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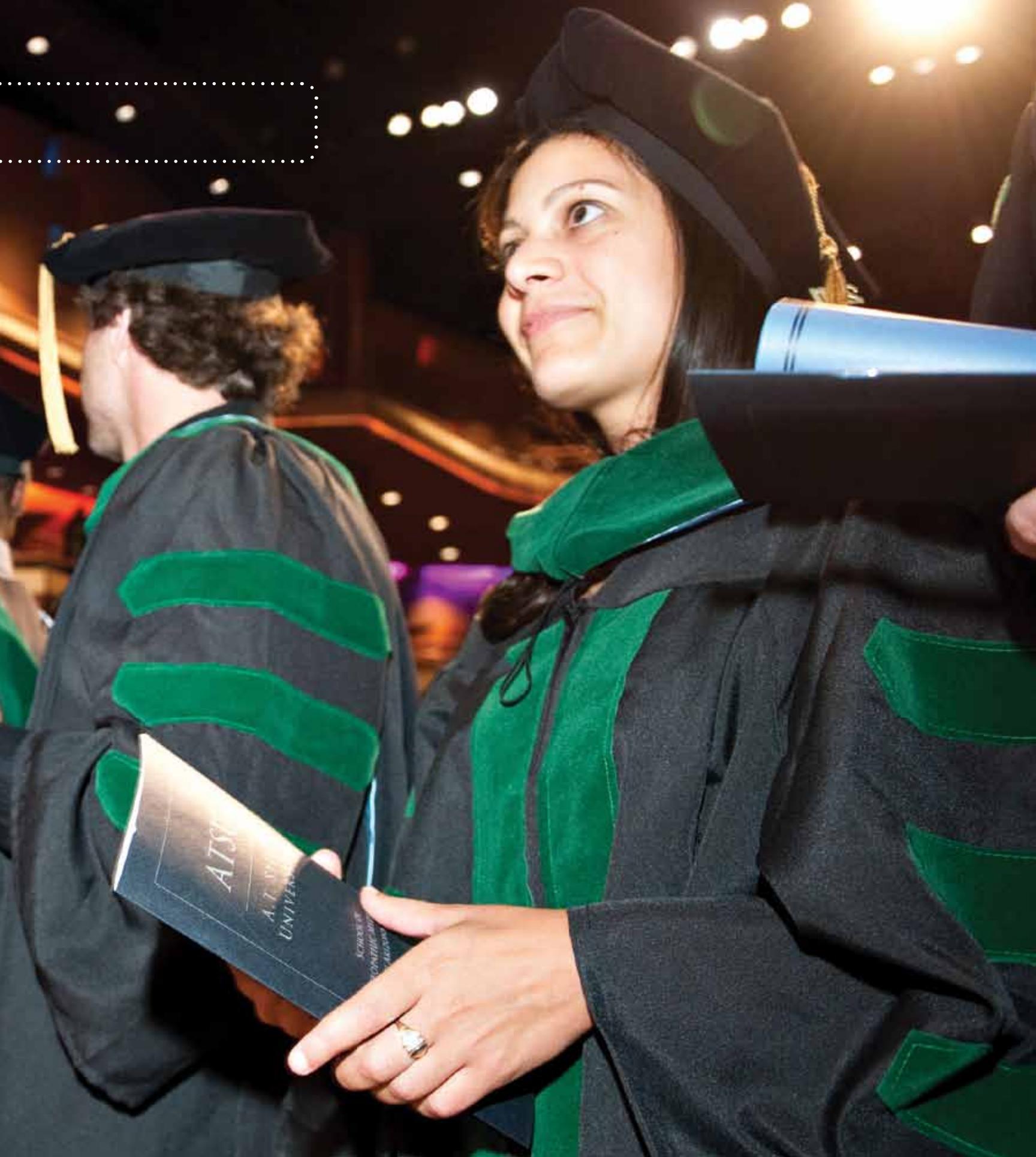
## Dreams come true

92 new D.O.s graduate in  
ATSU-SOMA's inaugural class

# Our point of view

ATSU celebrated five commencements this spring, and you're looking at a few of the 92 new D.O.s who graduated from ATSU-SOMA's inaugural class in June.





Friends,

It seems like every issue of the magazine is special, and this one is, too, celebrating the first graduating class of our School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona. SOMA began as a dream six years ago when Dr. Douglas L. Wood joined us as the founding dean. Now the dream has become reality as 92 men and women of the inaugural class took part in commencement ceremonies on June 3 and, receiving their D.O. degrees, became osteopathic physicians. I am proud of each and every one of them, and I am equally proud of the innovative curriculum which Dr. Wood and his staff have implemented and which Interim Dean Thomas McWilliams is carrying on.



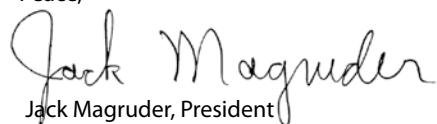
At the Innovators' Gala the evening before commencement I had the distinct privilege of presenting to Dr. Wood the Presidential Proclamation of Thanks and Appreciation for his years of excellent service to SOMA, to the University, and to medical education nationwide. The entire evening was a marvelous celebration of SOMA students, faculty, and staff, including the 11 community campuses across the country at which students spent three years of their medical education.

Now that the first class has graduated, the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation has awarded SOMA its initial full accreditation status. Congratulations to all who made this important recognition happen, and congratulations to everyone at SOMA and ATSU for the splendid success of the dream that became reality.

