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President's Message

Similar phenomena: learning and healing

Stanley Greenspan, M.D., Ph.D., addressed the trustees and top administrators of A.T. Still University last summer in Washington, D.C. He is an expert in child learning and has written 27 books, the latest being *The First Idea*. This book explains how

emotions activate our ability to create symbols and to think generally. Greenspan explains that emotional interplay and signaling between an infant and mother enable the child to separate perceptions from actions, allowing perceptions to acquire meaning and become symbols. He states that infants *double code* experiences according to both emotional properties and cognitive properties. Maturity is then the taming or modulating of emotions by their corresponding cognitions.

Eric Cassell, M.D., in his book *The Healer's Art* talks about healing as wholeness in relationship to your body, yourself, and others. In healing, as opposed to just treating, we deal with the harmony among the body, mind, and spirit, where the spirit has been defined as "the will, the emotions, the beliefs ..." As in learning, healing requires integration and modulation among the body, mind, and spirit.

In medicine, as in learning, we do not have a model of what it means to be whole and how to move people toward that integration. Here is where the osteopathic principles could be used to provide insight and leadership. Since the osteopathic principles are basically a reformulation of the four principles of causality of Aristotle, they could be used widely to guide both learning and healing. They address the questions: How? What? Who? and Why? They and the corresponding osteopathic principles suggest looking for the following overviews or perspectives within and among the body, mind, and spirit:

Osteopathic Overview Matrix			
	Body	Mind	Spirit
Unities (How)	X	X	X
Structures (What)	X	X	X
Mechanisms (Who)	X	X	X
Responses (Why)	X	X	X

In summary, the osteopathic principles can form a matrix or checklist to guide the integration or comprehensive analysis in learning and healing.

Largely unappreciated, osteopathic professionals have an overarching theory of both education and healthcare that could revolutionize learning and healing.

Sincerely,

James J. McGovern, Ph.D.
President

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2007 Still Spirit Award recipients were honored by ATSU President James McGovern, Ph.D. Front Row (L-R): Alisa Kigar, executive director, Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, Not-For-Profit Leader of the Year, and Linda Colton, Community Volunteer of the Year. Back Row (L-R): Chief Jim Hughes, Kirksville Police Department, Government Leader of the Year; President McGovern; and Craig Shorten, owner, DuKum Inn, Business Leader of the Year.

ATSU recognizes Kirksville leaders with Still Spirit Awards

In an effort to encourage the many by honoring the few, ATSU presented Still Spirit Awards to four community leaders out of dozens nominated. The awards honor the “spirit of community giving” modeled by the University’s founder and the father of osteopathic medicine, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still. Marlene Speas, KTVO’s news director and anchor, emceed the ceremony and presented the awards.

All Still Spirit winners received engraved crystal awards presented by ATSU President James McGovern, Ph.D. In his remarks, Dr. McGovern reminded the audience how valuable the Kirksville community is to ATSU. “This is an extraordinary town and a wonderful place to raise medical students,” he said.

Osteopathic Heritage Foundation awards \$2 million grant to ATSU

The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation (OHF), based in Columbus, Ohio, has awarded a \$2 million grant to A.T. Still University’s Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in support of the Still Research Institute (SRI). The grant, which was matched by ATSU, will create the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation Research Endowment in honor of John C. Auseon, D.O., and Boyd W. Bowden, D.O., members of the OHF Board of Directors.

The foundation determined that its mission to promote community health, education, and osteopathic medical education and research were well-served in joining with ATSU. Income from the endowment will support osteopathic research and education efforts at the Center for Osteopathic Palpatory Diagnostic and Therapeutic Studies (CODES) at SRI.

“We are pleased to have this relationship with ATSU and the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine,” said Richard A. Vincent, OHF president. “This contribution is a demonstration of the foundation’s confidence in the staff at ATSU and is intended to advance osteopathic medical care and the science of medicine.”

“A.T. Still University is committed to advancing the principles of osteopathic medicine and whole-person healthcare,” said ATSU President James J. McGovern, Ph.D. “This new grant and center are examples of ATSU’s dedication to study how osteopathic principles can be used to understand the interactions of the body, mind, and spirit.”

ATSU website recognized by CASE

At the annual Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VI conference held in Kansas City, ATSU received the Silver Institutional Award in the “Excellence in Multimedia — Website” category. The CASE District VI Institutional Awards are an annual competition in multiple categories amongst nearly 200 public and private undergraduate and graduate colleges and universities in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Joe Vincent and Kathryn Stropel of Communications and Marketing and Julie Adkins of Information Technology Services were project leaders.

ATSU Board of Trustees meets

The A.T. Still University Board of Trustees met March 30 and 31 in Kirksville. President James J. McGovern, Ph.D., made a presentation to the board about the vision of the University and how it is related to values that have been found useful through the centuries and how they correspond to osteopathic principles.

“A.T. Still University should become the global leader in advancing osteopathic principles and humane, methodological, and integrative (body-mind-spirit) perspectives to healthcare by educating leaders, teachers, and practitioners in these principles, values, skills, and perspectives,” Dr. McGovern said.

The president then discussed how the vision helps the University conduct long-range planning, guide budget projections, and drive components of its accreditation self-study. Dr. McGovern also explained how this vision focuses the deployment of financial resources and the setting of goals for development campaigns.

The board took action on several resolutions, unanimously approving the 2007-2008 budgets, as well as the University’s financial report for FYTD 2007. The University Investment Policy was revised to increase from 5 percent to 10 percent the amount of investment monies allocated to “satellite” investments.

The board also approved the president to negotiate the purchase of a small parcel of property contiguous to ATSU’s Mesa Campus, which will facilitate future expansion plans. Additionally, the board approved a resolution for a land lease for the Intergenerational Village on the Arizona Campus.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. Gary Miller, associate vice president for outreach and executive director for continuing and distance education at Pennsylvania State University. After the meeting, members of the board were taken on a tour of the new Connell Information Technologies Center. The board will meet next in July in New York.

ASHS faculty published

Congratulations to Chad Martineau (PA alumnus), Jacki Kingma (AT program), Laura Bank (PA program), and Tamara Valovich-McLeod (AT program) on their article “Guidelines for Treatment of Sport-Related Concussions” in the May 2007 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants* (JAAPA).



ATSU–Missouri goes tobacco-free

Faculty, staff, and students gathered on ATSU’s Missouri Campus with members of the community on March 19 to commemorate President James McGovern’s decision to enact a “Tobacco-Free Campus” policy effective March 1, 2007. The new policy makes A.T. Still University the only Missouri university to be tobacco-free.

“We are committed to protecting the health and wellness of students, employees, and visitors on our campus and setting an example for other groups,” Dr. McGovern said.

President McGovern was joined at the ceremony by state Rep. Rebecca McClanahan (D-Mo.), state Sen. Wes Shoemyer (D-Mo.), ATSU alumnus Justin Puckett, D.O., CASE Health Specialist Erin Black, and Kirksville Mayor Martha Rowe.

News briefs

3rd Annual Lecture on Aging

The 3rd Annual Lecture on Aging, titled “Interdisciplinary Care for Elders,” was held April 20. The guest speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Protas, is interim dean at the School of Allied Health Sciences, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. Dr. Protas also is a Ruby Decker Endowed Professor and a senior fellow of the Sealy Center on Aging. The lecture was broadcast via satellite to Kirksville from ATSU’s Mesa, Arizona, Campus. One of ATSU’s core values is a strong foundation in understanding the aging process.



left: Bernadette Luberda, Arizona Dean Randy Danielsen, Valerie Lane, President McGovern, and Ted Wendel, Arizona associate provost

ATSU Authors Luncheon

As part of ATSU’s mission to promote the body, mind, and spirit, the Arizona School of Health Sciences welcomed two Arizona authors, Ruth Ann Hogue and Jyl Steinback, to a Body-Mind-Spirit Authors Luncheon moderated by radio and television personality Pat McMahon on April 28.

Hogue shared the story about Walter Schifter, a terminally ill cancer patient, and his wife of 52 years, Lillian. Hogue’s new book, “Good-bye Walter: The Inspiring Story of a Terminal Cancer Patient,” sheds new light on life’s journey. Hogue currently writes for *The Business Journal* and *The Arizona Republic*’s Southwest Community Section.

Steinback talked to the crowd about how to have fun while building and maintaining a healthy, nutritional lifestyle. Steinback has sold more than 2 million cookbooks with titles such as “Supermarket Gourmet,” “Fill Up to Slim Down,” and “The Busy Mom’s Make It Quick Cookbook.”

