not the ATSU way.

"The people around you, in front of you, behind you ... You are going to be friends for life," Dr. Phelps assures students in his welcome address. "In fact, in Arizona [at ATSU's Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health], they call it 'the happy dental school!'"

Home away from home

Looking around at MOSDOH's new digs, it's hard to imagine anything but happiness and rays of sunshine for its first class.

The IPE Building, with its state-of-the-art equipment, has ample space to accommodate MOSDOH and KCOM students, plus room to grow. Having both the dental and osteopathic medical professions under one roof to promote collaboration afforded the building its name and played a key role in its design.

Now a sparkling sight to behold, the IPE Building's curvaceous exterior and skyward reaching windows, eye-popping canary yellow glass walls, and ultramodern simulation labs were nothing more than a grey parking lot just 1 ½ years ago. St. Louis firm Cannon Design brought ATSU's grand vision from blueprints to a 62,000-square-foot dental student hot spot.



UNDER MY UMBRELLA

Rain drizzles on Elizabeth Desamero, D1, and her family at the White Coat Ceremony, held Sept. 28.



Meet the MOSDOH leadership team: Dr. Halliday; Dale DeWan, DMD, MS, director, integrated human sciences; Liz Kaz, EdD, associate dean; Parker Crutchfield, PhD, interim research director; and Allison Crutchfield, DMD, director, simulation lab.

HELPFUL SMILES

The main floor focal point is the Dental Simulation Laboratory. Here, the building's hands-free energy management system senses when someone has entered the room by slowly turning up the lights. The lab also is bathed in natural light, with three of four walls being floor to ceiling windows, making it the perfect spot for practicing dental restoration and appliance color matches.

Row after row of KaVo brand dental mannequins—48 to be exact—are flanked by large screen projection monitors that help students easily follow along with their instructor. The action is simultaneously displayed on personal monitors at each workstation.

A wet lab spans the back wall. To the back left is a separate four-chair training area for students to learn digital X-ray techniques, dental hygiene instrumentation, dental anesthesia, and other intra-oral procedures on classmates.

Students learn all aspects of dental procedures in the lab, such as how to perform fillings and root canals, as well as place implants, before advancing to a live patient care setting in their third and fourth years.

"The technology is impressive," says Dr. Halliday, "and will allow students to best simulate the patient in a treatment situation before they ever actually treat a patient. This facility will not only replicate the actual procedures involved in dental treatment, but also will replicate the entire patient process. Our students will relate to

simulation mannequins as if they are actual human beings. They will get a very accurate clinical experience while in the simulation lab."

Trekking up the winding glass staircase, the IPE Building's second floor does not disappoint. Hard-to-miss free-standing walls of frosted yellow glass make up a conference room that mirrors that of the first floor's. Half of the upstairs is devoted to human patient simulator (HPS) break-out rooms and a classroom for KCOM students. HPSs previously lived in the Connell Information Technologies Center (CITC). Having relocated, the CITC now has space for a new ultrasound lab.

First-year student Zane Lambert is awestruck by the space.

"My initial thought was that I could not believe they built this for us," he says. "For a school to provide so much of its resources to a building this technologically advanced indicated to me that ATSU was fully invested in this new dental program."

Every inch of the IPE Building is designed so intricately and modernly, it's almost as if it were transported from some futuristic land of science fiction. But the innovative building is just the backdrop to the innovative core curriculum dental students will learn. Central to that curriculum is extensive, in-depth clinical training at community health centers (CHCs).

Dental training hits home

In Missouri, CHCs care for 420,000 vulnerable residents, or 25 percent of the total number of low-income and uninsured citizens. During students' third- and fourth-years, they will be embedded inside Missouri CHCs where they will treat patients under faculty dentist supervision. Students will be involved in every aspect of dental care from prevention to rehabilitation. They will work with the full spectrum of underserved patients including children, adults, geriatric patients, the disabled, the homeless, and the uninsured. This will allow CHCs to reach an astounding additional 11,500 patients each year.

MOSDOH's most comprehensive CHC relationship will be with St. Louis' Grace Hill Health Centers Inc. (GHHC), which provides primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services to a large segment of the city's low-income and uninsured population. Beginning in the summer of 2015, GHHC, in partnership with ATSU, will operate an expansive new 93-operatory dental clinic. After spending two years on the Missouri campus, students will relocate to St. Louis for third-year clinical experiences at the ATSU-GHHC-operated clinic. During their fourth-year, students will divide time between St. Louis and additional CHC partner locations throughout Missouri and the Midwest.



Jacob Hamby, D1, receives personal attention from Simulation Lab Director Allison Crutchfield, DMD.

ONE ON ONE

Interestingly, CHC on-site clinical education was identified in a 2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report as the most effective way to break down barriers to care faced by underserved populations. Although MOSDOH was not intentionally responding to the report in the development of its curriculum, Dean Halliday feels that it just solidifies the direction the School is heading.

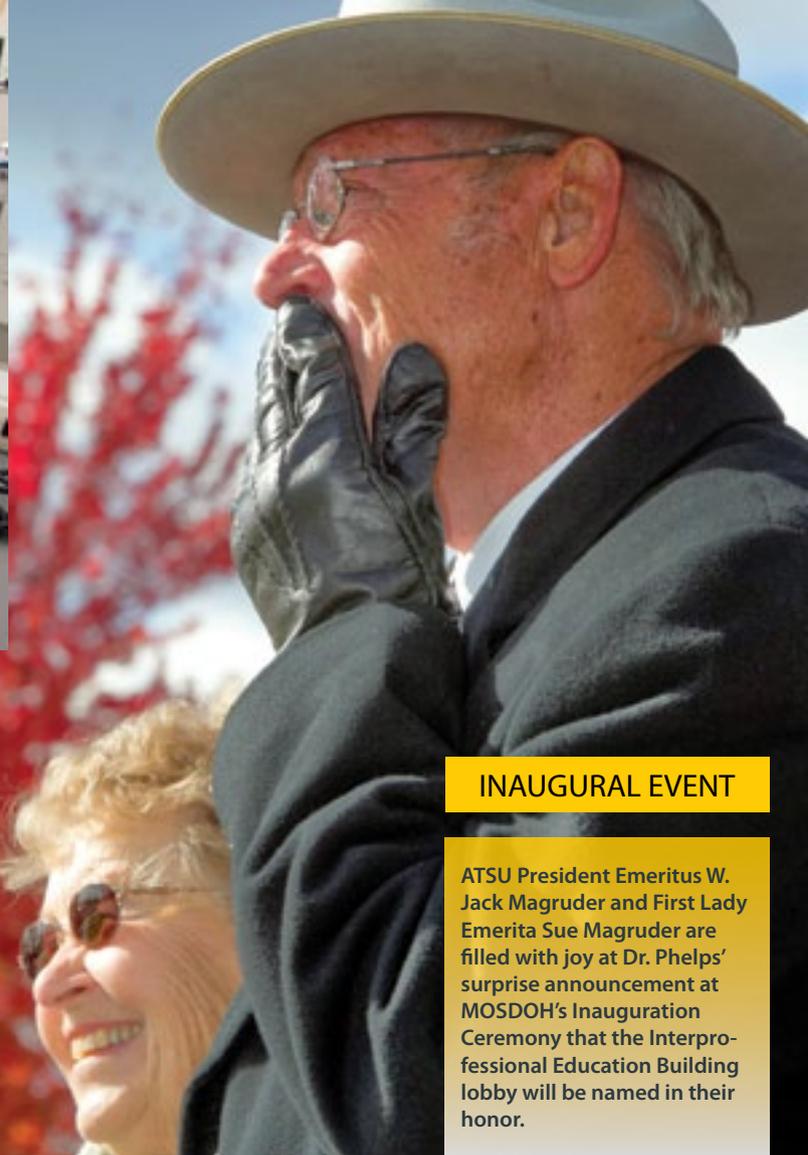
“The Institute of Medicine made several recommendations related to dental education systems, and everything they mentioned was incorporated into this School,” he says. “We are on the same wavelength.”

In their report, IOM finds an improved and responsive dental education system is needed to ensure that dental professionals can deliver quality care to diverse populations in a variety of settings, using a variety of service-delivery mechanisms. MOSDOH’s curricular model ensures its dental professionals will develop the necessary skills to work in a variety of community-based settings with disadvantaged populations, including the ability to work in interprofessional teams with general health, education, and social service professionals.

Partnerships with CHCs are expected to increase retention within the state’s oral health workforce by encouraging graduates to practice public health dentistry. Fittingly, MOSDOH graduates will earn a certificate of public health (with the option of pursuing a master’s degree in public health) in addition to a doctor of dental medicine degree, differentiating the School from any other in the Midwest. This will prepare a workforce uniquely qualified to care for diverse, underserved populations.

With a mission to increase access to oral healthcare for Missouri’s most vulnerable populations, MOSDOH couldn’t have opened its doors at a better time. The number of dentists in the state is declining, while the needs of underserved populations and demand for dentists are rising. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, only 13 of 114 Missouri counties have enough dentists, and the state ranks 41st in the nation in adult oral health and 49th in the nation in children’s oral health based on the percentages of those who regularly visit the dentist. In 28 counties, at least 50 percent of dentists plan to retire within 10 years. It’s an urgent situation, and what’s more, there seems to be little acknowledgment by Missourians that poor oral health can negatively impact overall health.

“I’d like people to understand that the science and literature show strong relationships between oral health and overall health,”



INAUGURAL EVENT

ATSU President Emeritus W. Jack Magruder and First Lady Emerita Sue Magruder are filled with joy at Dr. Phelps’ surprise announcement at MOSDOH’s Inauguration Ceremony that the Interprofessional Education Building lobby will be named in their honor.

says Dr. Halliday, who mentions correlations to diabetes and heart disease. “Increasing access to dental care will improve overall health. We’re not just dealing with good-looking smiles and toothaches; we’re improving the overall health of all these people.”

It takes a village to raise a dental school

An upswell of community support helped MOSDOH establish its home in Northeast Missouri. A grassroots effort led by Community Friends for ATSU Dental raised more than \$1.1 million to make the case for the new dental program to be located in Kirksville. Initially, ATSU was propositioned by groups in three states, each wanting the University to replicate its innovative community-focused dental school model.