Other dreams are taking firm shape, too, including the Missouri dental program to be centered on our Kirksville campus. Many people at ATSU have already put in countless hours to move this project ahead. The next steps are to work with community health centers in Missouri and to obtain concrete plans from the architects for our Kirksville dental building. I look forward to the first class of 40-45 students entering in fall 2013.

Beginning with the dream of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, ATSU continues as an institution full of vitality and excellence. The wonderful and talented people at this great institution take pride in being part of the mission, the vision, and the many dreams that have become—and will become—real. I am proud to play a role in the success of ATSU as we go forward to pre-eminence, and I thank you—the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the University, as well as the Board of Trustees—for all that you do. It is a pleasure and an honor to represent you wherever I go.

Peace,

  
Jack Magruder, President

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**"What has happened here over the past six years is utterly amazing."**

Douglas L. Wood, D.O., Ph.D.,  
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founding dean, School of Osteopathic  
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from the editor



## Good-bye

This letter is bittersweet.

No longer will I have the privilege of continuing our conversation as editor of *Still Magazine*, as my family and I are leaving Missouri for Oregon in the manner of Lewis and Clark – but without the keel boat. He, to continue his career in fisheries and wildlife, and I to Oregon State University, where I will continue writing about health and communicating with alumni in the College of Health and Human Sciences.

I have enjoyed working to transform this publication to one that represents the university and both of its campuses, and I leave knowing I truly did my best to make this magazine something we can be proud of and which also, and most importantly, serves you. *Still Magazine* has earned a name for itself, and I see no reason why that won't continue.

This university has changed by leaps and bounds since I joined its family six years ago. One thing that hasn't changed is its commitment to students and its mission and belief that we are responsible for caring for those in need and for treating not just the disease, but the person – the whole person.

This university has given me much and has been more than a job. It's provided a support system of friends and colleagues, as well as access to a network of students and alumni who unfailingly impress me with their talent, skills, and dedication to care for others in a holistic way.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell your story, tell you a story, educate and entertain you. It's been a pleasure serving you, and I look forward to continuing to share the story of osteopathic medicine in my travels.

As one colleague always says, and which seems appropriate considering my new adventure West ...

Happy trails!



Kathryn Stroppel, B.J., editor



No one accomplishes anything alone, and I'm part of an awesome staff in Communication & Marketing. I'm here with half the team celebrating SOMA students at the Innovators' Gala.

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# In brief



## **The Tree of Peace**

After a long journey to ATSU's Arizona campus, the Tree of Peace, which symbolizes oral health as a bridge to peace nationwide, was officially unveiled and dedicated May 26 before more than 40 guests. The bronze sculpture, which was funded by ATSU-ASDOH supporters, is the first to be installed in the United States and symbolizes the pioneering partnership of medicine and education and the enduring desire to achieve peace within the global community.

The original sculpture is located at the Hebrew University School of Dental Medicine, where it symbolizes the peaceful, pioneering partnership between Israeli and Palestinian dental students at the university and also Al-Quds University, both of which are located in Jerusalem, Israel.

Pictured are (right) ATSU-ASDOH Dean Jack Dillenberg, D.D.S., M.P.H., and (left) Adam Stabholz, D.M.D., dean, faculty of dental medicine, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who are standing with (center) Hedva Ser, a renowned contemporary artist who sculpted the Tree of Peace.



Truman State University President Troy D. Paino and ATSU President Jack Magruder look to strengthen cooperative ventures.

## Win-win: Truman and ATSU share bright futures

Strategic partners in many ventures, Kirksville's two universities are poised to take that partnership to the next level. Troy D. Paino, J.D., Ph.D., Truman State University president, and ATSU President Jack Magruder have spent months in conversation regarding the advantages of a confirmed collaboration, especially in support of ATSU's new dental school.

"The fates of Kirksville, ATSU, and Truman are inextricably joined; over time, our individual successes will benefit the entire community," Dr. Paino said. "Truman's support for ATSU's dental program is unequivocal, and we will do whatever we can to ensure its success."

Initiatives in support of Missouri Dental include Truman's development of a pre-dental club and pre-dentistry concentration as well as a cooperatively developed admissions process to co-enroll Truman students in the dentistry program.

Other exciting initiatives also are on the radar, such as possible new

graduate degree programs in pharmacy and nursing.

"I am excited about the increasingly valuable partnership between our universities, especially with respect to ATSU's new dental program," said President Magruder. "ATSU, Truman, and the city of Kirksville will be the beneficiaries of our cooperation."

While no timelines for these initiatives have been outlined, it is certain that each institution will share continued successes, building upon their already strong relationship. For many years the universities have pooled resources – Truman uses ATSU's anatomy lab, ATSU makes constant use of Truman's Baldwin Hall Auditorium, and researchers from both campuses share new ideas at ATSU's annual Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Symposium. Countless other examples abound, each a win-win for Kirksville's fine institutions of higher education.

## KCOM president emeritus is Great Pioneer

On July 15, the American Osteopathic Association honored KCOM President Emeritus Fred C. Tinning, Ph.D., for his contributions to the osteopathic medical profession with its Great Pioneer Award.

Additionally, the American Academy of Osteopathy presented Dr. Tinning with its 11th annual Academy Award in recognition of his support of osteopathic philosophy, principles, and practices.