During the luncheon, scholarship recipients were recognized for their exemplary academic records and a strong commitment to community. More than 100 people attended the event. Proceeds from the luncheon helped fund the ASHS Dean’s Scholarship Fund.



front: Candice Curtice, Rachel Friedman, Ashley Absmeier-Koppenhafer, Nicole Melson, and Bethany Rogers
back: Arizona Dean Randy Danielsen, President McGovern, and Ted Wendel, Arizona associate provost

ATSU-ASHS assistant professor gets top honor

The U.S. Bone and Joint Decade's Young Investigator Initiative has selected Theresa Kraemer, Ph.D., PT, ATC, assistant professor of physical therapy at the Arizona School of Health Sciences, as a fellow.



The three-year program is designed to mentor young investigators through grant writing, research design, and research network contacts. Dr. Kraemer will attend annual workshops and be matched with a research mentor during the program, which should augment her potential for future NIH funding.

The Bone and Joint Decade is a global, multidisciplinary initiative targeting the care of people with musculoskeletal conditions and bone and joint disorders. Its focus is on improving quality of life, as well as advancing the understanding and treatment of those conditions through research, prevention, and education.

ATSU one of few in nation recognized as "Fit-Friendly Company"

ATSU has been recognized by the American Heart Association for its outstanding efforts to create a fitness- and wellness-friendly environment on its campuses in Kirksville and Mesa. ATSU is the only institution in Arizona to receive any level of recognition, and one of only four in Missouri.

Dan Martin, director of ATSU's Thompson Campus Center, said recognition from the American Heart Association is especially important because of its reputation nationwide as a health information and policy resource.

"When the American Heart Association says something, from CPR techniques to blood pressure management to exercise routines, people take it as fact and act immediately," Martin said. "That it has recognized ATSU as the gold standard for fit-friendly work and education environments is a great endorsement of our University and an incentive to work every day to make them even better."

The association evaluated organizations based on physical activities offered or encouraged, nutrition policies, alternatives or incentives, and institutional culture.



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A Reason to Celebrate

SHM Dean Jon Persavich, Ph.D., watches as ATSU President James McGovern, Ph.D., presents a diploma.

ATSU’s School of Health Management graduates its largest class Record number travel to ATSU for graduation

The School of Health Management’s fifth graduating class is its largest yet for students completing online graduate degrees. To mark the occasion, the school celebrated not only with a graduation ceremony, but also a book signing, an awards banquet, a dinner, and a dance.

Still National Osteopathic Museum Director Jason Haxton was the commencement speaker and spoke about the importance and history of osteopathic medicine and the university from which the students were graduating.

“Osteopathic medicine is about the body, mind, and spirit integration of healthcare,” Haxton said. “I presented information based on this key principle to help graduating students and their families understand Dr. Andrew Taylor Still’s character, his challenges, and the dream he had for helping others find health. I also wanted our graduating

students to understand ATSU’s role in impacting healthcare in the U.S. and the world and encourage them that they, too, take on that charge.”

For SHM Dean Jon Persavich, Ph.D., it was imperative to give his online students a concrete feel for their alma mater.

“I think it’s important to convey the history of the institution because our students are not on campus,” he said. “For this graduation, as for every graduation, we really wanted our students to understand the historical perspective of ATSU.

“Jason Haxton, with his extensive knowledge of the history of osteopathic medicine and Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, the University’s founder, was the perfect person to bring those stories to life.”

Haxton’s comments dovetailed with the book, “The First School of Osteopathic Medicine,” by Georgia Warner Walter, which was given to

each graduate and signed personally by the author.

A growing student body

SHM’s growth in the last two years has been impressive. Said Dean Persavich, “We’ve nearly tripled enrollment, and our withdrawal rate has been reduced by more than 50 percent by various University departments working cooperatively to improve student services.

“As a team, we’ve made some significant strides. Of course, all of that was with the board’s and Dr. McGovern’s full support. Without those two, we wouldn’t be able to grow.”

Mission-driven, context-based

In addition, program offerings have doubled in two years, and the school now offers a doctorate in health education, a master’s in health education, and also a master’s in public health with a





SHM Graduation: by the numbers

Of those graduating:
77 degrees bestowed
56 percent female
21 states represented
48 M.P.H. degrees
19 M.H.A. degrees
10 M.G.H. degrees

SHM's fifth graduating class was also its largest.

dental emphasis, which began this summer and fall term respectively.

In the spring, 55 Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health students took classes toward a certificate in public health as part of a long-term partnership between the School of Health Management and ATSU's dental school. It's one of many collaborations with ATSU's dental and medical schools that Dean Persavich hopes to pursue in the coming years.

In addition to working to fulfill the University's mission, the dean

said his future objectives are two-fold. One is to double the School of Health Management's size again during the next two years. The other is to continue making the school's curriculum relevant.

"Our curriculum is mission-driven and context-based," he said. "When students come to the School of Health Management, we try to put the courses within their context so that it's applicable to what they're doing. That's our goal."



Still National Osteopathic Museum Director Jason Haxton addresses SHM's newest graduates.

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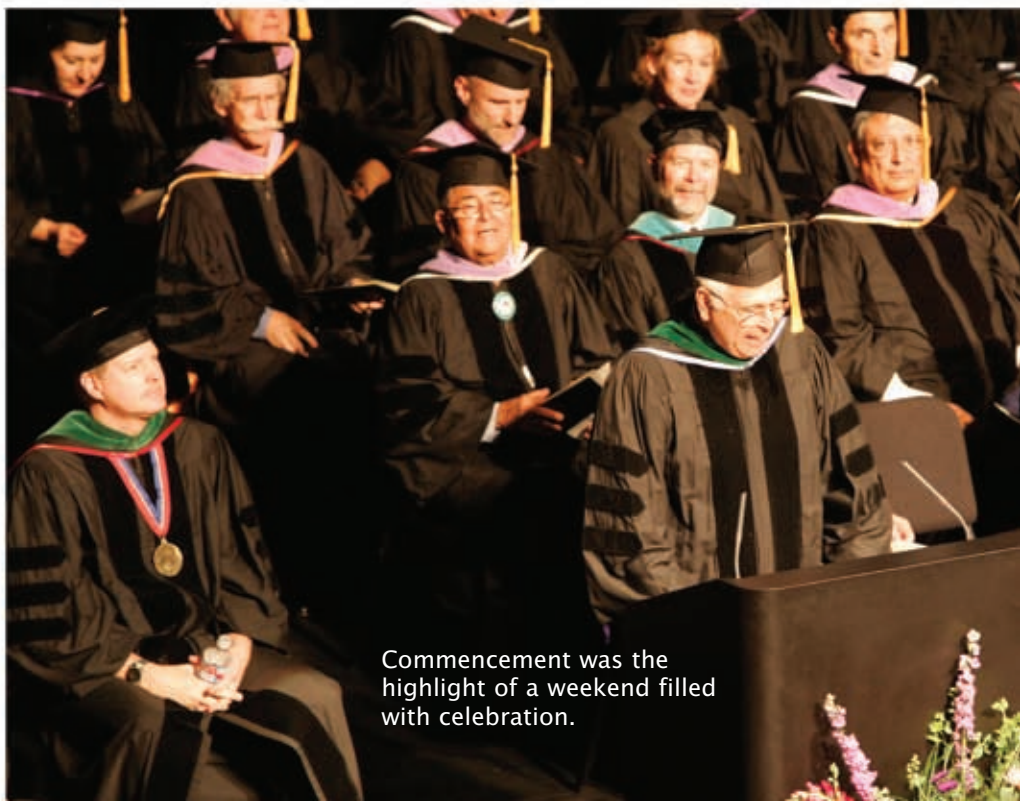


Class of 2007

University celebrates first class

A.T. Still University celebrated the inaugural commencement of the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health – Arizona’s first and only dental school – on Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the Mesa Arts Center in Mesa, Arizona. Fifty-three students received their Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree.

“This commencement marks an important milestone for ATSU and the state of Arizona,” said James J. McGovern, Ph.D., ATSU president. “Not only are the 53 students graduating from the only dental school in Arizona, but these



Commencement was the highlight of a weekend filled with celebration.