A three-year \$3 million grant courtesy of the Missouri Foundation for Health funded curriculum development, payroll expenses, and equipment.

“They’ve been an early believer in this,” says Dr. Halliday. “They are impressed with the University’s desire to increase access to care for underserved populations.”

Another vital partner has been the Missouri Primary Care Association (MPCA). This relationship helped establish 14 CHC affiliation agreements for the training of fourth-year students.

Custom made in West Germany, the equipment in the Dental Simulation Laboratory has "all the bells and whistles." Each dental student is assigned a workstation, which includes a lifelike mannequin, LED chair-side dental light, lab bench, and storage space for dental instruments and materials.

SIM CITY





HOT SEAT

Sleek, curvy furniture defines student seating areas on floors 1 and 2, with inspiring views that look across the Missouri campus.



Two main floor classrooms are designed to promote student interaction. One classroom can be organized into pods so students can face one other; a second classroom's tiered stadium seating overlooks large computer projection screens on a mid-century modern wood paneled backdrop.

VIS-À-VIS

Dentist-Patient Relationship - 4 Models

- Interactive Model
Patient and dentist are equal partners; autonomy valued

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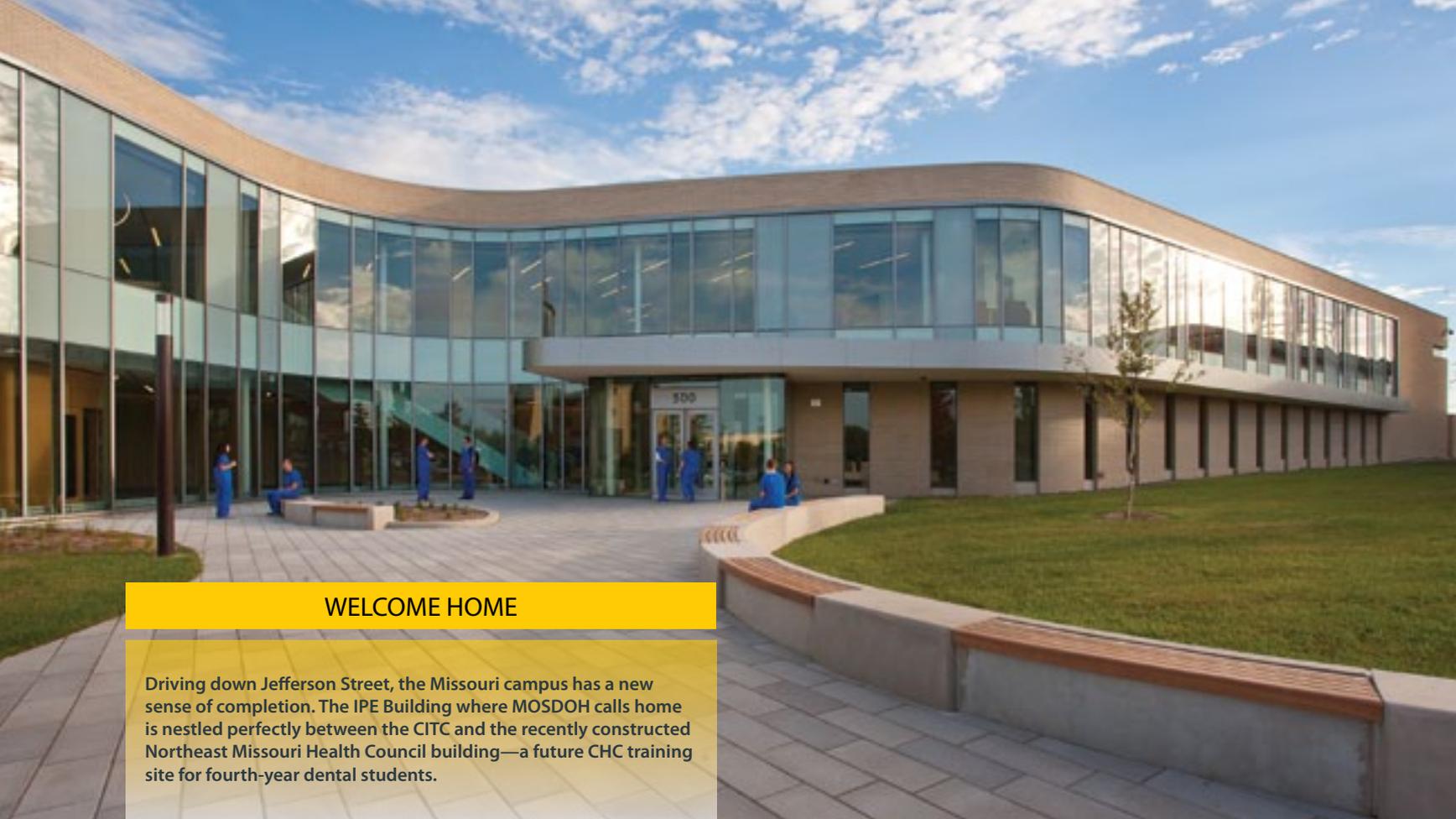
- Interactive Model
Patient and dentist are equal partners; autonomy valued





BREAK TIME

Upstairs, the vending and kitchenette area has a contemporary vibe. Round the corner to find functionally furnished faculty office space.



WELCOME HOME

Driving down Jefferson Street, the Missouri campus has a new sense of completion. The IPE Building where MOSDOH calls home is nestled perfectly between the CITC and the recently constructed Northeast Missouri Health Council building—a future CHC training site for fourth-year dental students.

“This curriculum, with its emphasis on placing students inside the communities most in need, reflects the out-of-the-box thinking needed to fix the problem here in Missouri and around the country,” says MPCA CEO Joseph E. Pierle.

“ATSU is excited to educate the next generation of dentists in an environment dedicated to the principles established more than 120 years ago by Dr. A.T Still. The citizens of Kirksville have been welcoming medical students for generations and have extended the same hospitality to our dental students, faculty, and staff,” says President Phelps. “Our University alumni, students, faculty, and staff can be proud of the opening of America’s newest dental school and the positive impact it will have on the lives of patients and communities.”

There’s no place like home

Oct. 1 marked a momentous occasion at ATSU—the day everyone has been literally waiting for since talks of a new dental program began in 2010. Now that its doors are finally open and classes are in session, MOSDOH is perfectly positioned to raise the standard in Missouri’s oral health through service to community, increasing access to care, and decreasing oral health disparities among disadvantaged populations.

The ATSU family is proudly growing—a sixth school, new students, an expanding campus—and Missouri has welcomed it all with open arms. Settling into their cozy new space for the next two years, MOSDOH’s inaugural class of students shares the same sentiment: There’s no place like home.

*At its August 2013 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopted a resolution to grant initial accreditation to MOSDOH and its developing program in dental education. After MOSDOH graduates its first class in 2017, the School will be eligible for full accreditation by CODA. At that point, MOSDOH may consider increasing its class size from 42 to 60 students.

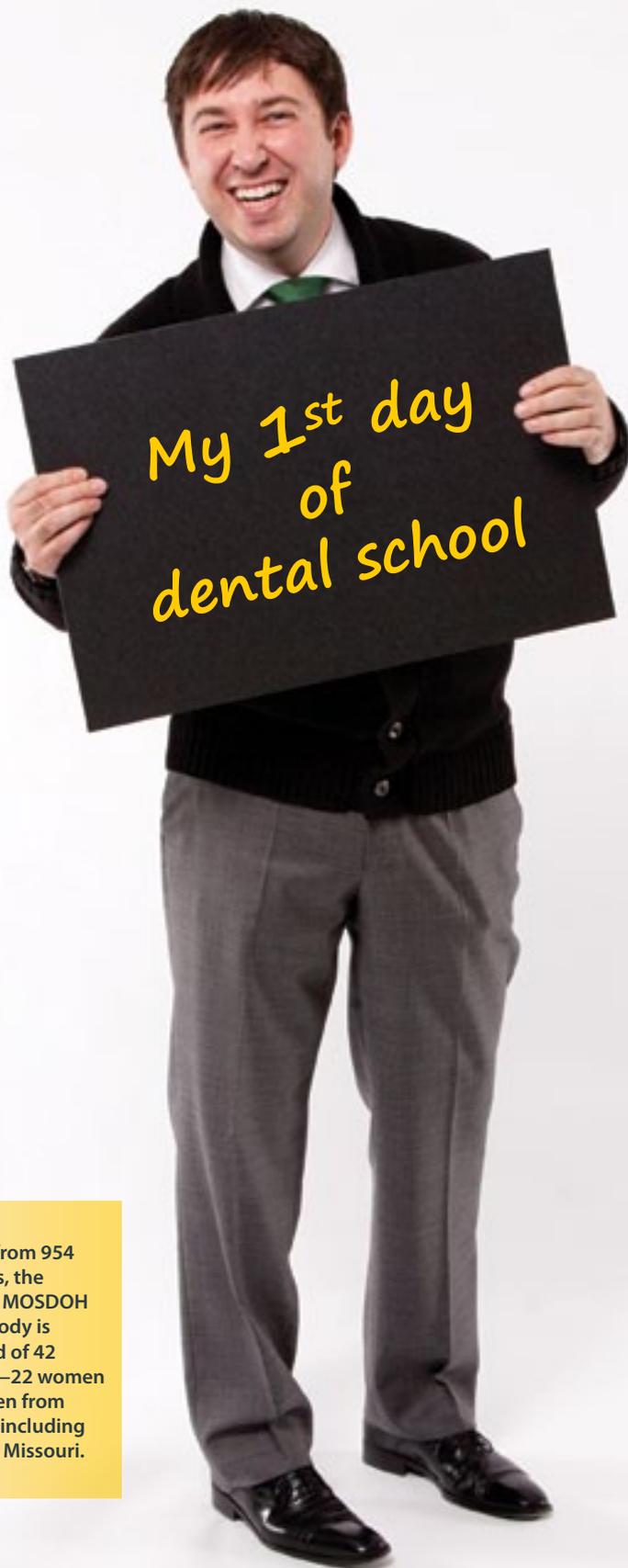
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Roll call with a D1



Selected from 954 applicants, the inaugural MOSDOH student body is comprised of 42 students—22 women and 20 men from 19 states, including nine from Missouri.