Dr. Tinning earned his bachelor's (1959), master's (1961), and doctorate (1973) at Michigan State University (MSU). He served as president of ATSU-KCOM from 1984-96. In 1994, the college dedicated the Tinning Education Center in his honor.

Dr. Tinning boasts numerous other recognitions, having been selected by the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association Board of Directors to receive its Living Tribute Award (2003) for his many years of outstanding service to KCOM and to the osteopathic profession. In 1999, the MSU Alumni Association honored him with the Distinguished Alumni Award for his exceptional community, state, and national service.



Dr. and Mrs. Tinning



Helle Brand, PA, Memory Disorders Clinic, outlined issues associated with each stage of Alzheimer's.

## PA program update

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted continued accreditation to A.T. Still University's Physician Assistant program. Continued accreditation is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards. Continued accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process, or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next comprehensive review of the program by the ARC-PA will be March 2014.

## Museum gets funds for cranial collection

The Cranial Academy Foundation extended funds to the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine<sup>SM</sup> and International Center for Osteopathic History to support the Viola Frymann Legacy Collection. The collection comprises the life work of Viola Frymann, D.O., FAAO, FCA, a pioneer, innovator, advocate, and friend of the osteopathic profession for more than 50 years. The gift will help the museum assess, prioritize, and make Dr. Frymann's unique work available for education and research.

"There are few among us who are more worthy of high esteem and few who have such a distinguished body of work as the profession's beloved Dr. Viola Fry-

mann," said **Michael Lockwood, D.O., '81**, FCA, president of The Cranial Academy Foundation.

The Cranial Academy Foundation is dedicated exclusively to teaching, advocating, and advancing osteopathic medicine, specifically osteopathic medicine in the cranial field. "It is distinctly our honor to aid in the research and advancement of the Osteopathic Paradigm and Sutherland concepts," Dr. Lockwood said. "Members of the board of directors embrace the philosophy that serving is not an obligation or opportunity but a gift."



## Lecture on Aging focuses on Alzheimer's

ATSU's Committee on Aging hosted its 7th annual Lecture on Aging on April 1 to enhance healthcare providers' understanding of the challenges associated with Alzheimer's disease and share current concepts related to diagnosis and patient care. The lecture, "Meeting the challenge of Alzheimer's: Current concepts in diagnosis and care," featured speakers from the Banner Alzheimer's Institute (BAI) in Phoenix, and was held on the Arizona campus with simultaneous videoconferencing on the Missouri campus.

In his presentation, "Diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease," Roy Yaari, M.D., MAS, associate director of BAI's Memory Disorders Clinic, discussed the early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, the key elements to diagnosing Alzheimer's, and drugs currently used to treat the disease. He stressed that it is important to note that these drugs slow down the progression of the disease but are not curative.

Helle Brand, PA, Memory Disorders Clinic, addressed the stages of Alzheimer's disease and the key issues associated with early, moderate, and late stages of the disease. "In each of these stages, it is important to recognize the impact of the disease on caregivers and offer support and understanding," she said.

"ATSU was honored to partner with BAI for this lecture," said Elton Bordenave, M.Ed., director of the ATSU Aging Project for the Arizona campus. "We plan on future collaborative projects with BAI and other community organizations to enhance our student, faculty, and staff's awareness of issues affecting the elderly."

## Fraternity prepares campus, community for disaster

ATSU-KCOM Sigma Sigma Phi honors fraternity brought together members of the Kirksville community for the first Disaster Preparedness and Awareness Day (DPAD) on March 26. Cold temperatures couldn't keep the crowd away as 250 healthcare professionals, students, volunteers, and community members gathered to raise awareness of the steps to take whenever a community disaster occurs. Second-year ATSU-KCOM students Colleen Emge and Michael Musso coordinated the event.

"We wanted to raise community awareness," Emge said. "After the tornado in 2009, Red Cross and FEMA weren't able to get here for two days and locals were self-dependent and we wanted to get out information on how to respond to a future crisis."

Community fire departments, ambulance districts, and local law enforcement joined with Northeast Regional Medical Center, A.T.

Still University, and other community healthcare organizations, setting up stations, lectures, and demonstrations to benefit the community and students.

"We definitely want to see this become an annual community event," Musso said. "We will look to bring back everything next year and to add new pieces as well."

With the success of DPAD, Emge and Musso were asked to present the event as a workshop at the 2011 Student Osteopathic Medical Association national convention in Washington, D.C., on April 9.

Two other schools of osteopathic medicine have already taken notice. Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences in Yakima, Wash., and Touro University Nevada in Henderson, Nev., have inquired about a video-conference session with event organizers to implement similar programs on their campuses.

**Bottom photo:** Pictured are Colleen Emge, Dan Holte, R.N., director of the Emergency Department at Northeast Regional Medical Center, and Michael Musso.



## Gallup taps ATSU for campus well-being

ATSU has been selected as one of only three inaugural member institutions of the Gallup Campus Wellbeing Consortium. The consortium works to create a new discussion about the wellbeing of the people who learn and work at colleges and universities, and to create a community where people use a common vocabulary about what is right with individuals. These institutions are collectively committed to increasing the wellbeing of all the people on their campuses and in the surrounding communities. The University of North Texas and Texas Christian University are the

other schools selected.