It seemed natural to hug Dean Dillenberg at commencement, said graduate Shauna Hayes. "He definitely is the one who kept us all together and focused on what we're doing and why we're here. He's not your typical dean. You can walk in, sit down, and just chat about anything. So, I just had to give him a hug!"

graduates have demonstrated a profound sense of compassion, integrity, and ability. They already are becoming leaders in improving community health and wellness."

In fact, to even be considered for an interview, applicants had to show documented and significant community service.

"Needless to say, we are excited about graduating a dental school class whose commitment to community service is profound and extraordinary," said ASDOH Dean Jack Dillenberg, D.D.S., M.P.H. "I'm proud that we are sending the largest percentage of a dental school graduating class in history to community health centers throughout the United States. A large percentage of our graduating class has accepted community health positions in our country, and they will positively affect some of our nation's most fragile

populations, including children, the physically compromised, the homeless, and the elderly." appointed to help encourage American Indian youth to pursue a career in dental healthcare. Blue Spruce was the first American Indian to graduate as a dentist in the United States and was formerly assistant surgeon general of the United States. As a result of his efforts, four American Indian students made up ASDOH's graduating class of 2007.

Word of such accomplishments is getting around. With more than 1,200 applicants for 54 openings in the inaugural class, this year ASDOH received more than 3,300 applications for 60 openings.

The Class of 2007, Dr. Dillenberg said, has much to do with the school's success and the education of future students.

"I'm indebted to this inaugural class for helping us adjust and modify our curriculum and clinical experience so subsequent classes

s of dental students



populations, including children, the physically compromised, the homeless, and the elderly."

Part of that commitment to the underserved is the school's dedication to serving American Indians. There are fewer than 100 American Indian dentists in the United States, and only one American Indian dentist for every 35,000 American Indian people. To help focus on this underserved population, George Blue Spruce, D.D.S., M.P.H., assistant dean of Indian affairs at ASDOH, was

"I feel like the father of the bride on a wedding day. I'm thrilled about the event but almost saddened to lose my daughter."

- Dean Jack Dillenberg, D.D.S.

receive the benefit of their suggestions," he said.

In reflecting back to ASDOH's 2003 inception, Dr. Dillenberg said graduation day was "unbelievably fulfilling and satisfying and beyond my greatest expectations. I feel like the father of the bride on a

wedding day. I'm thrilled about the event but almost saddened to lose my daughter. These students and the ASDOH faculty and administration have grown very close, and a very special bond has formed that will carry through their entire professional lives."

Not to rest on its laurels, ASDOH will further its mission of community service by collaborating with ATSU's School of Health Management in developing an in-house, online master of public health degree for dental students.

In June 2007, the school welcomed orthodontic residents to its new orthodontics residency program. In addition, the school is planning to further develop its integrated oral/medical sciences curriculum in collaboration with ATSU's new medical school, the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona.



A student receives his Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree from his father.

The inaugural class' plans for the future

Career path	No. of students	% of students
AEGD (advanced education in general dentistry) /GPR (general practice residency)	4	8%
Community Health Center (CHC) CHC PT w/ PP	10	19%
Indian Health Service	2	4%
Military	4	8%
Orthodontics	4	8%
Pediatric dentistry	2	4%
Orofacial pain residency	3	6%
Private practice	1	2%
Other public health clinic	7	13%
Not sure / Did not report	1	2%
	15	28%
	53	100%



Students say the class bonded over the shared experience of being in the first class, and many made lasting friendships. Above are Brent Milne, Morgan Smith, and Chad Eardley.



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KUDOS!

Awards presented to students, school



More than 30 awards were presented during a luncheon that recognized graduates for their leadership and commitment to community service. Above, Brigitte Lovell receives an award from the American Academy of Craniofacial Pain.

In addition to recognizing students, ASDOH received an unexpected plaque from the National Association of Community Health Centers recognizing the school's dedication to meeting the healthcare needs of the underserved.

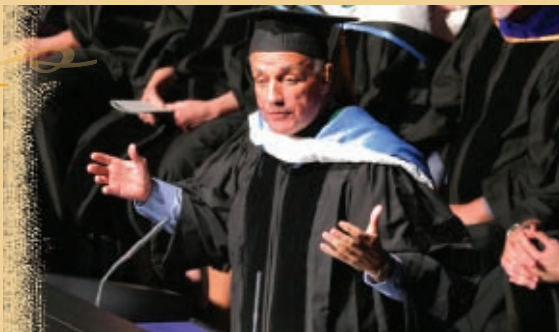
"We have a lot to celebrate," Dean Dillenberg said.

ASDOH awards four honorary degrees

As part of commencement, four honorary doctoral degrees were conferred:

- America Y. Bracho, M.D., M.P.H., C.D.E., chief executive officer and president of Latino Health Access
- Charles W. Grim, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., assistant surgeon general of the United States and director of the Indian Health Service
- Marian Osterweis, Ph.D., health policy and program consultant and former chair of the ATSU Board of Trustees
- Richard H. Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S., 17th surgeon general of the United States, vice chairman and chief executive officer of Canyon Ranch, and president of Canyon Ranch Institute

ASDOH Graduation



Vice Admiral Richard Henry Carmona was a high school dropout who became the country's 17th surgeon general.

Carmona delivers commencement address

Vice Admiral Richard Henry Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S., has dedicated his life to improving the health and well-being of Americans. As a renowned champion for disease prevention and health promotion, Dr. Carmona served the country for four years as the 17th surgeon general of the United States.

Raised in Harlem, Dr. Carmona was a high school dropout who joined the U.S. Army and became a combat-decorated Vietnam veteran before beginning his career in medicine.

Prior to being appointed surgeon general, Dr. Carmona was chairman of the State of Arizona Southern Regional Emergency Medical System and a professor of surgery, public health, and family and community medicine at the University of Arizona. He also was chief executive officer of the Pima County healthcare system and medical director of the police and fire departments.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Carmona is certified in correctional healthcare and in quality assurance. He also is a peace officer with expertise in special operations and emergency preparedness.

After leaving his post as surgeon general in 2006, Carmona returned to his adopted home of Tucson, Arizona, as a celebrated member of the community. Dr. Carmona is now the CEO of Canyon Ranch, a health and wellness community.

Leaders from the inaugural class speak out



A destination worth the journey

Grad finds her way to life's calling

"We are survivors, and we have been able to stick through the toughest of times no matter what," Hayes says of her classmates. "I am going to miss the wonderful friendships that I have developed with some of the best people I have ever met."

For some, the route to success and fulfillment is direct. They know early on the nature of their dream and take the straightest path in its realization. For others, the road is filled with bumps and turns, tunnels and hills. They do not lead in the direction of their dream but rather follow it and achieve it just the same.

So it was for 37-year-old Shauna Hayes. Working in a fast food restaurant while attending college, Hayes accepted a job in a dental clinic. That job led her to dental assistant and then dental hygienist school, which led her to the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health.

"It sort of ended up being a natural progression," Hayes says. "It was the best way I could have done it. When I saw my first patient in clinic, I felt like I was doing what I was supposed to be doing. It was the right thing."

She says that "people encouraging me along the way, each step," made all the difference and credits the faculty and dean at ASDOH for her decision to apply for the first class. "They care about us as people and not just a student who will fill a spot," she says. "It seemed like the right choice for me, and it was a good decision."

In addition to leaving classmates who became friends, she says it was especially poignant saying good-bye to ASDOH Dean Jack Dillenberg.

"Without his vision and thought that he could get a new class of dental students through dental school, we never would have made it where we are. He definitely is the one who kept us all together and focused on what we're doing and why we're here."

Hayes is one of many students seeing his vision of creating community-minded dentists through to the end. Having worked in a community health center during rotations, Hayes decided to return after graduation and will be practicing at Partnership Health Center in Missoula, Mont.

As part of her work in Montana, Hayes will preceptor the next class of ASDOH students. She says her advice to them will be "to stay positive, keep a smile on your face, and just learn how to deal with the ever-changing ways of ASDOH. It is a top-notch dental school, and you are a part of it. Don't ever forget that."



Giving back

It's all about helping others

"I'm really grateful for the opportunity to go to ASDOH," Johnson says. "I know how many applicants there were the year I applied, and not many of us made the cut. I think all of us who did should be really grateful for the experience."

Dentistry is only one of Ashley Johnson's many passions. Another is helping those in need.

As a teenager, Johnson became involved in helping others by volunteering as a candy striper in a San Diego hospital and also at a local elementary school. Spending time with patients, she says, "was really neat and very rewarding."