Here, we catch up with Colorado Springs, Colo., native Zane Lambert, D1, great-grandson of ASO (now KCOM) alumnus Lester C. Lambert, DO, '16, whose diploma was signed by none other than ATSU founder Dr. A.T. Still.

Why did you choose MOSDOH?

The main reason was the feeling I received from the people who work here. On interview day, the staff was so friendly and inviting. They never acted like I needed to gain their approval because I was already their friend. And, it is pretty cool to say you were part of an inaugural class to graduate from dental school. To help mold a program for future generations is an awesome responsibility.

How did you feel when you received your white coat?

The White Coat Ceremony hit me with a flood of emotion. I was mostly elated that I had been warmly accepted into a caring profession and a nurturing school. But several other feelings were definitely prominent. The white coat had a distinct weighty feel. When Dean Halliday assisted me with putting on my coat, I swear I could feel the weight of my future patients' concerns put upon my shoulders. That pivotal moment was a sobering experience. Questions began swirling around in my head: "Will I be as good of a dentist as I have imagined I will be? Will I be considered gentle? Will I heal the sick as effectively as I should?"

How was your first day of class?

It was a lot of fun. Getting to know my classmates was very exciting. We have such a great, diverse class, and we already have an unofficial motto: "Together we will." I have been most impressed with the instantaneous synergy our class has effortlessly developed.

What are you most excited about now that you are a dental student?

I think the best part about being a dental student is the fact that I now have a legitimate reason to squirt someone with the irrigation gun and not get in trouble. In all seriousness, I am very excited to be hyper-focused on learning the science and techniques of dentistry. Becoming a dental student means I am just one small step closer to being able to care for people who otherwise would not be able to care for themselves.

Do you feel you are carrying on a legacy for your family?

Although I never met my great-grandfather, the stories I have heard about him leave little doubt that I would have liked him very much. In his ASO yearbook, my great-grandfather was considered joyful and a "care-free fellow" ... adjectives I think my fellow peers would use to describe me. While I am proud to return to an institution once home to a family member, I feel more strongly connected to the legacy A.T. Still began more than a century ago. ☑

The sincerely altruistic Dr. Halliday has spent his career caring for the underserved in Alaska, New Mexico, and Arizona, and advocating on their behalf, most recently as chief of staff to the U.S. surgeon general. "I have always believed in being an advocate for those who are less fortunate," he says.



QA

The big question: Why a dental school in Missouri?

Answered by Christopher Halliday, DDS, MPH, dean, MOSDOH

A: There are huge access to care challenges for citizens in the state of Missouri, and there are huge oral health disparities experienced statewide. Comparing people from Missouri to people throughout the country, Missourians tend to have more dental disease and more difficulty gaining access to a dentist. Everything just adds up. There was a huge unmet need in the state and a huge interest to have a dental school in the state.

What challenges to oral health do Missourians face? Of all 50 states rated by [The Pew Charitable Trusts Center on the States*], Missouri ranked 41st in the percentage of adult residents able to visit a dentist and 49th in the percentage of children that received any type of dental services. Seventy-two percent do not have dental insurance coverage. Missouri has six counties in the state with no dentists at all and 12 counties with only one dentist. The federal government looked at the state of Missouri and 101 of 114 counties were designated as dental health professional shortage areas or had areas within the county that were designated as dental health professional shortage areas.

How soon will MOSDOH students be able to affect a positive change for Missourians? In the curriculum model, students will do all their preclinical training in Kirksville for the first two years of school. Starting in year three, they take all their clinical skills to St. Louis, working in the facility operated in partnership with Grace Hill. During the final year of dental school, approximately half of the fourth-year class will rotate to other community health center settings throughout the state while the other half stays at the St. Louis facility. [By 2015], they will be increasing access to care to oral health services throughout the state of Missouri through additional community health center partners. I wouldn't underestimate the importance of making sure we have students out there serving the needs of safety net clinics.

Why was St. Louis' Grace Hill Health Centers Inc. chosen as MOSDOH's primary clinical rotation site? As the largest metropolitan area in the state and one of Missouri's most underserved urban environments, St. Louis does not have a dental school clinic to provide care to its diverse population groups. There have been dental schools there in the past, but they have closed. Our desire is to build a two-story dental clinic of approximately 93 chairs at a site near Lafayette Square. The facility will be operated in partnership with Grace Hill Health Centers Inc., the largest community health center group in Missouri. ATSU will be responsible for the educational component of the students, but Grace Hill will bring the community health center experience to our students and will manage day to day clinical operations. Grace Hill will bring along a diverse and large patient population for our students, and our students in turn will assist Grace Hill by helping increase access to oral health services to the communities served by Grace Hill.

How is MOSDOH unique compared to ATSU's Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health? MOSDOH is built upon the Arizona model, but it is unique. MOSDOH has established its own identity and has its own personality. The main difference is that our students will do 100 percent of their clinical training in community health center settings. We do not have a clinic on site. That, by nature, means they'll be serving underserved, underinsured, and disadvantaged populations. ☒

*The Pew Charitable Trusts is an independent nonprofit organization.

Summer graduations

Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

5/18/13



KCOM grad Michael Musso, DO, '13, hugs his newlywed, Jody Musso, OMS III.

176

doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees awarded

7

master of biomedical sciences degrees awarded

30/7

states and countries represented, respectively

“Graduation day was surreal. Medical school is rough, and when you are in the middle of it, you sometimes lose sight of that light at the end of the tunnel, but on graduation day you are finally standing in that light.”

– Elise Grgurich, DO, '13

Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health

6/7/13

64

doctor of dental medicine degrees awarded

24

master of public health certificates awarded

30%

to practice in a community healthcare setting

“On graduation day, I was overcome with joy and disbelief at the idea of having reached a goal that once seemed almost unattainable. I was also bursting with pride at receiving my degree from ASDOH.”

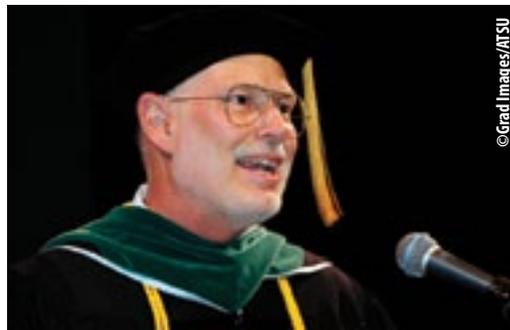
– John-Cleeve Soter, DMD, '13



ASDOH's seventh graduating class

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Keynotes



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Their words leave a lasting impression on ATSU graduates. Find out what the keynotes had to say at stillmagazine.atsu.edu.



School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona

6/7/13

98

doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees awarded

24%

to practice in primary care

92.9%

to practice in National Association of Community Health Center-identified needed specialties

“I can’t believe these past four years have come to an end. It is bittersweet, and I am looking forward to motherhood, residency, and life as a physician. Not just a physician, but an osteopath from A.T. Still University! I am so proud to have graduated from this esteemed academic institution.”

– Kimberly Theos, DO, '13



New doctors Rakhsita Satyarhi, Lin Yushiu, and John Haggerty outside the Orpheum Theatre in Phoenix

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School of Health Management

7/13/13



Doctor of health education graduates Sriyani De Silva, Melanie McAuley, and Beth Hopkins

63

total degrees awarded

9 master of health administration

13 master of public health

26 master of public health - dental emphasis

15 doctor of health education

17

students walked the commencement stage

“The Master of Public Health - Dental Emphasis program allows us to go into the community and help those with dental care needs that don’t have access to care. This program starts the light so that we can travel through the tunnel to help those at the end.”

– Aaron Fisher, MPH, '13

Arizona School of Health Sciences

8/2/13

135/191

online and residential students earned degrees, respectively

16 human movement

51 audiology

101 physical therapy

36 occupational therapy

20 health sciences

17 athletic training

85 physician assistant

“On graduation day, I felt the pressure of my final assignment, which was getting to the Phoenix Convention Center with my cap and gown in place and on time.”

– Paul West, DHSc, '13



Degree candidates at ASHS summer commencement

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THE PERFECT FIT

White coat ceremonies

Slipping into that fresh white coat is a symbolic milestone for student dentists, doctors, physical therapists, and physician assistants at ATSU. The coat itself is an emblem of prestige, trust, and professionalism. It's a tailored, fabric reminder of a student's oath to care for patients.



ASDOH DMD students don white coats July 15.



On July 13, KCOM DO students jump into new white coats.

ANATOMY OF A WHITE COAT

Color

White, of course

Fabric

Polyester cotton blend

Pockets

Roomy enough to hold an iPad

Length

Shorter, hip-length coats are associated with those in training

525 STUDENTS EARN WHITE COATS

62 DPTs (ASHS class of 2014) 64 PAs (ASHS class of 2015)

42 DMDs (MOSDOH class of 2017) 108 DOs (SOMA class of 2017)

76 DMDs (ASDOH class of 2017)

172 DOs (KCOM class of 2017)



\$26.88
avg. cost of a white coat

**ALL
BUTTONED
UP**

\$16,000+
given in support of ATSU
white coat programs



PA students at ASHS earn white coats July 16.



ASHS' DPT white coat ceremony was held July 15 at the Mesa Arts Center.



DO students at SOMA put on their white coats July 15.

SIZING UP THE RESEARCH

White coats make you smarter According to a 2012 study at Northwestern University, wearing a white lab coat improved performance on tests requiring close and sustained attention. The research examines how wardrobe impacts thinking and behavior.

2013 Founder's Day pinboard

By Eden Derby & Katie Thudium

Both the Arizona and Missouri campuses celebrated ATSU's 121-year heritage with family, friends, food, and fun during this year's Founder's Day events. Arizona held its daylong event Oct. 18, and Missouri held activities the following week, Oct. 24-26.



A.T. Still Honorary Ceremony

The ATSU community gathers to honor its founder, A.T. Still, MD, DO, Museum of Osteopathic MedicineSM Director Jason Haxton, MA, led the event and KCOM Dean Margaret Wilson, DO, '82, directed the placement of the wreath.