Universities were selected from a pool of interested schools based on their outstanding levels of commitment to the project and the powerful impact they are proposing to make on their campuses and in their communities. This announcement marks the beginning of a five-year journey for each university to become a wellbeing campus and to help students, faculty, and staff reach thriving levels of

wellbeing.

This is a landmark commitment to improving the lives of those who learn and work at ATSU. It clearly aligns with the university's mission to improve the wellbeing not only of the university family but also the greater community. "The goals of the consortium are highly congruent with the mission of the university," ATSU President Jack Magruder said. "We are committed to educate caring professionals dedicated to

whole person healthcare and to provide a healthy learning and work environment, in keeping with our osteopathic heritage. Our participation in the Gallup Consortium will help us maximize progress toward that goal.

"I am excited about this important project and confident that everyone will benefit from our participation. This is a chance for us to make a difference nationally as we move toward becoming the pre-eminent healthcare university."

For more information about the program and its goals, visit [campuswellbeing.gallup.com](http://campuswellbeing.gallup.com).



## ATSU-ASDOH joins elite group in training community health workers

The American Dental Association (ADA) and ATSU-ASDOH announced in March the launch of the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) education and training program based at ATSU's Mesa, Ariz., campus. The program will provide training for community health workers with emphasis on oral health education, prevention, and helping patients who may normally face barriers to care, receive dental care.

ATSU-ASDOH is one of four university-affiliated dental schools providing the CDHC program, which is jointly sponsored by the ADA. Other universities offering programs in conjunction with their dental schools include Philadelphia's Temple University, the University of Oklahoma, and the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

In their initial phase of training in Arizona, students, who are practicing dental assistants and dental hygienists, will complete 12 months of online coursework administered by Rio Salado College in Tempe, Ariz. Upon successfully completing the didactic portion of their training, they begin six-month internships at ATSU-ASDOH. Students receive a certificate upon completion of the program.

Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry trains students to work in inner cities; the University of Oklahoma trains students to serve in remote rural areas; and students currently at the UCLA School of Dentistry are training to work in American Indian communities. The UCLA CDHC program will end with the graduation of its second class of students in fall 2011. The final

group of students training to work in American Indian communities will begin and complete their training in the ATSU-ASDOH program.

"We're excited to open this final phase of the CDHC pilot project at the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health," said ADA President Raymond F. Gist, D.D.S. "It will leverage the university's many ties to the American Indian community and its proximity to both Rio Salado College and the southwestern tribal communities in which some CDHCs will work."

ATSU-ASDOH has the largest contingency of tribally enrolled American Indian dental students of any dental school in the nation, with a 100 percent graduation rate for Native students. All of ATSU-ASDOH's Native graduates practice in Native communities.



### Museum to participate in conservation program

The Museum of Osteopathic Medicine<sup>SM</sup> has been chosen to participate in the 2011 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) and joins 2,600 museums that have participated in CAP in its 21-year history of serving small museums.

CAP will provide a general conservation assessment of the museum's collections, and a professional conservator will spend two days surveying the site before preparing a comprehensive report identifying conservation priorities. The onsite consultation will enable the museum to evaluate its current collections' care policies, procedures, and environmental conditions. The assessment report will help the museum make appropriate improvements for the immediate, mid-range, and long-range care of its collections.

"The museum has worked toward this professional review for almost 14 years since its last evaluation and is confident that the work accomplished will be evident in the new CAP report," said Museum Director Jason Haxton.



From left to right: Prof. Elham S.J. Abu Alhaija, dean of the faculty of dentistry, JUST; Tony Hashemian, D.D.S., special assistant to the ASDOH dean, global oral health; Sabah Kalamchi, D.D.S., ASDOH assistant dean; Prof. Ahed M. Al-Wahadni, president, JUST; Jack Dillenberg, D.D.S., M.P.H., ASDOH dean; Elizabeth Russell; and Prof. Khalid El-Salem, dean of graduate studies, JUST.

### ATSU-ASDOH visits Jordan

ATSU's Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health recently visited Irbid, Jordan, to meet with leadership from the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) about a potential collaboration to include ATSU-ASDOH, JUST, and Lutheran Medical Center to start an Advanced Education in General Dentistry program on the JUST campus.

## "Universitizing" continues with new support desk, unified library

The new, university-wide A.T. Still Memorial Library (ATSMILib) and its Educational Technology Development Center have established the Academic Computing Support Desk. The support desk staff will provide answers to basic questions about the use of academic computing software and services and, if needed, refer individuals for more in-depth consultation. The support desk is located in the ATSMILib-Arizona. Access and use of the support desk are available to both the Arizona and Missouri programs' faculty and staff.

ATSU's new university-wide library launched on April 5, unifying the Arizona and Missouri campus libraries. The establishment of the A.T. Still University Memorial Library is part of the university's move toward combining the two campuses into a single unified university structure.

Working together, the two campus library locations will take the lead in providing focused library and academic computing support of the schools on each campus.

"The new unified library structure will provide a consistent, coordinated set of resources and services across the ATSU community," said Michael Kronenfeld, university librarian and director of the Arizona ATSMILib site. "The opportunity to better pool our resources and expertise will enable us to upgrade these services for everyone."

Doug Blansit, formerly director of the ATSU Memorial Library in Missouri, will serve as director of the Missouri ATSMILib site.



## Arizona and Missouri students bond over b-ball

Arizona students visited the Missouri campus to take on its students in the annual Rotator Cuff basketball tournament. This is the fourth time ATSU-ASDOH Vice Dean James Bell, D.D.S., has taken students to Missouri to compete in the tournament, which he says is a nice way for students who don't interact with each other regularly to come together.