So when it came time for Johnson to apply to dental school, ASDOH seemed a perfect fit. The school's mission of community service and working with underserved populations is "something I've always been passionate about," she says, "so that's really what sparked my interest. I thought it would be a good match for me because that was something I was interested in – helping others. The school's mission and my frame of mind seemed to go hand-in-hand."

Another of Johnson's passions is history. As for how ASDOH's first class will be remembered, she says, "I definitely think we will be considered dental pioneers. It didn't even hit me until graduation weekend what a huge impact on dental education our school is going to have; just the whole model of developing students into practitioners who are really motivated to provide dentistry to underserved communities is huge, and I would love to see more schools use our model. I think we've really made our mark on dental education through that aspect."

Technology, she says, is another differentiator. "I've talked with a lot of students from other schools, and I think we're far ahead of a lot of other dental programs. It's been a real luxury to learn dentistry in a clinic as high-tech as ours."

She also appreciated rotations helping the underserved, an experience she enjoyed so much she's planning to work at a community health center in New Mexico following graduation.

"I'm really excited about that," she says. "My goal all along has been to go into a public health job, so I'm really happy that I followed through with that, and I think it's going to be a nice opportunity."

Although she learned many things at ASDOH, Johnson says the most valuable lesson is that dentistry is about helping people.

"Everyone thinks of dentistry as being this separate thing – it's just teeth. But it's really about people and what you can do to help them. I think that's what leadership is all about – what you can do for others – and that's what I hope to do throughout my career."



Service above all Grad is leader in Army and in life

"There are a lot of reasons I graduated from dental school, including a lot of hard work, but the most important reason was her," Bowen says of his wife, Jess.

Growing up, Christopher Bowen was a member of the U.S. Army family. So it made sense to continue his association with the Army as an adult when seeking ways to pay for college and give back to his community.

At 31, Bowen trained as a medical logistics officer while serving five years in the Army, which paid for his undergraduate education. Committing to at least five more years in exchange for a dental education was a relatively easy decision, he says.

"I already knew what the Army dental world was about and had been intimately involved in dentistry there, so I knew that I would gain a lot of experience and be a good asset to the Army," he says.

On his way to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he will report for duty at Fort Carson, Bowen will take part in a one-year advanced education in general dentistry residency program (AEGD). After his residency, he will serve as a dentist on base or in the field and could be stationed anywhere in the world.

Leadership, he says, was a big reason for choosing the Army – and the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health. When researching dental schools, "What drew me to it was the fact that they were looking for dental students who were leaders in the community. With some leadership experience in the military, that was something that attracted me immediately," he says. "And when I came out for the interview, I just fell in love with so many things about the school. The fact that they were innovative, technologically advanced, and placed an importance on community service and selfless service was very appealing to me. The faculty seemed like colleagues who wanted to help educate us and lead us through dental school, and that was a breath of fresh air after interviewing at other schools where you were a peon, another body. Here, they treated you like a person. It was an easy decision for me."

Being part of the first class, he says, was exciting. "I looked forward to being the guinea pig and having the opportunity to set a high standard as part of the first class. They knew what kind of people they were looking for, so I knew the class would be composed of a lot of outstanding people, and that's exactly what happened."

Although he says there were growing pains, he's glad for the experience and pleased with his education.

"It was an amazing four years that I would never change for the world. It's sad to say good-bye, but it's time to go out in the world and do good things."



Committed to community

American Indian grad seeks adventure, service in Alaska

Damon, her traditional American Indian dress peeking out from beneath her robe, is hooded by ASDOH Assistant Dean George Blue Spruce, D.D.S., M.P.H., the first American Indian to become a dentist.

Two things led DezBaa Damon to the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health: a childhood fascination with dentistry and a core value of placing others before herself.

A member of the Navajo Nation, 28-year-old Damon grew up in New Mexico. Through her love of working with others, she found herself volunteering in a variety of activities that supported diversity in all forms, from race to disability.

Before long, “You know who you are and that you want to help people, you make similar friends, and you find yourself getting involved in one thing after another,” she says.

It should be no surprise that what she likes most about her education is involvement in the nation’s community health centers, where students work on rotation during their fourth year.

Next on her list would be collaborating with other American Indian students to organize a student chapter of the Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID). Gaining participation in SAID has become, she says, “a huge part of my life mission.”

Because there is a tremendous need for American Indian and Alaska Native dentists, Damon says she and SAID members worked to promote the organization, which spreads the word about the need for American Indian dentists and

opportunities in dentistry. Through avid participation, she too, became more aware of the need for dental services, as well as flexibility and being open to the experience of learning, something she learned firsthand as a member of ASDOH’s inaugural class.

“I was really happy and honored to be part of the first class. Because we were first, we had a huge opportunity to contribute to the way the curriculum was being developed,” she says. “As soon as they would notice something was not working, they would come to us, we were able to provide input, and they would listen.”

Regardless of any bumps in the road, “we were always able to work it out,” Damon says. Because of that, classmates “really bonded, maybe more so than any other class I could have been in.”

Headed to Bethel, Alaska, a southwest town of nearly 6,000 residents located within the 20-million-acre Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, Damon will put her skills to the test in a community health center, serving those most in need. Having first visited Bethel during a rotation, Damon says, “I want adventure, and I figure the best place for that is Alaska.”

She also found commonality with her new community. Citing more of a “weather shock” than a culture shock, she says the isolated, tight-knit communities in Alaska are comparable to those on a reservation. “It was very easy for me to relate to people there,” she says. “I wasn’t homesick at all, not even once.”

Committed to Bethel for two years, Damon says she will consider moving on to another Alaskan community if there is a greater need.

“Right now, I’m really open to being in Bethel, learning as much as I can about the culture, learning about their need and what is going on, what the barriers are, and what people are doing about it.”



Damon was first introduced to Bethel during a rotation and was drawn to the tight-knit community.

Alumni Employment Services

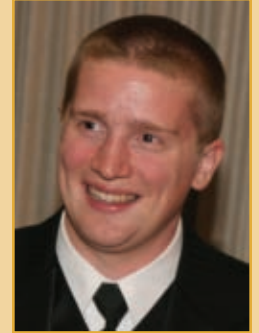
In order to provide greater service to all ATSU graduates, the University expanded its employment opportunities service on its website. Now, opportunities submitted by employers from around the country are easily accessible to interested alums. The index of opportunities makes it easy to sort through available positions.

If you have an opening you wish to list, the easy-to-complete form makes it convenient to share the opportunity with fellow graduates.

To learn more about the site, how to post an opportunity, and how to view one, visit www.atsu.edu/alumni/employment_opportunities/index.htm, contact Alumni Services at 866.626.2878, ext. 2307 or email jbunch@atsu.edu.

Class President Bruce Sellers reflects on his time at ASDOH and the trailblazing class of 2007

Born and raised in Salem, Oregon, Bruce Sellers earned his bachelor's degree at Oregon State University prior to joining the inaugural class at the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health. In an interview with *Still Magazine*, Sellers reflects on his ASDOH education, as well as his plans for the future.



Why did you choose ASDOH?

"A family friend had been telling me about this dental school that was going to start up in Arizona and that it was going to offer the latest and greatest in education and technology. When I came to interview at the school, everyone I met was so professional and positive, I knew this was the school for me. I could feel the excitement and I REALLY wanted to be a part of it."

What has it been like being in the first class?

"It was both very rewarding and challenging throughout these four years. I felt our class was able to reap the tremendous benefits of our successes and take the brunt of some of those failures we found. Thanks to our class and the corrective action of the administration, I feel we are leaving the students following us with even better educations."

Why do you like the school?

"The best clinical education and experience in the nation, great faculty, classmates, and friends! What's not to like?"

What are your thoughts/feelings on graduation?

"I'm excited to have completed this journey. I'm a little anxious about the uncertainty of what lies ahead, and I'm sad because this was an experience of a lifetime."

Describe your graduating class ...

"I love the individuality of my classmates and know that it will make them strong in their future endeavors. I've never met a larger group of diverse individuals where I knew that everyone really does want to reach out and help others. I'm proud of my class and know that society is going to benefit."

What are your future plans?

"I plan on getting started with a group practice, where I'll be able to get a lot more experience in 'the real world.' I plan to make sure I'm where I want to practice and practicing how and what I want to. I have not shut the door on specializing!"

How will your unique education benefit you in the future?