Arizona's fall festival

First-year ASDOH students Carine Abadir, Silas Porter, and Kara Dragone at the carnival-themed photo booth.

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Still-A-Bratton

More than 500 guests attended Still-A-Bratton's barbecue, bonfire, talent showcase, and dance.



Fred C. Tinning, PhD, Founder's Day Osteopathy Lecture

Kenneth Lossing, DO, '84, discusses how osteopathic manipulative medicine should be established as the standard of conservative care because its low risk of side effects in his lecture, "Is Osteopathy Relevant in the 21st Century?"



Gold medallions

Members from the KCOM class of 1963 received gold medallions for 50 years of service at the all-campus meeting.



25 years

Members from the KCOM class of 1988 received silver lapel pins for 25 years of service at the all-campus meeting.



Dress up

Micah Rejcek, OMS II, personifies Dr. A.T. Still during Missouri Founder's Day activities.

Powderpuff football

The annual women's flag football game was a battle of wills as first-year and second-year ladies fought it out for the title of champion. On the sidelines, guys dressed as girl cheerleaders rooted for their teams. The second-years won 34-32.



Meet Bucky

ATSU's mascot, Bucky, the Ram of Reason, made a surprise debut appearance at the all-campus meeting. Bucky was named after Francis "Bucky" M. Walter Jr., MA, BS, DOEd (Hon.), KCOM emeritus dean of students, who died Aug. 24.



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Get more Founder's Day coverage, see additional photos, and hear from the KCOM spotlight classes at stillmagazine.atsu.edu.



Advanced Care Clinic offers hope

By Karen Scott



For 59-year-old Septima Hodges, a trip to the dentist wasn't a priority for most of her life. It was when she was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease in 2011 that the regularity of her dental visits became more important than ever.

As a result of her battle with kidney disease, her mouth became infected and its deterioration was adversely affecting her already-worsening kidneys. It was imperative that she pursued dental care and clearance so that she could be placed on the transplant list. However, after several visits to more traditional dentists, Hodges learned she was in need of specialty services that would take her current medical condition into special consideration.

In July 2013, ASDOH opened the Dr. Rick Workman Advanced Care Clinic in The Center for Advanced Oral Health on ATSU's Arizona campus. This 10,959-square-foot oral healthcare clinic is Arizona's first to offer the expertise and equipment necessary to treat patients with complex dental needs, including patients with medical conditions like cancer, hemophilia, and in Hodges' case, kidney disease.

The clinic features state-of-the-art equipment and technology, including 37 dental operatories, four private suites, and a bariatric suite for patients who weigh more than 350 pounds.

The concept for the clinic developed when Maureen Romer, DDS, MPA, associate dean, post-doctoral education, ASDOH, and a team of University healthcare professionals recognized the need surrounding those with highly complex medical and dental conditions and those with disabilities. For patients with developmental disabilities, a trip to the dentist can be perplexing and exhausting.

"We have fluorescent lighting, there's noise, all these strange machines, and there's suctions and there's water," says Dr. Romer. "It's sensory overload for pretty much everyone, but for people with developmental disabilities like autism, it's a really intense sensory overload, and I think dentists need to see that."

Until now, some patients with complex medical conditions and special needs had to go outside the state to receive required care, while others received no care at all.

"Whether a patient is socioeconomically underprivileged or fiscally stable, the resources weren't there. That lack of good oral care puts their health at more risk," says Dr. Romer.

To bridge the gap on a broader scale, the clinic was designed with a long-term solution in mind. The clinic offers the Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program, which equips practicing oral healthcare providers with the knowledge to treat those with complicated or medical oral healthcare needs. Dr. Romer, who also directs The Center for Advanced Oral Health, is hopeful the one-year certificate program will gain momentum in the dental community so patients like Hodges will have easier access to dental care.

Hodges has been back to the clinic five times since she underwent a successful kidney transplant and looks forward to coming in for regular check-ups.

Says Hodges, "You have to be an advocate for yourself, and you have to be willing to seek treatment." ■

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Learn more about the Advanced Care Clinic and The Center, plus see exclusive photos from Hodges' latest dental check-up at stillmagazine.atsu.edu.



Connections



WEB EXCLUSIVE

See more photos of OT students working with the kids at East Valley Child Crisis Center at stillmagazine.atsu.edu.



Crisis averted

At-risk children learn needed life skills

With the help of a dedicated group of occupational therapy students and alumni, a vulnerable population of Arizona kids learned important lessons during Life Skills Summer Camp at East Valley Child Crisis Center, a shelter for abused and neglected children. Held annually since 2009, the five-day camp teaches personal self-care management, as well as making healthy food choices, practicing social cooperation, and learning social skills and self-expression.

"The children have more opportunities for the development of age-appropriate life-care skills, and OT students have opportunities to directly apply classroom skills in a community setting. It's a win-win situation," said OT Professor Rachel B. Diamant, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, who has personally volunteered at the Child Crisis Center since 2006.

Twelve kids ages 6-12 participated in this July's camp with first-year students Gregory Norman, Shannon Lambert, Loan Tran, Melanie Hosbein, and Shoshanna Abels, and OT alumna Samantha A. Singler, MS, OTR/L, '10.

Dr. Diamant (far right), with students Suzi Montierth, Cindy Danaher, Kristel Croffoot, Kate McCune, and Renee Warthman at the inaugural camp.

Reunion round-up

AuD Alumni Reception

April 3

Sandy Reams, AuD, '09; Liz Anderson, AuD; and Nancy L. Cohen, AuD, '04. AuD alumni join ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, and ASHS Audiology Chair Tabitha Parent Buck, AuD, at a reception held in conjunction with the American Academy of Audiology convention in Anaheim, Calif.



KCOM/SOMA Alumni Reception

April 17

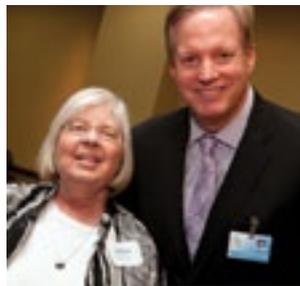
Jeffrey E. Brichta, DO, '09 (KCOM), and Cassandra Villatoro-Bank, DO, '11 (SOMA). KCOM and SOMA alumni join ATSU President Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84, and SOMA Dean Kay Kalousek, DO, MS, AAHIVS, FACOFP, at a reception following the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association Convention in Scottsdale, Ariz.



Board of Trustees Reception & Dinner, ASHS Focus

April 19

Christina Griffin, PhD, MAEd, OTR/L, FAOTA, professor emeritus, occupational therapy, ASHS, and ATSU President Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84, at the Mesa event. Alumni leaders and ATSU's Board of Trustees learn more about ASHS from Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, dean, as each department and program is highlighted, donors are recognized, and Dr. Griffin is named professor emeritus.



Kirkville Osteopathic Alumni Association Board of Directors Student Ex-Officio Members Lindsay Dood, DO, '13; Abigail Brubaker, DO, '13; Todd Brubaker, DO, '12; and Amanda Schoenfuss, OMS III, network with ATSU's Board of Trustees, the KOAA Board of Directors, and ASHS faculty and staff.



Baltimore Area Alumni Reception

April 23

SOMA Dean Kay Kalousek, DO, MS, AAHIVS, FACOFP, and other faculty meet alumni from various programs after representing ATSU at the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Annual Meeting.

OT Alumni Reception

April 26



Lara G. Taggart, MS, OTR/L, '08; Gina M. Buban, MS, OTR/L, '09; and Melissa Clark, OTR/L, CHT, assistant professor, occupational therapy, ASHS. OT alumni reconnect with Bernadette Mineo, PhD, OTR/L, chair, occupational therapy, ASHS, at a reception following the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference in San Diego, Calif.

Orthodontic Program Alumni Reception

May 4



Orthodontic program alumni and residents join Jae Hyun Park, DMD, MSD, MS, PhD, director, postgraduate orthodontics, ASDOH, at a reception at the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session in Philadelphia, Penn.

Portland and Seattle Area Alumni and Friends Receptions

May 15-16



Alumni from all ATSU schools, SOMA students, and friends receive updates from University Advancement staff at receptions held in each region.



Check out our alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/atsu.alumni for more event photos and updates and like us while you're there!

PA Alumni Reception May 29

Albert Simon, DHSc, PA-C, chair, physician assistant studies, ASHS, and Len A. Berkowitz, MS, PA-C, '08. Alumni meet with ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, and Dr. Simon at a reception following the AAPA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.



HM Alumni Reception June 18

Paul Harris, MS, '09; Kellie Bliven, PhD, ATC, associate professor, human movement, ASHS; and Jerry Wilson, MS, '12. HM alumni receive updates from ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, and Tracie Rogers, PhD, director, human movement, ASHS, at a reception following the HM Institute in Gilbert, Ariz.



Tucson Area Alumni and Friends Reception June 12

Marisela Bedoya, DMD, '07, DHSc, '09; Noah Abrahams, DPT, '11; and Mark Holley, DPT, '11. Tucson area alumni get updates from ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA; ASDOH Dean Jack Dillenberg, DDS, MPH; and SOMA Dean Kay Kalousek, DO, MS, AAHIVS, FACOFP, at a regional event.



AT Alumni Reception June 26

Greg K. Janik, MS, ATC, '00; Jason L. Means, MS, ATC, '00; and Kevin A. Messey, MS, ATC, '01. AT alumni and friends join ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA; Eric L. Sauers, PhD, ATC, FNATA, '97, chair, interdisciplinary health sciences, ASHS; and John Parsons, PhD, AT/L, director, athletic training, ASHS, at a reception held in conjunction with the National Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas.



Upcoming alumni events

Visit www.atsu.edu/alumni for current event information, or contact alumni@atsu.edu to learn more. Registration for conferences is not required for attending alumni events.



2013 **DEC**
5 **AuD Alumni Reception**
Mesa, Ariz.

2014 **FEB**
5 **PT Alumni Reception at APTA CSM** (Check CSM program for additional details.)
Las Vegas, Nev.

2014 **FEB**
3 **DHSc Alumni Reception**
Gilbert, Ariz.