The sixth time Arizona teams have played in Missouri, the boys' team included ASDOH students, and the girls' team comprised ASDOH and ASHS students. According to Dr. Bell, the girls' team won four straight games and took it all. "It was cool," he said.

## D.H.Sc. Institute inspires

ATSU's Arizona School of Health Sciences held its second winter institute for the online Doctor of Health Sciences program in February. More than 100 students, 15 faculty, and five alumni attended the 2011 institute, titled "Mind, Mending, and Moving Health Forward." Students toured the campus, listened to faculty and alumni presentations, and shared research projects with their colleagues. The week also provided an opportunity for students to meet face to face and discuss pertinent issues in healthcare.

Said one attendee, "I know that I made a great choice when I chose A.T. Still University, and the experience gave me an even greater desire to achieve this degree from this University."

## MFH gives \$500k grant for Missouri dental program

Future access to oral healthcare just became much brighter for Missouri's most vulnerable populations, including the state's uninsured, underinsured, and underserved populations of all ages.

The Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) announced it will provide an initial \$500,000 grant to ATSU to help the university plan and develop a new and innovative dental program in Kirksville. Additional MFH funding of approximately \$2.5 million has been requested by ATSU for its subsequent 2012 developmental/start-up phase and 2013 launch/implementation phase, contingent upon successful completion of the initial planning and development phase.

ATSU expects to open its Missouri dental program with its first class of 40 to 45 students in fall 2013. The four-year Missouri dental curriculum is being modeled after the highly successful

and innovative dental program at ATSU's Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health in Mesa. The goal of ATSU's new Missouri-based dental program is to educate and produce a whole new generation of community-minded dentists who will help fill oral health workforce gaps, including in Community Health Centers (CHCs) across the state.

ATSU President Jack Magruder said, "Adding the dental program to our ATSU Missouri campus not only will enhance interprofessional education in our state, but also provide meaningful oral health outcomes, especially among Missouri's most vulnerable populations. With this generous support from MFH, we are confident that our dental program in Kirksville — involving local and other Missouri CHCs — will be highly successful and will help fulfill the missions of both ATSU and MFH."



## A reason to smile

Approximately 350 underprivileged elementary school children went home with brighter smiles because of Give Kids a Smile® Day (GKAS) held April 15 on the A.T. Still University campus in Mesa. Students from the Mesa and Apache Junction Public School Districts and, for the first time, children from the Catholic Healthcare West dental program, visited ATSU-ASDOH to receive free basic dental care.

Through a partnership with the Arizona Dental Foundation

(ADF), ATSU-ASDOH students and faculty took part in Give Kids a Smile® Day for the sixth consecutive year along with volunteers and volunteer dentists from around the Valley. More than 400 volunteers participated in the event.

According to Ginger Froncek, executive director of the ADF, the donated oral healthcare provided through GKAS is approximately the equivalent of \$300 per child, with this year's ATSU-ASDOH event totaling \$105,000 in care.



## VIPs get sneak peek of new center

Approximately 100 guests attended ATSU-ASDOH's VIP reception preview of The Center for Advanced Oral Health Education on April 28. The multi-phased project includes areas focused on orthodontics, maxillofacial care, advanced care, and research. The first phase, an expanded orthodontic clinic, held its grand opening. The center will be designed to bring together expertise in education, advanced care and research, and will provide unparalleled opportunities for oral healthcare innovation and access.

## ATSU publications take honors



ATSU brought home three American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Excellence in Communications Awards at the association's annual banquet on April 15.

*Still Magazine* won first place in Best Magazine – Multimedia and second place in Best Magazine – Print. *iconnect* earned second place for Best Website. And ATSU won second place for its video "What is a D.O.?" in the Best Video – COM Produced category.

AACOM's Excellence in Communications Awards are presented for outstanding marketing, media relations, public relations, public education, writing, and design efforts at the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine.



## First lady of Tanzania visits ATSU-ASDOH

ATSU's Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health welcomed Her Excellency Salma Kikwete, first lady of the United Republic of Tanzania, to campus in April. She joined leadership from Project C.U.R.E. for lunch and a tour of the ATSU-ASDOH Clinic.

HE Kikwete was in town to serve as the guest of honor at the sixth annual Project C.U.R.E. First Ladies Luncheon at the Arizona Biltmore. Proceeds from the luncheon will be used to deliver medical supplies and equipment to Tanzanian hospitals. Project C.U.R.E. is a Colorado-based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping meet the need for medical supplies, equipment, and services around the world.

The first lady is also the founder of Tanzania's Women in Development Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to an increased number of economically empowered women, progres-

sive communities, and educated, healthy children. Because of the close alignment of the organizations' missions, the lunch and tour provided an opportunity for ATSU-ASDOH leadership, Project C.U.R.E. leadership, and the first lady to discuss how the groups may be able to collaborate in the future.



## Belles – and beaus – of the Ball

The 2011 ATSU-ASDOH Founders' Ball was held June 9 at The Phoenician in Scottsdale, Ariz., in the hotel's new Camelback Ballroom. All students from the Class of 2011 were invited to attend the black-tie formal, reception, and dinner with one guest, at no cost. The event also included remarks by ATSU-ASDOH's dean, the presentation of the student-made DVD yearbook, and dancing. The ball, which was attended by 252 guests, is primarily funded by sponsorship, and this year boasted one Platinum-level sponsor (\$5,000), six Gold-level sponsors (\$2,500), six table sponsors (\$2,000) and 18 Friends of ASDOH (\$100-\$1,999).