"First and foremost, I think that my education at ASDOH only leaves the door wide open to success in the dental field. I've been given a tremendous amount of tools to work with, and it's up to me now to use them. If I use them wisely, I only see a positive, successful future ahead."



KCOM graduates 15,000th D.O.

The Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine's 171st graduation was held June 2 and included the founding school's 15,000th graduating D.O.

"It's a significant milestone for every student to finally achieve the dream they worked so hard to fulfill. It is also a milestone in our school's history to graduate its 15,000th D.O.," said KCOM Dean Phil Slocum, D.O. "But what is most significant is knowing the benefits thousands of patients will receive from these compassionate and well trained physicians.

"I hope our graduates have learned that integrating their abilities and skills as osteopathic physicians with integrity and compassion is what makes the difference in providing the best healthcare in whatever specialty

they choose to serve," he said. "I hope they learn to find balance in their lives and to be able to look back with pride and humility for the service they have contributed to those most vulnerable."

During the ceremonies, medical sociologist Frederic Hafferty, Ph.D., who researches issues related to medical schools' "hidden curriculum," was awarded an honorary D.Hu.L.; Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary R. Russell, J.D., whose participation in CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) was instrumental in introducing the program to KCOM students, was awarded an honorary LL.D.; and former KCOM dean and professor Ralph Willard, D.O., was awarded an honorary D.O.Ed.

Also during the ceremonies, retiring professor Dr. Robert



Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary R. Russell, J.D., addresses the class of 2007.

Madsen received the Emeritus award. Dr. Madsen has taught at KCOM since June 1971.

Judge Russell, who in addition to receiving an honorary degree also served as commencement speaker, left graduates with the following words: "What a happy day this is to celebrate with friends and family. Medical school may be behind you, but a world of residencies and internships are ahead. Success awaits you. Take it. It's yours."



KCOM Graduation



(L-R) Kristin Zeise Nelson, D.O., '99 (married to Brent Nelson, D.O., '03); Lynda Zeise, mother and former KCOM student; Samantha Zeise, '07; Lee Zeise Kuxhaus, D.O., '00, and Ron Gaber, Ed.S., vice president and dean of students.

For many, graduation was a family affair. Payal Parikh, D.O., gets a hug from her father while Professor Lex Townes looks on.



KCOM Graduation: by the numbers

The 2007 graduating class:

- 154 total D.O. grads
- 59% male, 41% female
- Average age was 28
- 35 states and six foreign countries were represented
- The majority of students in this class came from:
Truman State University
Brigham Young University

The majority of students will be completing a residency in the following areas:

- Family Practice: 21%
- General Surgery: 7%
- Internal Medicine: 19%
- Obstetrics/Gynecology: 6%
- Pediatrics: 8%
- Emergency Medicine: 6%

The majority of students will be completing their residency in the following states:

- Michigan: 15%
- Missouri: 12%
- Ohio: 10%
- Arizona: 7%



Graduation day was extra special for ATSU President James McGovern and Rene, wife and professor of neurobehavioral sciences, who celebrated with graduate and daughter Danielle McGovern Bradshaw (Yale, '95)



By Virginia Halterman

The date June 2, 2007, will always be remembered for Adrienne Barnosky, D.O. '07, and her father, Andrew Barnosky, D.O. '78.

On this date, student doctor Adrienne Barnosky proudly walked across the stage at ATSU's Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine commencement ceremonies to accept her diploma and, like her father, become an alum of the founding school of osteopathic medicine.

For both Drs. Barnosky, it was a day of celebration, reflection, and appreciation of all of the good memories the years have provided, both in and out of medicine.

An emergency room physician and faculty member for the University of Michigan Medical Center and Medical School, Dr. Andrew Barnosky recalls his daughter's first interest in medicine. "In my early years as a physician, Adrienne was a very young child and was very curious and inquisitive about many things, including how I spent my days away from home," he says.

On days when his wife, Barb, and their children would visit him at the emergency room of the first community hospital where he worked, "Adrienne would say very little during these times, but seemed to take in as much of the surroundings as time would allow, and later, at home and in the days which followed, ask lots of questions! She would ask, 'Did you help



KCOM alum Dr. Andrew Barnosky hoods his daughter, Adrienne, during commencement. "He is largely the reason I continued my interest and pursuit of medicine," she says.



New graduate Adrienne Barnosky shared the day with her dad and fellow KCOM graduate, Andrew Barnosky, D.O., '78.

Like father, like daughter
KCOM alums share a special bond

the people who got sick today?' 'Are they better now and not so sad?'

"Those were good questions for a young child to ask; however, they will be more interesting for her to ask herself in the years ahead, as we physicians all do."

Dr. Adrienne Barnosky remembers, too, those emergency room visits and how her interest in medicine evolved. She says, "For several years, I job shadowed my father in the emergency department. I was exposed to the responsibilities of several physicians and found all of the patient cases and medical information very interesting. It was also apparent to me, at a very young age, that my father loved his job. Through the years, he has had an immeasurable, positive influence on me, and he is largely the reason I continued my interest and pursuit of medicine. If not for his passion for his profession and treating patients, I may have investigated other career paths."

In July, she will begin an internal medicine residency in Milwaukee, Wisc. Post-residency, she plans to incorporate her interest in women's health and international medicine and one day, like her father, she hopes to teach future medical students in a lecture-based or clinically based format.

"Though I'm very happy Adrienne decided to pursue a career in medicine, I would have been equally happy if she had pursued any one of a variety of life's choices with equal passion and commitment," says her father. "There's nothing in this life that is better than loving the work you do, and when that work is medicine, the rewards can be truly meaningful."

Shared cultures and values are an important part of the special relationship between parent and child, he says. "When your child walks a similar path you yourself once walked in life, it opens yet another path of shared life experiences and allows each of us to relate to the other."

New Healer Within

makes learning fun, introduces “WOW” factor

A newer, hipper Your Healer Within exhibit hits the museum circuit this summer, and with it a fresh, engaging, hands-on approach in demonstrating the connections between the body, mind, and spirit.

With a focus on its target audience, the renovated exhibit features everyday kids, anatomically illustrated, performing a variety of activities. Some play basketball, some work on computers, and others ride a skateboard while listening to iPods. Capturing young people’s attention was paramount.

“Typically, children run through an exhibit, push a button, and if something doesn’t happen immediately, they move on,” says Still National Osteopathic Museum Director Jason Haxton. “We want to catch their interest and help them interact so they can learn about healthy choices at an early age.”

In addition to updating the look, changes were made behind-the-scenes as well. Fortunately, by updating the exhibit’s software, it became not only more interactive, but also more reliable. With more than 2 million people experiencing The Healer Within, which in the past ran 13 to 14 hours a day non-stop during its six-year run, there is “no time for breaks,” Haxton says.

New areas to the exhibit have been added as well, many relating to the mind and spirit’s connection with the body. For instance, a spiritual harp allows museumgoers to move their hand through space to create sound. Another area demonstrates how the brain and nervous system interact based on feelings of happiness, anger, and depression.

Another new focus and area of discovery is response expectancy, which Haxton says is about belief and healing and how they respond in the body.

The osteopathic philosophy also plays a bigger role in the new exhibit. A short movie kicks off activities with an osteopathic message, which is important because, Haxton says, “regardless of whether you’re a physical therapist or a dentist or a D.O. or an online student, osteopathic medicine is the same, and compassion and an awareness of our osteopathic principles should be the main part of healthcare.” It’s a message, he says, that’s finding greater receptivity as people look for health and to the body, mind, and spirit for total healing.

To get people excited about the exhibit and to increase its demand at museums, “We’re challenged to find things no one else has,” he says. Fortunately, the

challenge has been met. Although getting an EEG and pretending to be a white blood cell make for an interesting experience, a virtual pond provides a “cool” factor that exists only within Your Healer Within. The pond should make a big splash with visitors, allowing them to realistically interact with virtual water and fish, providing a nature-spirit interaction without the mess.

Another new addition is a complementary learning tool used by homeschoolers, teachers, and anyone wanting to supplement their child’s education. Working with the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services, Haxton and his staff obtained a \$120,000 grant, which they supported with matching funds and an educational coordinator, who worked to create 79 online lesson plans on health and body sciences. Parents and teachers can see the exhibit, pick up a corresponding card, and get online to find out more.

In use in 43 northeast Missouri school districts, the learning tool was reviewed with Truman State University education faculty and tested with local educators. Teachers, Haxton says, love it. “All we’ve heard is ‘excellent, excellent, excellent.’”