2014 **FEB**
21 **ASDOH Alumni Reception**
Arizona campus

1960s



The American Osteopathic College of Radiology recognized **Paul J. Chase, DO, FAOCR, '64**, for his outstanding contributions to the profession. On April 24 at AOCR's annual convention in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dr. Chase received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed to an AOCR member. A member since 1967, Dr. Chase served on the board of directors (nine years) and was elected as the organization's 51st president (1994). He practices radiology in Philadelphia, Penn.

Alexander J. Farina, DO, '64, Pennington, N.J., age 81, enjoys skiing, golfing, hiking, and travelling. Dr. Farina is a part-time physician with Americare Medical Associates in Hamilton, N.J.

Paul M. Williams, DO, '64 Brookfield, Mo., received an honorary doctor of science in education degree from ATSU by President **Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84**, at KCOM's graduation ceremony May 18 in Kirksville. The degree recognizes his long-standing service to KCOM and the profession. Dr. Williams served as a radiology professor at KCOM for more than 30 years. He continues to serve the profession and students through the Northeast Missouri Osteopathic Charitable Trust.

Dr. Williams is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology and is a member of the American Osteopathic College of Radiol-

ogy, the American Osteopathic Association, the American Osteopathic College of Nuclear Medicine, and is a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology.



Legacy Project

Edward G. Stiles, DO, '65, Pikeville, Ky., and **Stephen D. Blood, DO, '68**, Alexandria, Va., participated in the Legacy Project, a joint venture of the A.T. Still Research Institute, ATSU, and the Museum of Osteopathic MedicineSM, with funding support from the Cranial Academy Foundation, Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association, private donations, and ATSU.

Identified by multiple professional sources as making an influential impact on the practice of osteopathic manipulative medicine, Drs. Blood and Stiles were invited to record their research and techniques and share stories of those who influenced their OMM work and style to create a living historical record.

Michael K. Willman, DO, '65, received an honorary doctor of science in education degree from ATSU by President **Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84**, at KCOM's graduation ceremony May 18

in Kirksville. The degree recognizes his long-standing service to KCOM and the profession.

With a tenure of more than 30 years on KCOM's faculty, Dr. Willman taught generations of osteopathic physicians. His leadership with the Northeast Missouri Osteopathic Charitable Trust has been instrumental in providing funds that support students and residents training at Northeast Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Willman is retired and lives in Kirksville. His family includes wife Janet; daughter Amy Willman; and sons **Michael R. Willman, DO, '92**, and **Paul A. Willman, DO, '95**. In honor of the occasion and his personal inspiration to them, his children have provided a special gift to KCOM in his name.

1970s

George Thomas, DO, FACOFP, '72, Cleveland, Ohio, received the Ohio State Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians Distinguished Service Award at the Ohio Osteopathic Symposium in May. A past president of the American Osteopathic Association, Ohio Osteopathic Association, and Cleveland Academy of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Thomas has been a leader in the local, state, and national osteopathic profession for more than 30 years.

The American Osteopathic College of Radiology recognized **Wade Hon Mun Wong, DO, FAOCR, FACR, '72**, for his outstanding contributions to the profession. On April 24



at AOCR's annual convention in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dr. Wong received the Dr. Floyd J. Trenergy Memorial Medal for his involvement in AOCR Continuing Medical Education activities, including providing didactic lectures and developing continuing medical education programs.

Dr. Wong is a renowned radiologist, researcher, educator, and author. He is retired from a long tenure of teaching radiology at the University of California in San Diego.

Rex O. Lee, DO, '76, Kirksville, Mo., was awarded the Wilbur T. Hill, DO, FACOFP, Dist., Distinguished Service Award by the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at an April 27 ceremony in Lake Ozark, Mo. The award recognizes physicians who have given meritorious service to MAOPS and the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Lee served as MAOPS president (2008) and on all MAOPS committees during his 35 years of membership. He also served as president of the Missouri Society of the American College of Family Physicians. Dr. Lee is board certified in family medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and runs a private practice.



Thomas E. McWilliams, DO, FACOFP, '76, associate dean, graduate medical education, SOMA, and wife Patricia DeLoss McWilliams were recognized with the Honored Patron Award for their generous giving to the University at an alumni reunion April 17 following sessions at the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association conference in Scottsdale, Ariz.

1980s

Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO, '80, Greenwood, Ind., was elected to the board of governors at the American Academy of Osteopathy's annual business meeting in Orlando, Fla., on March 21. He will serve a three-year term.

Dr. Kuchera served as chair of osteopathic manipulative medicine, OMM residency director, vice president for international osteopathic research and education, vice president for academic affairs, and dean of KCOM. He directed the OMM Research and Human Performance and Biomechanics Laboratory at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and was clinical director of the Center for Chronic Disorders of Aging. Dr. Kuchera recently took the position of inaugural chair of the OMM Department at Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis.

Dr. Kuchera represents the United States in the International Federation of Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine, for which he serves as secretary general. He was invited to lecture in Europe, Japan, and Australia and is a founding member of the American Osteopathic Association Bureau on International Osteopathic Medical Education and Affairs.

A past AAO president, he received its A.T. Still Medallion of Honor (2007), and currently serves on its Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, Education Committee, and as chair and BIOMEA liaison for the International Affairs Committee. In 2002, the AOA Council of Research awarded Dr. Kuchera its highest honor for a career in research and research mentorship, the Gutensohn-Denslow Award.

In addition to co-editing and writing numerous articles and chapters in *Foundations for Osteopathic Medicine*, he co-authored *Osteopathic Considerations in Systemic Dysfunction* with his father, as well as two other textbooks. These and other educational materials led to his recent induction as a fellow of the National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators.



Martin S. Levine, DO, MPH, '80, received an honorary doctorate for his contributions to the profession and at the Boston Marathon by Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine during their commencement ceremony in June. Pictured l-r: **Dixie J. Tooke-Rawlins, DO, '80**, VCOM executive vice president and dean; **Jan M. Willcox, DO, '78**, vice dean, VCOM Virginia campus; Dr. Levine; and Barbara Walker, DO, VCOM's AOA board of trustees representative.

Les L. Barrickman, DO, '82, Honolulu, Hawaii, completed his ninth consecutive elected year as president of the Hawaii Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons. He also was appointed to his third year as a board member of the Hawaii Board of Medical Examiners by the governor and was voted to serve as vice chair.



Keith Olson, DO, MHA, FACOFP, '84, Owatonna, Minn., was promoted to southeast regional medical director at Allina Health. He is also vice president of medical affairs at Owatonna Hospital, part of

Allina Health, and has clinical responsibilities within the Mayo Clinic Health System - Owatonna. In his new position he will provide leadership within six Allina Health medical clinics, which includes 144

primary care and specialty providers.

Dr. Olson also recently completed his master of health administration degree through Ohio University, graduating with high honors.

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Thomas F. Armour, DO, '68, is retired from general practice. He and wife Lois received the award in their hometown of Grove City, Penn.



Dale Askins, DO, '79, and Morningstar Emergency Physicians (now Team Health) received the award in July. Dr. Askins lives in Oklahoma City, Okla., and is employed in marketing with Team Health.



Eric Breckenridge, DO, '92, and wife **Angela Breckenridge, DO, '92**, West Bend, Wis., are award recipients. Eric is an anesthesiologist, and Angela is an obstetrics and gynecology practitioner.



Clay W. Gilbert, DO, '63, is a retired anesthesiologist. He was presented with the award in June at his residence in Irving, Texas.



Gerald F. Green, DO, '72, was presented with the award at his pediatric practice in Yardley, Penn.



Donald Rutherford, DO, '86, (right) was presented with the award by **Randy Rogers, CFP®**, interim vice president, university advancement, during the ATSU Alumni Reception held at the Michigan Osteopathic Association meeting in Novi, Mich. Dr. Rutherford lives in Grand Haven, Mich., and is a family physician specializing in geriatrics.

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46% photography

29% writing

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Dr. Olson is board certified in family medicine, osteopathic manipulative treatment, geriatric medicine, and clinical densitometry. He is a member of the American College of Physician Executives and the American College of Health-care Executives.

Jerry H. Hutchinson Jr., DO, FACOI, '85, a Tucson hospitalist with Arizona Inpatient Medicine Associates serving as an acute care inpatient physician at several Tucson area hospitals, was elected board of trustees chair for the Tucson Osteopathic Medical Foundation. Dr. Hutchinson is a board certified physician.

Catherine M. Kimball, DO, PA, '85, Waterville, Maine, was elected as a trustee at the American Academy of Osteopathy's annual business meeting in Orlando, Fla., on March 21. She will serve a one-year term.

Dr. Kimball is board certified in osteopathic manipulative medicine and family practice. She has been in private practice in Waterville for more than 20 years. In addition to her family practice, she sees patients in OMM consultation.

Dr. Kimball served as chief of staff and on the board of trustees for Inland Hospital for many years. She also has been a member of the AAO Board of Governors since 2001 and serves on the Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee.

Bradley G. Hanebrink, DO, '86, was elected president of the Wyoming Medical Society. He is a board certified anesthesiologist and practices in Sheri-

dan, Wyo. He served as chief of medical staff, Sheridan Memorial Hospital, and currently sits on the board of directors of the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program and Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation.

G. Scott Drew, DO, FAOCD, '87, expanded his dermatology practice with Avita Health System into Galion, Ohio, in May. He will continue his dermatology practice in Marion, Ohio. Dr. Drew is board certified in both dermatology and family medicine. He currently serves as ATSU Board of Trustees chair.

1990s



J.D. Polk, DO, MS, MMM, '93, was selected as dean of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine (Des Moines, Iowa), effective Aug. 1. Dr. Polk previously served as acting assisting secretary for health affairs and chief medical officer for the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, '94, San Rafael, Calif., was unanimously chosen as president-elect at the American Academy of Osteopathy's annual business meeting in Orlando, Fla., on March 21. He will take office in March 2014 and serve a one-year term.

Dr. Lossing completed his internship and residency programs at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine and is certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine/osteopathic manipulative medicine and family practice. Dr. Lossing studied under French osteopath Jean-Pierre

Barral, DO, and is known internationally as a lecturer on visceral manipulation.