## Women's Wellness provides \$15k in awards

ATSU's Women's Wellness program members announced the recipients of the First Annual Women's Wellness Program Awards. Funds were made available from charitable gifts received from members to provide ATSU programmatic awards through a competitive process.

Applications initially were reviewed by the Women's Wellness Awards & Scholarship Committee, with finalists presenting to members of the Women's Wellness program at an on-campus session. Women's Wellness members then voted

for program awards that best aligned with ATSU's mission. More than \$15,000 in combined funding was awarded.

Funded recipients include \$3,000 to the BRITE program, which provides dental patient transportation to ASDOH's dental clinic; \$4,000 to purchase a birthing simulator for ASHS' Physician Assistant program; and \$8,500 for a hand-held X-ray system for ASDOH students and faculty who visit rural villages in Alaska to provide care to underserved populations, particularly school-age children.

# A celebration of community

Sixth annual  
Still Spirit Awards honors  
community leaders



A.T. Still University honored in March more than 30 Kirksville leaders who contribute to the community in a variety of roles and for more than 60 local organizations.

Led by ATSU President Jack Magruder and guest emcee Alisa Kiger, the 2011 Still Spirit Awards hosted just over 200 community members and honored seven with Still Spirit Awards.

This is the sixth annual ceremony ATSU has held to honor those community leaders who exemplify A.T. Still's compassion and giving spirit. During the ceremony, President Magruder said Dr. Still would have loved the connection that exists today between the university and Kirksville.

"It's really neat that this community has twice come to the aid of A.T. Still University," he said, recalling the money the Kirksville City Council gave to Dr. Still to form his medical school, as well as the \$1 million recently raised to bring a dental program to the Missouri campus. "This truly is a celebration of community."



The 2011 Still Spirit Award winners include Tourism Director Debi Boughton; co-chairs Ranee Brayton and Larry Gardner of Community Friends for ATSU Dental; longtime community supporters Bill and Dianthe Cable; livestock producer Garry Mathes; and radio host John McConnell.

Last year's Still Spirit Award recipients Gary Cunningham, Shag Grossnickle, Marietta Jonas Jayne, John and the Hon. Martha Rowe, and Bertha Thomas were recognized, as well as 25 nominees.



Top photo: Still Spirit Award nominees attended a VIP reception.

Left photo: Alisa Kiger, a 2007 Still Spirit Award winner, emceed the event.

Right photo: ATSU-KCOM Biomedical Sciences student Paul Buttars entertained the audience on his guitar during dinner.

# Music to our ears



International music and noise exposure expert **Marshall Chasin, Au.D., '03, M.Sc., Reg. CASLPO, Aud (C)**, shared his knowledge with 122 attendees of the Women's Wellness program's annual community luncheon on March 1 at the newly opened Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix.

During Dr. Chasin's presentation, "Hear the Music," he discussed hearing loss prevention and the importance of appreciating and not taking advantage of music.

"It turns out that humans are wonderful at discerning changes in pitch, and we can certainly tell when people are off key," said Dr. Chasin. "However, we are quite poor discriminators of intensity. It is intensity that eventually causes hearing loss damage. Rock and roll needs to be loud, but it does not need to be intense."

Dr. Chasin's presentation covered hearing protection, moderation,

and some tricks to delude the musician and the listener such as lowering the volume and obtaining special noise-reducing headphones.

Among the Women's Wellness crowd sat ATSU audiology faculty, staff, and students. ASHS Dean **Barbara Maxwell, P.T., D.P.T., '06, M.Sc., Cert. THE**, and Audiology Chair and Associate Professor Tabitha Parent Buck, Au.D., provided remarks to the crowd, informing them of the Arizona School of Health Sciences, and more specifically the Audiology program.

"The Women's Wellness Luncheon provided an excellent opportunity to inform attendees about the prevention of hearing loss as well as some key points regarding the audiology programs at ATSU," said Dr. Parent Buck. "I was honored to be a part of this event and happy to see audiology students and faculty networking with community members."

The event also symbolized the changing of the guards for the co-chairs of the Women's Wellness program. Founding co-chairs Kim Hochschuler and Christine Muldoon welcomed both Amanda Weaver and Nancy Dean as incoming co-chairs for

the program. Hochschuler and Muldoon were both presented with personal framed copies of "The Healing Touch," painted by DeLoss McWilliams.

Guests received ATSU bags filled with items such as Dr. Chasin's book, "Hear the Music," informational sheets on hearing, an ATSU calendar, a stress relief ball in the shape of an ear, and a set of ear plugs.

"Hear the Music" event sponsors included Women's Wellness member Randy Kendrick, Scottsdale Healthcare, Eytomic Research, and Dr. Chasin. ■



Top photo: Founding Women's Wellness co-chairs and incoming co-chairs (l to r) Christine Muldoon, Amanda Weaver, Nancy Dean, and Kim Hochschuler.

Left photo: Joseph, from Duo Felice, allows the group to literally hear the music as he performs on his guitar during lunch.