See The Healer Within for yourself

The exhibit will be at the Southwest Museum in Mesa, Arizona, mid-June through September before traveling to Helena, Montana, to open a new science center.

Visit The Healer online at www.healerwithin.org.

A legacy of service

Alumnus and student doctor daughter are committed to helping others



"I grew up believing that we each have an inherent responsibility to be involved in our communities," Ellie Jensen says. "That's something that my parents taught me through their actions and continued commitment to becoming better people." Jensen is pictured above with her father, Robert Jensen, D.O., '81, at KCOM's White Coat Ceremony.

"... What ever the hour of the day, in our work we must do the right thing, in the right way, for the right end. The multilevel discipline involved in good work is the road to happiness and the pilgrimage to self-respect. ..." – David Whyte

Never one to steal the spotlight, Robert Jensen, D.O., '81, prefers to let his good work stand on its own. Having practiced the full range of medicine, including working in obstetrics and with the developmentally disabled, Dr. Jensen currently practices at an after-hours and occupational medical clinic in Grand Junction, Colo.

His daughter, Ellie, is following in his footsteps and is set to graduate from KCOM in 2009.

Dr. Jensen says he feels "happiness and pride that she would be given the opportunity I was to learn medicine in a very supportive environment. I only hope that she finds her career as rewarding and satisfying and challenging as I have. I hope it becomes her calling as it has mine."

In addition to learning how to be a good physician, he hopes his daughter takes from her education "fond memories of the relationships she has established and the knowledge that no matter the distance and time she will always have colleagues who care about her around the country," he says.

In addition to sharing an alma mater and dedication to medicine, father and daughter both also decided to become physicians late in college.

"I decided to go to medical school one winter while surveying and found that I was not made to tolerate

working outside in the cold," Dr. Jensen says. "I wanted work that involved science or technology, allowed me to be with one to three individuals at a time, allowed me some autonomy, and most importantly was of service. I knew nothing of osteopathy until I was encouraged to explore it by my pre-med advisor. I was, of course, immediately attracted to the idea of holism."

Dr. Jensen says Ellie, too, was always interested in being of service and helping others. In middle school, she was a teacher's aide at an elementary school, and she helped establish an annual day of community service by high school students as a sophomore. She also served as an assistant to a community service director who helped get a bus system established in Grand Junction, and in college served as a writing tutor and resident assistant, in addition to being involved with a crisis line. Her proudest accomplishment is initiating her college campus' tradition of producing "The Vagina Monologues," which raises money for local shelters and women's organizations.

For the opportunity to be part of a profession of service, Dr. Jensen says he feels a sense of gratitude and appreciation. During the last 17 years, he has consistently given back to his school and is a Distinguished Patron.

"Despite my loans, I believed I owed the school a great deal for what I had received," he says. "I do not have any particular goals except to see the school continue its mission."

Legacy



The Honoring Power of Endowments

To honor someone who has influenced your life, a fitting way is to establish a named endowment fund at ATSU. Such a fund carries the honoree's name into the future as it benefits the designated program or department of the University through annual income earned from the endowment's investment.

Endowment funds are easy to establish and last indefinitely. They can be launched now with current gifts or created later through a will/trust bequest or other deferred gift. A common practice is to start an endowment now and add to it later through a bequest.

To learn more about how you can establish an endowment at ATSU, contact Randy Rogers or Mark Burger, ATSU Development, at 866.626.2878, ext. 2180.

Founders' Ball

More than 250 students, faculty, staff, and supporters of A.T. Still University's dental school celebrated at the inaugural Founders' Ball, held May 17 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa in Scottsdale.

Having an annual formal event to celebrate the successes at the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health was the brainchild of the school's Development Council.

"The Founders' Ball is a tribute to our founding members. Their support, guidance, and vision helped make the dental school a reality," said Jack Dillenberg, D.D.S., M.P.H., dean of the dental school. "Our founding members are dentists, community leaders, organizations, corporations, faculty, staff, and students. They believed in our dreams, fueled them, and pushed us to dream bigger dreams." □



ASDOH Dean Jack Dillenberg, far right, enjoys time with Jim and Naomi Rhode.

BODYWORLDS 3

In the first of a three-part educational outreach series on the body, mind, and spirit, community and healthcare leaders attended an exclusive tour of BODYWORLDS 3, held at the Arizona Science Center on May 10. BODYWORLDS 3 is a pioneering anatomical exhibition combining science and art. The event showcased faculty from ATSU's School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, who guided visitors through the exhibit and helped create an understanding of the human body and how it functions.

At the end of the tour, Mark Fischione, M.D., professor of pathology at the new medical school and deputy medical examiner of Maricopa County, spoke about the top 10 causes of death. Doug Wood, D.O., Ph.D., dean of the medical school, wrapped up the program by explaining how ATSU's new medical school is addressing health promotion and disease prevention.





Pictured above are (L-R) ASDOH Dean Jack Dillenberg, U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell (D-Ariz.), and Mark Mitchell, Tempe council member.

Governors Ball benefits dental school's Project C.A.R.E.

The 21st Annual Governors Ball was held May 5 at the Pointe South Mountain Resort in Phoenix. ASDOH's Project C.A.R.E. (Compassion, Accommodation, Respect, and Empathy) received 25 percent of the ball's proceeds.

Project C.A.R.E. focuses on oral healthcare service delivery to the special needs population. The Special Care Clinic, along with Project C.A.R.E., have been operational for less than a year and already have become pivotal resources for special needs dental care in Arizona. The clinic is recognized as one of five national "Center of Excellence" sites by AMerChoice. The funds received from the Governors will partially support a special needs registered dental assistant.

Randy Rogers, associate vice president of institutional advancement, presents the Distinguished Patron Award (\$25,000-\$49,999) to **Fanchon F. Funk, Ed.D.**, who said, "I support the scholarship program at KCOM in memory of my father and grandfather, who were the first father (Thomas M. Funk) and son (Guy T. Funk) to graduate the same year from KCOM. I know that through my gifts, future generations of medical students will receive the same outstanding osteopathic education that my father and grandfather received when they graduated in 1931." □



Cathy Ruf, MSII, and **Zach Johnson, MSII**, explain one of the techniques they learned during the American Academy of Osteopathy Convocation to Steven Funk, D.O., '80, while Robert Funk, founder of the Carol Funk Memorial Endowment, watches. Robert Funk established the fund in 1996 following the death of his wife, Carol Funk, to promote education in osteopathic manipulation in honor of the quality of life that osteopathic care afforded her.

Jeffrey A. (Jeff) Kerr, D.O., '85, (left) receives the Honored Patron Award (\$15,000-\$24,999) from Mark Burger, Development, during the 2007 Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons convention in Branson, Mo.



Kenneth E. Jones, D.O., '83, and his wife, Marla, accept the Distinguished Patron Award (\$25,000-\$49,999) from Larry Evans, director of development, at the 2007 Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons convention in Branson, Mo.



At the 44th annual American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians convention in Kissimmee, Fla., **Steven F. Rubin, D.O., '84**, (left) was installed as its new president. Dr. Rubin's leadership and lifetime giving at KCOM also were recognized during the KCOM alumni reception when he was presented with the Honored Patron Award (\$15,000-\$24,999) from Randy Rogers, associate vice president of institutional advancement.

During the 2007 AROC in Atlantic City, N.J., Vice President/Dean of Medical Affairs Philip C. Slocum, D.O., '76, (far right) was able to personally thank and present from left to right the Distinguished Patron Award (\$25,000-\$49,999) to **Steven M. Levine, D.O., '78**, and his wife, Debra, as well as the Kirksville Diplomate Award (\$50,000-99,999) to **Fred L. Steinbaum, D.O., '68**.



Marlene A. Wager, D.O., '72, has created an endowment at ATSU-KCOM with the purpose of providing support for the school's geriatrics program. The fund was established in 2006 through a generous gift of real estate, and the proceeds from the sale will be invested with 80 percent of the interest earned to support the geriatrics program annually while the remaining 20 percent will be reinvested so the endowment will grow in perpetuity. Dr. Wager served in various roles at the college from 1981-1992, including director of the gerontology program, and she continued her work at WVSOM from 1992 until present and currently serves as director of its geriatrics program. Dr. Wager has been recognized by the AOA and others for her work as a mentor and in the field of end-of-life-care. Others interested in supporting the geriatrics program are encouraged to contribute to the Marlene A. Wager, D.O., Endowment for Geriatrics at KCOM.