He is a current member of the AAO board of trustees and serves as its liaison for the Osteopathic Medical Economics and Osteopathic Education Service Committees.

Joyce E. Scott, DO, '94, and **Norma L. Cavazos-Salas, DO, '94**, are both recipients of a \$50,000 loan repayment grant funded by the United Health Foundation. Dr. Scott practices in Celina, Tenn., and Dr. Cavazos-Salas practices in Mission, Texas, both underserved communities.



Suzanne R. Steinbaum, DO, '94, was named a New York Super Doctors 2013 and was featured in *New York Times Magazine*. The title comes from doctors nominating one or more colleagues (excluding themselves) that they'd choose in seeking medical care. Dr. Steinbaum also appeared on the "Dr. Oz Show" in May on the segment "What Female Doctors Know" and spoke on salt in the diet and heart health on "The B. Smith and 'Thank you Dan Show'" on Sirius XM Satellite Radio.

Steven W. Krause, DO, '96, joined the Northeast Regional Heart Center at Northeast Regional Medical Center as an interventional cardiologist. Dr. Krause will act as NRHC medical director and provide heart stent services. He has served with the United States Army Medical Corps and is board certified in internal medicine, cardiology, and interventional cardiology.



Katherine "Kate" R. Lichtenberg, DO, MPH, FAAFP, '97 is physician director of the new Patient-Centered Primary Care initiative at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Missouri.

Dr. Lichtenberg leads patient-centered care strategies and works directly with network primary care physicians to assist them in their transition to patient-centered medical home practices. She is board certified by both the American Board of Family Practice and the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

2000s

Melinda E. Ford, DO, '02, Athens, Ohio, was installed as Ohio State Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians president May 15 for a one-year term. Dr. Ford is assistant professor of family medicine at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and is affiliated with the University Medical Association in Athens.

Bonnie J. Rettgers, AuD, '03, Long Beach, Calif., was named Volunteer of the Year for service to the underserved in remote areas of Baja, Calif., by Mexico by Aeromedicos of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dr. Rettgers also enjoys music, camping, and dogs.

Holly Johnson, DPT, '05, Harlan, Ky., was inducted into UK College of Health Sciences' Hall of Fame. Dr. Johnson graduated from UK's physical therapy program (1986) and has more than 25 years' experience as a PT and clinic director. She also has served as a clinical educator for several PT programs, including the University of Kentucky, Bellarmine University, and Louisiana State University.

Carrie L. Spangler, AuD, '05, Uniontown, Ohio, received the Twenty Under 40! Award, recognizing her outstanding contributions to her community and profession.

Dr. Spangler co-founded Hearing Impaired Teens Inter-

acting Together, an advocacy and social support group in Stark County, Ohio; she and Stark County audiologists developed the SPEAK Program (Stark Project for Educating Audition in Kids), an auditory/oral preschool program to develop spoken language in young hearing-impaired children; serves on the Viking Victory Run committee; is an active member of Quota International of Massillon; is chair of Quota's Sound Beginnings program; and supervises field experiences for doctoral students in educational audiology from local colleges.

A developer of the Guide to Access Planning program, Dr. Spangler has presented nationally on the topic, received honors from the Ohio School Speech Pathology and Audiology Coalition, was named Volunteer of the Year at the Massillon Quota Club, received the national Cheryl DeConde Johnson Award (2012), and worked with the state legislature to develop and pass a bill implementing universal newborn hearing screening in all birthing hospitals in Ohio.



Juliëtte Sterkens, AuD, '06, received the 2014 Humanitarian of the Year Award from the ASHS Alumni Chapter Board. The award recognizes graduates who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, enthusiasm, and leadership through nonprofit organizations or other outstanding volunteer service.

Dr. Sterkens' advocacy work at the state, national, and international levels has resulted in the installation of hearing loops in more than 200 public



Award recipients Ronald Shaheen, DO, '84, (right) and wife Kathleen Kudray, DO, '84, reside in Flint, Mich. Dr. Shaheen is a family practitioner, and Dr. Kudray is a general practitioner. They are pictured with their son, Nicholas.

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places. Hearing loops transfer sounds spoken directly into a nearby PA system's microphone instead of relying on a hearing aid's internal microphone, eliminating any background noise and giving individuals a clearer understanding of what is being said.

Muhammad Khan, DPT, '07, lives in Pakistan and has worked full-time with the Pakistan Cricket Board as a physical therapist since 2007. He also teaches at universities in Karachi, Pakistan, as a visiting faculty to tDPT programs.



Under the leadership of **Dawn N. Chambers-Lynch, DPT, '08**, Carolina Women's Physical Therapy and Wellness opened a treatment facility in Columbia, S.C., the Midland's first PT practice devoted exclusively to women's rehabilitation and wellness with an emphasis on providing an enhanced patient experience.

Shannon M. (Coen) Koenig, DMD, '08, married Dustin Koenig on March 2 in Anthem, Ariz.



Research abstracts by **Sean P. Connolly, DMD, '09**, (pictured) and Joshua Parfitt, D2, were accepted to the Ohio State University Volpe competition in May. The tri-country competition is open to all dental schools, PhD candidates, and periodontal residents. Only 12 abstracts are accepted to compete.

Dr. Connolly is finishing his third year in a periodontal residency program at Fort Gordon, Ga., and will begin work as a periodontist in Fort Polk, La., next year.



Gene Barbour, DO, '59, and wife Shirley received the award. The two live in Orange Beach, Ala., and Dr. Barbour is a retired proctologist.



Richard H. Jeffries, DO, '68, and wife Suzanne received the award in April. The two reside in Enola, Penn. Dr. Jeffries is in general practice in Harrisburg.

2010s

Michael Estrada, DHS, '10, PA, '07, (top) and **Jeremy Welsh, DHS, '10**, are program directors representing Chapman University in California and Lynchburg College in Virginia, respectively. Drs. Estrada and Welsh have worked together since graduation on curriculum design and physician assistant advocacy through leadership. Dr. Welsh also is a member of the ASHS Alumni Chapter Board.



Brian W. Sparks, MS, PA-C, '10, Bossier City, La., received a Certificate of Added Qualifications in Emergency Medicine from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Sparks, an employee of The Schumacher Group, the contracting company for the Minden Medical Center emergency department in Minden, La., earned the certification by meeting licensure, education, and experience requirements, and passing an exam in emergency medicine. He is one of only two physician assistants certified in emergency medicine in Louisiana who have earned this distinction.



April L. Westfall, DMD, '10, S. Lake Tahoe, Calif., visited a remote part of southern Sudan in August to provide oral healthcare to children at an orphanage. This is the 11th trip for Dr. Westfall, who has traveled to Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, and the Dominican Republic within the last six years to provide dental services to the underserved. This was her first trip to Africa.



Malik Abdur-Razzaq, DHEd, '11, served as a peer reviewer for MedEdPORTAL publications, an Association of American Medical Colleges program.

Mathew W. Lively, MHA, '11, is the author of *Calamity at Chancellorsville*, a full-length examination of Stonewall Jackson's final days.

Katie L. Westerfield, DO, '11, was married June 9, 2012, to Walter Broseghini. The couple welcomed their second son, Ezekiel Broseghini, on Jan. 7, 2013. Dr. Westerfield currently serves in the United States Army at Fort Benning, Ga. She received the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding service, scoring above the 95th percentile on the in-training exam, furthering residency education and patient safety by bringing the AWHON fetal monitoring and STABLE course to Martin Army Community Hospital, and starting the national Reach Out and Read program to promote childhood literacy by providing new books and physician-directed testing guidance at well-child visits for kids ages 6 months to 5 years.



Josh Heenan, MS, '12, is head strength and conditioning coach for Sacred Heart University's (Fairfield, Conn.) baseball program and is in charge of the fitness division at Moore Physical Therapy in Southport, Conn. Heenan also was accepted at the University of Natural Medicine (Sante Fe, N.M.) where he is studying to specialize in manual manipulation, acupuncture, and soft-tissue therapy.



Bill Ito, MS, '12, was part the medical staff team for the International Association of Athletics Federations World Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Moscow, Russia, held Aug. 10-19. IAAF is the governing body of International Track and Field, where elite athletes prepare for the Olympic Games. The medical staff included athletic trainers, massage therapists, chiropractors, and doctors.



Patrick Palmieri, DHS, '12, was awarded the 2014 Distinguished Service Award by the ASHS Alumni Chapter Board. The award honors graduates who have attained local, national, or international distinction in their profession or discipline.

Dr. Palmieri was nominated for his work on national and international levels, including helping to effect significant healthcare reforms in Peru; for providing financial support to impoverished girls pursuing higher education and organizations that provide healthcare to the people of the Amazon through the Sara and Patrick Palmieri Foundation; and for serving as an adjunct faculty member of the DHS program.



A new company start-up by **Marla Pomeranz-Rossmann, MS, '12**, called More Cowbelt, recently celebrated its first

anniversary in Mesa, Ariz. More Cowbelt crafts custom gait belts for healthcare professionals. Part of the proceeds from each belt sold goes to the Macular Degeneration Foundation in a fund honoring the memory of Pomeranz-Rossmann's mother. Learn more about Pomeranz-Rossmann on p. 9.



Lindsay Dood, DO, '13 (left), and **Abigail Brubaker, DO, '13** (right), received awards from **Frederick "Rick" Watson, DO, '97**, Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association president, on behalf of the KOAA for their service as KOAA student ex-officio members.



Fall Prevention goes to state

Caroline Lindsey, AuD, '16, met with Arizona Governor Jan Brewer (right) in September to discuss ATSU's Still Standing Fall Prevention Outreach, a community health education program conducted by ATSU's Aging Studies Project to alleviate falls among older adults. Since 2009, students from ASHS' Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Audiology, and Athletic Training programs have presented the evidenced-based Matter of Balance program to more than 1,500 seniors in Arizona. Approximately 2,800 community service hours are accounted for each year by students and faculty participating in the outreach. ATSU holds a nine-year association with the Governor's Office on Aging and has been a part of the Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition since its inception.