# The students' professor Paleontologist brings new life to Anatomy

Anatomy Chair Peter Kondashov, Ph.D., is living proof there's no substitute for passion. When you love what you do, your excitement is contagious. Thus explains his success in the classroom and popularity among students, who this year voted to grant him the Max T. Gutensohn award.

"I'm hyper; I get excited when I teach. I'll say, 'look at this cute cell,' and the class just dies laughing. You need to like what you're doing, or it's not going to go well," he says. "I think the biggest reason students like my lectures is because I love my subject. One histology student wrote saying he thought the class would be boring, but was surprised to find beauty in the stained tissues. I get excited about what I teach, and I think students see that.

When they see I'm excited about the subject, they get interested."

Of course passion is only part of the equation. Dr. Kondashov, an international researcher trained as an anatomist at Moscow State University, also knows his subject matter.

"First, I make sure I know my stuff. Then, I make sure I deliver the material well. And then when I test, I'm always fair. That's my teaching philosophy."

In addition, he is a self-described "laid-back guy," who forms a positive rapport with students based on mutual respect. "I very much respect the students, and I think they notice that – and it pays back," he says. "If you don't respect them, they're not going to respect you. I take this very seriously."

Putting himself in the stu-

dent's figurative seat helps. "I always try to remember when I was a student," he says. "I think one of the mistakes that a lot of teachers make is that they forget where the students are and don't connect with them. I try to look at material not as an expert but as a student. And being a visual learner, I usually put a lot of visuals into my lectures. I like images, and I think visual learning is really important."

## Pushing new frontiers

Born on the border between Russia and Asia "in the middle of nowhere," Dr. Kondashov is the son of a geologist who moved the family to Moscow when he was a toddler. It wasn't until 2001 that he moved to the United States to accept a teaching job at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville to teach anatomy and histology. He joined ATSU-KCOM in 2006 – primarily so that he could devote more time to his research – and

became Anatomy chair three years later.

An active researcher, he collaborates with international researchers, reconstructing life from bones and fossils. From such treasures, he can "see the creature behind it," achieving a better understanding of what the animal was like anatomically and how it lived. "Basically, I'm looking at dead things, and they come alive in my hands," he says. Ongoing papers include research on a 55-million-year-old skeleton from New Mexico and a sloth-like creature from Mongolia. In total, he has described about 10 spe-

**"I'm looking at dead things, and they come alive in my hands."**



cies of animals new to science.

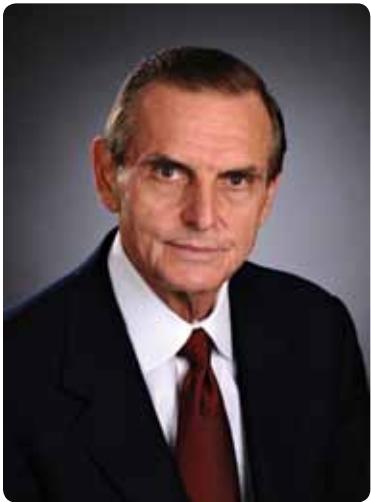
At ATSU-KCOM, he furthers discovery and innovation in the classroom as well. He has big plans for Anatomy, including making it more clinically oriented and incorporating technology. The latter includes the use of ultrasound, upgrading anatomy labs with computer stations, and using an online dissector, as well as a 3-D atlas, which will help students see and rotate structures. "I think this will greatly improve students' perception of anatomy," he says. "I think they have lost interest in anatomy, and this will make it more relevant to what they'll be learning later on. I hope to make it more likeable and interesting again."

Over the last two years he has completely digitized the Histology course, which currently utilizes the most up-to-date technology

to deliver the content of this challenging discipline. Not surprisingly, he's done his research, talking with numerous anatomy chairs across the country to develop a unique system that sets the bar for the teaching this course in the digital format.

Teaching "is really where my passion is," he says. Other passions include traveling, always with his camera, and working and playing outdoors. His office walls display a colorful collection of butterfly photos taken on his many adventures.

Still, at the end of the day, bags unpacked, he's happy to return to Kirksville. "I love my job, I love my career, my family, and my life here," he says. "I'm a happy person. A whole person." ■



## {ATSU}

**Douglas Wood, D.O., Ph.D.**, senior vice president – academic affairs, received the Walter F. Patenge Medal of Public Service from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSU-COM) in May. The award is given to members of the community and profession who have shown an outstanding dedication and commitment to serving the public good and is the highest honor the college can bestow.

Named for the first president of the Michigan Osteopathic

Medicine Advisory Board, the medal is awarded annually for excellence in medicine, government, and public service. Dr. Wood was one of four to receive the award this year.

Dr. Wood served as associate dean of MSU-COM from 1987-91 and as dean from 1991-95. He left to become president of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine until 2005, when he joined ATSU to become the founding dean of the School of Osteopathic Medicine

in Arizona, a position he held until assuming his current duties in 2010.

Among his many tributes, Dr. Wood has received the Phillips Medal for Public Service from Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, the State of Michigan Senate Concurrent Resolution for contributions to the diagnosis and treatment of kidney disease, the Outstanding Nephrologist Award from the Michigan Kidney Foundation, and numerous others.

## {KCOM}

**Vineet Singh, Ph.D.**, associate professor of microbiology, hosted faculty from Thammasat University in Thailand for research training in his laboratory. Sungunya Utaida, Ph.D., studied with Dr. Singh from April 2 to June 15.

The following faculty members have been promoted from the title of associate professor to professor. The promotions are based on their performance in the areas of teaching, research, and/or scholarly activity and service.