1950s

Wilbur T. Hill, D.O., FACOFP dist., '51, Liberty, Mo., was presented with the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians' (ACOFP) Distinguished Fellow Award during ACOFP's annual convention and exhibition held in March. The Distinguished Fellow Award honors exceptional members of the Conclave of Fellows. Dr. Hill, who is retired from family practice, is the current treasurer and a past president of the Missouri Society of ACOFP, an inspector of intern training programs for the American Osteopathic Association, and team member for OPTI surveys. In 1999, he was named ACOFP's Family Physician of the Year.



W. C. Anglemeyer, D.O., '58, Nappanee, Ind., retired from practice in December.

Robert L. Peters Jr., D.O., FACOFP dist., '58, Round Rock, Texas, was honored by his peers in March for 30 years of service in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association House of Delegates. In addition, he received the designation of Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) during the Annual Conclave of Fellows Awards Banquet held in March during ACOFP's Annual Convention and Exhibition. The Distinguished Fellow Award honors exceptional members of the Conclave of Fellows. Dr. Peters, an associate professor at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, is a past member of the American Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees and the ACOFP Board of Governors, served as president of the Texas Society of ACOFP, which named him its Family Physician of the Year in 1988, and is a part president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. He is a past chief of the medical staff of the Round Rock Medical Center and was named Round Rock's "Citizen of the Year" in 1985.

Richard G. Stefanacci Sr., D.O., '57, Newark, N.J., and son **Richard G. Stefanacci Jr., D.O., M.G.H., '89**, were featured in an article entitled



"For These Physicians, It's All in the Family," which appeared in the January 15 edition of *Family Practice News*.

Dr. Stefanacci Sr., a retired general surgeon who also practiced geriatric medicine, is the administrator and part owner of a 120-bed nursing home in Newark, N.J.

Dr. Stefanacci Jr., a geriatrician, is the founding executive director of the Health Policy Institute at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. In addition, he was the American Geriatrics Society's Medicare Health Policy Scholar from July 2003 to July 2004. He devotes most of his time to promoting education and health policy for millions of seniors in the Philadelphia area.

Charles F. Andrews, D.O., '59, Ridgecrest, Calif., has received life membership in the American Osteopathic College of Radiology.

1960s

Harris W. Mainster, D.O., '60, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., was recognized in an article that appeared in the January issue of *The D.O.*



For the past 35 years, Dr. Mainster has traveled to a different country every summer spending several weeks providing his services in underserved areas as a general surgeon to those in need. His family also has joined in his efforts, providing assistance around the world in places such

as Transkei, South Africa; Vinh, Vietnam; Nicaragua; New Guinea; Liberia; the Marshall Islands; and Darkhan, Mongolia. They also have given their time and talents to those in need in the United States, working on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and in Kotzebue, Alaska, home of the state's second-largest Eskimo village. Dr. Mainster is chair of the surgery department at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Larry L. Bunnell, D.O., FACOFP dist., '62, Bradenton, Fla., has been named a Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP). Dr. Bunnell was recognized during the annual ACOFP convention held in March. The Distinguished Fellow Award honors exceptional members of the Conclave of Fellows. Dr. Bunnell is a professor of family practice at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Bradenton Branch.

David R. Armbruster, D.O., '63, Pearland, Texas, was honored by his peers in March for his 40 years of service in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association House of Delegates.

Stephen D. Blood, D.O., FAAO, '68, Alexandria, Va., was the inaugural speaker for the American Academy of Osteopathy's (AAO) Harold A. Blood, D.O., FAAO, Memorial Lecture. Dr. Harold Blood, Dr. Stephen Blood's father, was a 1939 graduate and 1965-66 president of the AAO. Dr. Stephen Blood served as 2004-05 president of the AAO. He presented the lecture during the AAO's annual convocation held in March.



Thomas A. Castoldi, D.O., '68, San Marcos, Texas, was honored by his peers in March for his five years of service in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association House of Delegates.

John R. Bowling, D.O., '69, Fort Worth, Texas, was honored by his peers in March for his five years of service in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association House of Delegates.

Robert J. Rodgers, D.O., '69, Warren, Ohio, has received life membership in the American Osteopathic College of Radiology.



George E. Windsor, D.O., '69, Windsor, Mo., has received the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association (KOAA) Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Windsor is past chair and former member of the ATSU

Board of Trustees, a member and past president of the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, and a member of the American Osteopathic Association.

1970s

Linus J. Miller, D.O., '70, Mesquite, Texas, was honored by his peers in March for his 16 years of service in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association House of Delegates.

Donald F. Vedral, D.O., '71, Cedar Hill, Texas, was honored by his peers in March for his 31 years of service in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association House of Delegates.

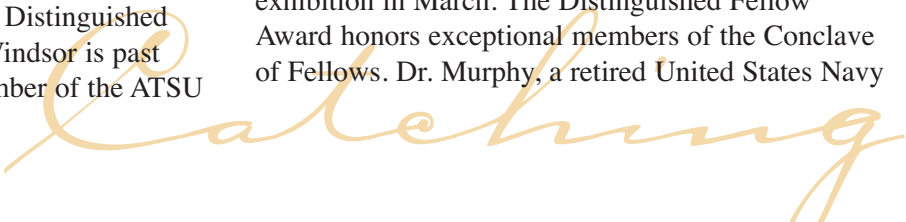
Daniel L. Biery, D.O., FACOI, FACG, '72, Phelps, N.Y., received the 2007 Health Care Achievement Award of the *Rochester Business Journal*. The award honors professionals and organizations that make a significant impact on the quality of healthcare in the greater Rochester area.



Dr. Biery has been a member of the Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic medical staff for 30 years. His professional appointments include director of gastroenterology and endoscopy, as well as past medical staff president, chair of medicine, and the institutional review board. Dr. Biery, a past president of the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association, is a member of the ATSU Board of Trustees.

Wade H. M. Wong, D.O., '72, Coronado, Calif., has been named a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology.

Michael K. Murphy, D.O., FACOFP dist., '73, Pikeville, Ky., received the designation of Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) during ACOFP's Annual Conclave of Fellows Awards Banquet held during its annual convention and exhibition in March. The Distinguished Fellow Award honors exceptional members of the Conclave of Fellows. Dr. Murphy, a retired United States Navy



Captain, currently serves as associate dean for clinical sciences at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He has served ACOFP as chair of the preventive medicine and disaster preparedness committee, as an ACOFP student chapter advisor, and as a delegate to the ACOFP House of Delegates. Dr. Murphy is an AOA vice president and member of the Board of Trustees.

1980s



Michael L. Kuchera, D.O., FAAO, '80, Philadelphia, Pa., is principal investigator in a research project comparing the effect of osteopathic manipulative treatment with another biomechanical treatment (acceleration therapy) as an adjunctive approach to improve quality of

life and function in patients with Parkinson's disease. Dr. Kuchera is a professor at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, director of the Human Performance & Biomechanics Laboratory, and clinical director of the Center for Chronic Disorders of Aging since 2005.

Martin S. Levine, D.O., '80, Bayonne, N.J., was featured in an article that appeared in the Hackensack, N.J., newspaper *The Record*. The story, entitled "Two Docs Differ on Emphasis," described Dr. Levine's and other physicians' varying approaches to patients and what distinguishes their practices from allopathic physicians in northern New Jersey.



D. E. Lovins, D.O., M.P.H., FACOFP, Capt. MC, USN (Ret.), '83, Pikeville, Ky., received Fellow Designation from the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP). His award was announced during ACOFP's Annual Conclave of Fellows Awards Banquet held during ACOFP's annual convention and exhibition in March. Dr. Lovins has served as president of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, as well as a member of the board of directors and president-elect of the Colorado Springs Osteopathic

Foundation. He currently serves as vice chair of the Council for Postdoctoral Training of the American Osteopathic Association. He is an associate professor of family medicine at the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Janise T. Denton, D.O., '84, Pueblo, Colo., was recently certified by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Denton is a hospice and palliative medicine physician at Sangre de Cristo Hospice and Palliative Care in Pueblo and is also board certified in family practice. She has been practicing in Pueblo since 1996 and joined Sangre de Cristo three years ago.



Steven F. Rubin, D.O., FACOFP, dist., '84, Fair Lawn, N.J., was inaugurated president of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) for 2007-8 during ACOFP's annual convention held in March. Dr.