Destination wedding

KCOM alumni connect at the wedding of Dr. Bruce Mintz's daughter. Pictured l-r: **Michael R. Jaff, DO, '85**; **Frederick H. Stansbury, DO, '85**; **Bruce L. Mintz, DO, FSVM, '81**; **Steven M. Levine, DO, '78**; **Krystin A. Engelhardt, DO, MPH, '12**; **Jody Mintz, DO, '12**; **David Levine, DO, '12**; **Milton "Mickey" J. Mintz, DO, '54**; and **Martin S. Levine, DO, MPH, '80**.



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Dr. Cloud

Gary Cloud, PhD, is vice president – strategic university partnerships. Dr. Cloud will develop successful relationships with national, regional, state, and local entities.

ATSU

Museum of Osteopathic MedicineSM **Curator Debra Loguda-Summers** and **Director Jason Haxton, MA**, were inducted into the honorary status of “The Compagnons” by the Collège d’ Études Osteopathiques in Quebec, Montreal. “The Companions” is the school’s highest honor.



Dr. Maxwell

Barbara Maxwell, PT, DPT, MSc, Cert. THE, '06, was named director of interprofessional education and collaboration. She will serve this position from the University’s Office of Academic Affairs. She previously served as interim director.



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Pictured l-r (above) are **Adam Moore**, ATSU Gutensohn Clinic manager; **Margaret A. Wilson, DO, '82**, dean, KCOM; **Norman Gevitz, PhD**, senior vice president – academic affairs; and **Ron Winkler**, ATSU Board of Trustees member, who represented ATSU on Aug. 9 at the annual Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing Tournament.



Dr. Phelps

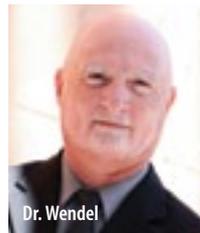
ATSU President **Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84**, was named Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association president in April. He will serve one year.

“It is my honor and privilege to serve as 69th president of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association,” Dr. Phelps said. “AOMA has a rich history of promoting the osteopathic profession in Arizona, and I am proud to continue advocating its approach to its members, the public, and legislatures.”



Rogers

Randy Rogers, CFP®, is interim vice president, university advancement. He previously served as associate vice president. During his career at ATSU, Rogers has successfully led efforts to raise multi-million dollar gifts for program support, facility construction, research, and endowments. Rogers also received the 2013 Distinguished Service Award for the Missouri campus.



Dr. Wendel

O.T. Wendel, PhD, is senior vice president – strategic university initiatives. Dr. Wendel has been instrumental in ATSU’s success in Arizona and San Diego. He has served ATSU for many years as both a University faculty member and leader.

Joseph C. Creech Jr., DDS, associate professor and director, pediatric dentistry, was elected president of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry at its annual session in May in Orlando, Fla. He will serve one year.

Dr. Creech is a partner with Pediatric Dental Specialists in Gilbert and Chandler, Ariz., and has been in practice in the East Valley since 1980.

ASDOH

The National Academies of Practice elected **Scott Morrison, DDS, MSD, MAEd, FICD**, associate dean, as a Distinguished Scholar and Fellow member. Dr. Morrison was inducted in April in Alexandria, Va..

NAP membership is an honor extended to those who have excelled in their profession and are dedicated to furthering practice, scholarship, and policy in support of inter-professional care.



Dr. Park

In May, the American Dental Association Foundation participated as a Special Award Organization in the 2013 Intel® International Science and Engineering Fair® in Phoenix. Representing ADAF as special awards judges were **Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS**, director, postgraduate orthodontic program, and **M.H. Reisbick, DMD, MS**, director, integrated human sciences and student research.

Dr. Park also was appointed as an American Board of Orthodontics examiner.

He graded the ABO clinical exam at the American Association of Orthodontists headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., in June with Dr. Roberto Justus, president, World Federation of Orthodontists. Approximately 60 orthodontists from all over the world are selected and appointed as examiners among ABO members.

Dr. Park also was appointed as an editor of *Journal of Investigative Dental Sciences*.

John Payne, DDS, director, received an Arizona campus Student Government Association Faculty Award in May. Each year, SGA selects one faculty member from each program who exhibits excellence in education. Recipients are nominated and selected by students in each program.



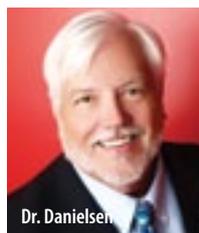
Dr. Spolarich

Ann Eshenaur Spolarich, PhD, RDH, adjunct professor and course director of clinical medicine and pharmacology, ASDOH, and adjunct clinical instructor and course director of pharmacology, Audiology program, ASHS, received the Charlotte J. Sullivan Award given by the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Spolarich is the fifth recipient of this prestigious award.

Dr. Spolarich also serves as clinical associate professor and associate director of the National Center for Dental Hygiene Research & Practice at the Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC, as well as clinical instructor on the dean's faculty at the University of Maryland Dental School.

Lisa Thoms, DDS, MSD, FACP, joined the faculty as associate director, prosthodontics. Dr. Thoms earned her DDS at University of Southern California and served as part-time clinical instructor while in full-time private practice. She earned her MSD and prosthodontic certificate from the University of Washington.

William Woods, DDS, assistant professor, was appointed to the Arizona Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Woods previously served on the board from 2001-05, with two of those years as president.



Dr. Danielsen

Melissa Clark, MS, OTR/L, CES, CHT, assistant professor, occupational therapy; **Monica Fernandez, MMS, PA-C**, education specialist, physician assistant studies; **John Parsons, PhD, AT/L**, director, athletic training; **Tamara L. Roehling, PT, DPT, '06**, director, physical therapy; and **Andrea B. Ruotolo, AuD, CCC-A, '05**, adjunct professor, audiology, each received an Arizona campus Student Government Association Faculty Award in May. Each year, SGA selects one faculty member from each program who exhibits excellence in education. Recipients are nominated and selected by students in each program.

Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, dean, authored a chapter on blood pressure management in the third edition of *Essential Clinical Procedures*, a textbook by Richard Dehn and David Asprey.

Occupational therapy adjunct professor **Mary Erickson, Col. (Ret.), MAOT, OTR/L**, discussed "Rehab for the Patient with PTSD" during a live, 60-minute panel webinar June 20 in honor of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month.



Dr. Ewing

Helen Ewing, DHSc, RN, director and associate professor, Doctor of Health Sciences program, was awarded the 2013 ASHS Alumni Board Living Legacy Award, which honors faculty, staff, and administrators for outstanding accomplishments and/or long-term service to the School.

Susan K. Hillman, MS, MA, ATC, resigned as associate professor, interdisciplinary health sciences. She served as director of anatomy for 18 years.

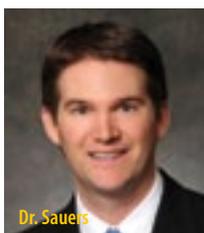
Kenneth Lam, ScD, ATC, assistant professor, interdisciplinary sciences, received the ASHS Scholar of the Year Award. He is also the recipient of the Clint Thompson Outstanding Clinical Practice Advancement Manuscript Award from the *Journal of Athletic Training*.



Dr. McLeod

Tamara Valovich McLeod, PhD, ATC, professor, athletic training, received the ASHS Distinguished Service of the Year Award. She is also the recipient of the Clint Thompson Outstanding Clinical Practice Advancement Manuscript Award from the *Journal of Athletic Training*.

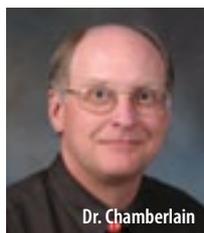
Lisa Ncube, PhD, joined the faculty as associate dean of assessment, accreditation, & quality improvement. She previously served as director of peer review with the Higher Learning Commission. Dr. Ncube has a long history in assessment and accreditation, having been on faculty at Purdue University (2005-11) and director of evaluation at Ball State University (2002-05). She received her PhD from Purdue University in curriculum and design (2000), her MA in curriculum evaluation, planning, and management from the University of Sussex, England (1991), and her BS in biological sciences and education from the University of Sierra Leone (1981).



Dr. Sauer

Eric L. Sauer, PhD, ATC, '97, chair, interdisciplinary sciences, received the Clint Thompson Outstanding Clinical Practice Advancement Manuscript Award from the *Journal of Athletic Training*.

Alison Valier, PhD, ATC, associate professor, athletic training, received the Clint Thompson Outstanding Clinical Practice Advancement Manuscript Award from the *Journal of Athletic Training*.



Dr. Chamberlain

AACOM's Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators conferred its annual Innovation in Medical Education Awards in recognition of specific education innovations that have resulted in meaningful change at the developers' institutions. The 2013 awardees include

Neal R. Chamberlain, PhD, professor, microbiology/immunology, for his development of "Use of Case Presentation Exercises in Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases to Improve Medical Student Performance on Course Assessments."

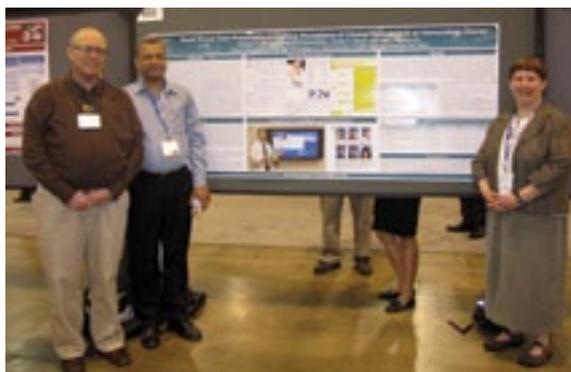
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Dr. Marberry

Kevin Marberry, MD, associate professor and chair, surgery, was one of five recipients of the 2013 International Cartilage Repair Society Travelling Fellowship. Dr. Marberry spent his scholarship at the Instituto Ortopedico Rizzoli in Bologna, Italy, in September. He worked with Elizaveta Kon, MD, to learn about cartilage injuries and new treatments to restore knee function following injury. The scholarship was funded through a grant by Zimmer Inc. Dr. Morrison was inducted at an April in Alexandria, Va.

Melanie McAuley, DHEd, MA, '13, curriculum & assessment analyst, academic affairs, graduated with her doctor of health education from SHM on July 13.