Rubin is a board-certified family physician, received the designation of ACOFP Fellow in 1992, and received his designation of Distinguished ACOFP Fellow in the inaugural presentation of the award in 2004.

Scott C. Jones, D.O., M.P.H., '85, St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed medical director of BJC Corporate Health Services. Dr. Jones will oversee medical staff operations at BarnesCare and will direct network physician relations for OccuMed. He is board certified in occupational-environmental medicine and is a member of the American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.



Jeffrey D. Rettig, D.O., FACOFP, '87, Groesbeck, Texas, was honored by his peers in March for his 10 years of service in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association (TOMA) House of Delegates. Also in March, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)

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awarded him Fellow Designation. The award was announced during ACOFP’s Annual Conclave of Fellows Awards Banquet held during ACOFP’s annual convention and exhibition. Dr. Rettig, who is in private family practice with Rettig Family Health Care in Grosebeck, served as president of the Texas ACOFP State Society and is currently president of TOMA District 18.

Sir J. Scott Savage, D.O., FACEP, FSCP, CCHP, KtB, ’87, Jackson, Mich., has been named regional medical director for the Michigan Department of Corrections. Dr. Savage was knighted in 2002 for his achievements in international military medicine. A former space shuttle flight surgeon, he is currently on the national faculty for emergency medicine for the National Procedures Institute, assistant clinical professor in internal medicine at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and associate clinical professor of emergency medicine for the Boonshoft School of Medicine. In addition, Dr. Savage has just completed three chapters for Pfenninger and Fowler’s “Office Procedures,” third edition, due out in 2008.

David S. Abend, D.O., ’89, Westwood, N.J., was featured in the



article “Mission possible: DOs deliver care where others fear to go,” which appeared in the January edition of *The D.O.* The article noted that in the wake of the 9.11 World Trade Center disaster, Dr. Abend sprung into action, providing osteopathic healthcare to firefighters, police officers, volunteers, and others working at Ground Zero. He continued to provide service for about six months following, going to Staten Island with his OMT table every Tuesday so he could treat recovery workers, including New York police officers and firefighters, military personnel, and American Red Cross volunteers who sifted through wreckage.

1990s



Michael J. Sampson, D.O., ’92, Blacksburg, Va., was named the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians’ (ACOFP) Young Physician of the Year. Dr. Sampson was honored during the ACOFP Annual Convention and Exhibition

held in March.

Noli R. Mendoza, D.O., ’93, Iowa City, Iowa, has been named a physician for the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison, Iowa. Dr. Mendoza is board certified in emergency medicine and is a trauma specialist. He retired from military service in 2005 as a Lieutenant Colonel. While in service, he logged 26 deployments with four combat tours while serving the U.S. Army. His last tour was in Iraq with the 109th Medical BN of the Iowa National Guard. Upon completion of his 10-month tour, he earned a Bronze Star awarded by the 101st Airborne Division.

Randy A. Shuck, D.O., FACOFP, ’94, Gulfport, Fla., has received Fellow designation from the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP). The award was announced during ACOFP’s Annual Conclave of Fellows Awards Banquet held during ACOFP’s annual convention and exhibition in March. Dr. Shuck, who is in private family practice with All Family Medicine Center in St. Petersburg, Fla., is a current member of the ACOFP Committee on Education and Evaluation and is a member of the Marketing/Public Relations Committee. He has served as treasurer of the ACOFP Florida State Society and is currently serving as president-elect. President of the Pinellas

County Osteopathic Medical Society, he will assume the newly created position of director of medical education at St. Petersburg Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., later this year.



Robert D. Floyd, D.O., FACOI, ABHPM, '97, Kirksville, has been certified in hospice and palliative medicine. Dr. Floyd serves as the hospice medical director for Hospice of Northeast Missouri.

Terrence M. Mulligan, D.O., M.P.H., '97, Westport, Conn., has completed the AOA Certificate Program in Health Policy.

2000s

Kristine N. Dickens, M.S., LAT, ATC, '01, Greensboro, N.C., was married in October.

David W. Kelley, D.O., '03, West Lebanon, N.H., and his wife, Wendy, are the proud parents of their second daughter, Corryn Alexandra, who was born January 20. In addition, Dr. Kelley has been accepted for a fellowship in critical care medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, which will begin when he completes his anesthesiology residency in July.



Barbara Maxwell, P.T., D.P.T., '06, Queen Creek, Ariz., has been appointed vice dean of the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS). Prior to her appointment, she served as associate professor in the ASHS Physical Therapy Department. Dr. Maxwell received her certificate in Teaching in Higher Education from Oxford Brookes University (England), her Master of Science in Research Methodology from Kings College, London University (England), and her Bachelor of Science with Honors in Physiotherapy from the University of Ulster (Northern Ireland).



Leah L. Salvador, D.P.T., '06, Terre Haute, Ind., was a presenter at the 12th annual Mini Medical School series, which focused on advances in knee replacement. Dr. Salvador, a physical therapist at Union Hospital, has extensive clinical experience working in different physical therapy areas, such as inpatient, outpatient, acute medical rehabilitation, home health, skilled nursing facilities, work conditioning, wound care, and lymphedema.

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Correction

Our apologies to Kevin A. Messey, M.S., ATC, CSCS, '01, for incorrectly including "III" with his name in "Class notes" that appeared in the winter/spring edition of *Still Magazine*.

ATSU pays tribute to the following graduates who died (and notification received) January, 1, 2007, through May 4, 2007.

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1930s

Thomas J. Keenan Jr., D.O., '34
Needham, Mass.

Claire Taylor, D.O., '34
Cranston, R.I.

Ronald Hooper, D.O., '37
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Wayne H. Roberts, D.O. '37
Edmond, Okla.

V. Wayne Lehr, D.O., '38
Kirkville, Mo.

Marion A. Mulkin, D.O., '38
Miami, Fla.

1940s

John W. Lash, D.O., '40
Bullhead City, Ariz.

Williams C. Worley, D.O., '40
Kansas City, Mo.

Munroe Hazen Kneeland, D.O., '41
Waynesville, Mo.

Paul A. Whitmore, D.O., '44
Phoenix, Ariz.

1950s

Herbert A. Goff, D.O., '51
Gulfport, Fla.

Frances M. Allgood, D.O., '52
Tampa, Fla.

Arnold Hershman, D.O., '52
Gig Harbor, Wash.

Robert H. Itsell, D.O., '54
Mesa, Ariz.

Katherine G. Paterson, D.O., '54
Cedar Park, Texas

Verner M. Simonsen Jr., D.O., '59
Cape Coral, Fla.

1960s

Ronald Lee Deem, D.O., '62
Panama City Beach, Fla.

Franklin L. Messany, D.O., '66
Muskegon, Mich.

1970s

Samuel G. Cornelius, D.O., '75
Midwest City, Okla.

Stacey F. Howell Jr., D.O., '76
Williamsburg, Iowa

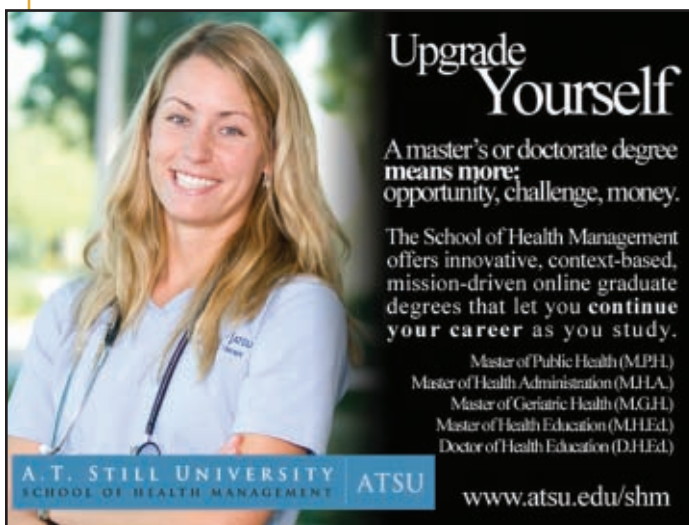
1980s

Ralph H. Greenwasser Jr., D.O., '85
Stuart, Fla.

Bradford Dale Pflaum, D.O., '89
Waterford, Mich.

2000s

Samantha Kelly Edinger, M.S.,
PA-C, '05
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St. Louis, MO

Hilton at the Ball Park

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Founder's Day Manipulative Update

Oct. 18-20, 2007

Kirksville, MO

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