Microbiology/Immunology faculty presented research and education posters at the 113th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in May, held in Denver, Colo.

Neil Sargentini, PhD, (left) professor and chair, presented "Survey of keio collection escherichia coli mutants for sensitivity to UV and X-radiation," co-authored by Nicholas Gularte, MS, '12, OMS I, and Deborah Hudson, MS, research associate.

Vineet Singh, PhD, (center) professor, presented "Role of staphylococcal nitric oxide synthase in oxidative stress tolerance," co-authored by Manisha Vaish, PhD, research associate.

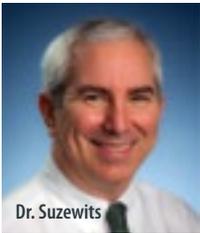
Melissa Stuart, PhD, (right) professor, presented "Case presentation exercises in immunology enhance relevance and improve student satisfaction with the course," co-authored by **Neal Chamberlain, PhD**, professor, and Drs. Singh and Sargentini.



Dr. Snider

Karen T. Snider, DO, professor and chair, osteopathic manipulative medicine, and John C. Glover, DO, FAAO, published "Atlas of Common Counterstrain Tender Points," an OMM textbook eBook available through the Apple iBookstore. Drs. Snider and Glover are West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine graduates.

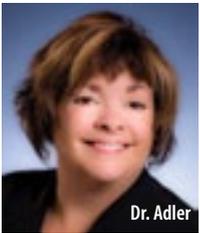
Dr. Snider also is a recipient of the 2013 Medical Education Research Grant by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. She received the grant for her research project "The effect of table trainer ratios on student learning of cervical muscle energy techniques."



Dr. Suzewits

Jeffrey A. Suzewits, DO, '88, resigned as associate dean for academic and clinical educational affairs. Dr. Suzewits previously served as interim dean.

Lex Towns, PhD, rejoined the faculty as assistant dean, academic affairs. Dr. Towns is well-known at the institution, having served in the past as anatomy chair and as a faculty member for many years. He returned to ATSU from Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences where he was assistant dean of basic sciences and chair of anatomy.



Dr. Adler

Katherine M. Adler, DHA, FACHE, associate dean, academic success and assessment, will sit on the Missouri Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives Communication Committee. ATSU is one of three universities in the state that are represented in this chapter. Dr. Adler will write articles for the ACHE newsletter that highlight achievements at SHM or those that are of general interest to ACHE membership.

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Dr. Allen

Donna Allen, PhD, assistant professor, was the invited keynote at the Burden of Disease Conference in South Africa in October. She presented "Positive Health and Quality of Life." Dr. Allen has also been invited to deliver the keynote at the Winter Wellness Forum in Sedona, Ariz. Her presentation is entitled "Beyond GDP: Creating an Economy for Well-being." She also will present "Bigger than the



Dr. Altman

Elephant in the Room: Viewing Behaviors from Under the Iceberg" at the Fifth Annual International Conference on the Health Risks of Youth in Nassau, Bahamas, in January 2014.

Don Altman, DDS, DHSc, MPH, MBA, MA, accepted the position of dean, effective July 17. He previously served as professor and interim dean at SHM and public health and research director at ASDOH. Dr. Altman has been with the University since 2006 and will continue his role as SHM's public health chair until that position is filled. He will also continue his role as residency director for SHM's dental public health residency.



Dr. Bernstein

Joshua Bernstein, PhD, assistant professor, and **Lynda N. Konecny, DHEd, MS, CHES, '08**, assistant professor, presented their poster entitled "Influence of Availability of Comprehensive Wellness Resources on Online Student Wellness" at the 38th Annual National Wellness Conference in Stephens Point, Wis., in July.



Dr. Konecny

Denice Curtis, DDS, DHSc, MPH, adjunct faculty, MPH program, was honored as Instructor of the Year at the University of Liverpool faculty conference July 15-18 in Liverpool, United Kingdom, where she also teaches in the MPH program.



Dr. Dewald

Lori Dewald, EdD, assistant professor, spoke at the National Athletic Trainers' Association's annual conference, which addressed "The Mental Health Issues of Today's College Student-Athletes."

Jaana Gold, DDS, PhD, assistant professor, published "Fluoride varnish with community-based oral health promotion may reduce surface-level caries risk in preschool children" in the *Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice*. She also presented her poster, "Implementing WIC Oral Health Program" at the 2013 American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition held in Orlando, Fla., in October. In November, Dr. Gold presented her poster, "Incorporating dental screening into school health days: A best practice for oral health surveillance," at the 141st American Public Health

Association Annual Meeting in Boston.

Dr. Gold also is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Research and Development* and was invited to be the editor of a special issue.



Dr. Halupa

Colleen Halupa, EdD, associate professor, was published in the *International Journal of Online Pedagogy and Course Design*. Her article was entitled, "Investigating Student Use of Formative Feedback Utilization in the Online Environment."

Warren McDonald, PhD, associate professor, was appointed to the board of trustees for the Southern Regional Area Health Education Center for a three-year term.

Larry Olsen, DrPH, professor, attended the annual conference of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance where he presented a paper. He also presented three papers at the International Union for Health Promotion and Education in August, as well as two presentations at the American School Health Association annual meeting in October and at the American Public Health Association in November.



Spencer

Sarah Spencer, MPH, '13, associate director – admissions, graduated with her master of public health from SHM on July 13.

Jay Crutchfield, MD, chair, received an Arizona campus Student Government Association Faculty Award in May. Each year, the SGA selects one faculty member from each program who exhibits excellence in education. Recipients are nominated and selected by students in each program.

SOMA



Dr. Heath

Deborah Heath, DO, professor, received a 2013 Medical Education Research grant from the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine for her research project, "Integration of Physiologic Measurements with Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment."



Dr. Kalousek

Kay Kalousek, DO, MS, FACOFP, dean, ranked as a top-10 candidate in *The Arizona Republic's* 2013 Who's Who in Business nominations. The list names Arizona's leading companies in 50 sectors and includes the top-10 companies and profiles of high-ranking women in each field.



Thomas

Craig J. Thomas, MBA, is director of operations, responsible for budgets, human resources, project tracking, and agreements/contracts. Thomas has more than 15 years' experience working for academic hospital and medical groups, including as administrator of clinical and financial affairs with the University of Arizona College of Medicine's Emergency Medicine Department and Research Center where he provided financial operations oversight for academic, clinical, and medical research programs.

A Missouri native, Thomas completed his master's in business administration at Keller Graduate School-Kansas City and earned a BS in biomedical science at Missouri State University. Thomas lives in Gilbert, Ariz., with his wife and three children.

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In memoriam

ATSU pays tribute to the following graduates.

1930s

Helen L. Seyfried, DO, '39, Aug. 18, 2012, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

1940s

Robert W. Trethewey, DO, '41, June 17, 2012, Loveland, Colo.

Roland P. Sharp Sr., DO, '43, July 18, 2013, Marlinton, W.V.

Keith R. Sisson, DO, '43, Aug. 11, 2011, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Paul P. Edgar, DO, '44, April 5, 2013, Tucson, Ariz.

Arthur F. Finzel, DO, '45, April 6, 2013, Punta Gorda, Fla.

Philip J. "PJ" MacGregor Jr., DO, '45, March 13, 2013, South Bend, Ind.

Bernard G. Morin, DO, '46, April 19, 2013, El Paso, Texas, Dudley, Mass.

1950s

Robert S. Seiple, DO, '51, May 23, 2013, Dublin, Ohio

Donald M. Turner, DO, '52, Dec. 10, 2012, Medford, Ore.

Robert A. Kleinsmith, DO, '54, Aug. 5, 2012, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Robert C. Hubbard Jr., DO, '56, May 15, 2013, Treasure Island, Fla.

1960s

Lyman M. Tower, DO, '60, Feb. 13, 2013, Traverse City, Mich.

Peter A. Kronick, DO, '61, June 24, 2013, Flushing, Mich.

Sheldon L. Sirota, DO, '62, April 21, 2013, Hewlett Harbor, N.Y.

Eugene R. Sherrod, DO, '65, July 16, 2013, Rochester Hills, Mich.

Gerald A. Perkins, DO, '67, March 25, 2013, Litchfield Park, Ariz.

Robert H. Pierce, DO, '67, June 23, 2013, Spring Lake, Mich.

Michael S. Danielson, DO, '69, Dec. 17, 2012, Fulton, Ky.

1970s

Robert S. Myers, DO, '70, May 14, 2013, Newburg, Mo.

Marlene A. Wager, DO, '72, Oct. 23, 2013, Lewisburg, W.V.

Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, '78, Sept. 11, 2013, Yakima, Wash.

1980s

David A. Brady, DO, '89, Jan. 10, 2013, Kernersville, N.C.

2000s

Robert W. Larson, DPT, '04, Oct. 22, 2010, Elk Grove, Calif.

Administration and faculty

Harold Fridkin, former legal counsel, KCOM, July 17, 2013

Ronald M. Frost, DDS, former adjunct faculty, ASDOH, Jan. 17, 2013, Mesa, Ariz.

Frederick J. "Jack" Julyan, PhD, former anatomy professor and chair, KCOM, May 24, 2013, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Francis M. "Bucky" Walter Jr., MA, BS, DOEd (Hon.), emeritus dean of students, KCOM, Aug. 24, 2013, Kirksville, Mo.

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Lightwire Theater mesmerizes America

Corbin Popp, DMD, '11, and Lightwire Theater appeared on the seventh season of "America's Got Talent," dazzling audiences and the judges with lights and live animation. The crew's mesmerizing blend of technology and theater propelled them to the quarterfinals.

"AGT was stressful due to the limited time to prepare and very little time to build the costumes we needed," says Dr. Popp, co-creator of Lightwire Theater. "Even with time constraints, I enjoyed the excitement."

This photo captures a scene from Lightwire Theater's "Darwin the Dinosaur," a show praised for its cutting-edge blend of puppetry, technology, and dance.



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ATSU Board of Trustees Chair G. Scott Drew, DO, FAOCD, '87; Mary Jean Poetz; and Robert Poetz, DO, '63, at a Founder's Day alumni event on the Missouri campus.