- **Neal Chamberlain, Ph.D.**, Department of Microbiology
- **Stephen Laird, D.O.**, Department of Surgery
- **Neil Sargentini, Ph.D.**, Department of Microbiology
- **Karen Snider, D.O.**, Department of OMM

Two ATSU-KCOM faculty awards were handed out this spring, with one faculty member taking home two coveted awards – Anatomy Chair **Peter Kondashov, Ph.D.**, who is profiled in this issue.

The Max T. Gutensohn award recognizes outstanding teaching and is a special merit award de-

cided by first- and second- year students who vote on the professor they believe went above and beyond to teach.

The first-year class chose Dr. Kondashov, who earned his master's and bachelor's degrees in zoology and ecology from Moscow State University. He received his Ph.D. in paleontology from Russian Academy of Sciences and worked as a researcher for three years. He taught anatomy, histology, and zoology at Northwest Missouri State University for six years before coming to Kirksville in 2006. He is an avid nature photographer and goes on digs in Mongolia, Siberia, China, and all over the southwest United States.

In addition to receiving the Gutensohn award, Dr. Kondashov also was awarded the A.T. Still Staff Award, established to recognize full-time KCOM faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching osteopathic philosophy and principles.

**David Kermode, D.O.**, associate professor in the Department of Surgery, also received the A.T. Still Staff Award.

The second-year class chose **David Goldman, D.O., J.D.**,

'91, as its Max T. Gutensohn award winner. Dr. Goldman graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign before attending Washington University School of Law. He worked as secretary-treasurer and corporate legal counsel until he decided to attend KCOM. He completed a traditional rotating internship at Kirksville Osteopathic Medical Center, after which he began residency in psychiatry and a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. He serves as a medicolegal consultant and operates a private psychotherapy management practice. Most importantly, he is a professor at KCOM, as well as Southern Illinois University Medical School in Springfield, Ill.

ATSU-KCOM Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean (Arizona region) **Robert D. Ligorsky, D.O., FACOI, FACP, FAHA**, has been honored by the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI).

 Robert D. Ligorsky, D.O., FACOI, FACP, FAHA, has been honored by the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI). He will be inducted into the Gillum Society of Master Fellows, one of ACOI's highest honors for service to the college and profession. His induction will take place in San Antonio on October 14.

The Gillum Society of Master Fellows honors active ACOI members who have demonstrated outstanding past and present contributions to the college or to osteopathic internal medicine on a local, regional, or national level. The society is named for Grover Gillum, D.O., past ACOI president and outstanding clinician. Dr. Gillum was, for many years, the department chair and residency program director at the Department of Internal Medicine at the Kansas City College of Osteopathy.

Established in 1994, The Gillum Society honors members who have demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to both the college and profession.

## {ASHS}

**Tamara Valovich McLeod, Ph.D., ATC, CSCS**, associate professor, Athletic Training, was interviewed for the article "A Warning on Overuse Injuries for Youths," which was featured April 4 in the personal health



section of *The New York Times*.

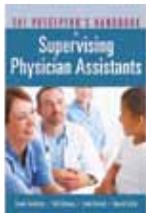
Dr. McLeod has also been named a 2011 National Athletic Training Association (NATA) fellow and is also the recipient of the Arizona Athletic Training Association (AzATA) 2011 Warren H. Lee Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year Award.

The NATA Fellows program recognizes professional achievement in research and/or education, combined with service to the profession. Only the most accomplished scholars in the athletic training profession earn this distinction and are allowed to use the prestigious designation of FNATA.

The AzATA Warren H. Lee Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year Award is the second highest honor bestowed by the association, and is named after the long-time certified athletic trainer at the University of Arizona, a pioneer in the profession.

Dr. McLeod, regarded as an international expert on pediatric sport-related concussion, works with dozens of local schools, athletic teams, and policy bodies to implement appropriate sport concussion diagnosis and management practices to keep children safe.

ATSU Emeritus Professor **Randy Danielsen, Ph.D., PA-C**, senior vice president of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and former ASHS dean, is co-author of the new book "The Preceptor's Handbook for Supervising Physician Assistants."



**Les R. Schmeltz, Au.D., CCC-A**,

assistant professor of Audiology, was re-elected to the Educational Audiometry Association (EAA) Board of Directors as a director-at-large for a term expiring in 2013.

The EAA is an international professional organization for audiologists that was established in 1984 to advocate for educational audiologists and the students they serve.

**John Parsons, Ph.D., ATC, AT**, assistant professor, interdisciplinary health sciences and director, athletic training,

has been named the 2011 NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award (ATSA) winner. The ATSA recognizes NATA members for their contributions to the athletic training profession as a volunteer at the local, state, and district levels. ATSA recipients



have been involved in professional associations, community organizations, grassroots public relations efforts, and service as a volunteer athletic trainer.

Interdisciplinary Health Sciences staff **Eric Sauers, Ph.D., ATC, FNATA**, chair, and

**Alison Snyder Valier, Ph.D., ATC**, associate professor, athletic training, were recognized with the 2011 AzATA President's Award. This award recognizes exemplary service on behalf of the association and/or the profession of athletic training.



Drs. Sauers and Valier are recognized for their tireless efforts in support of association legislative and governmental affairs activities.

## {SOMA}

**Thomas McWilliams, D.O., FACOFP**, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Arizona Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians at its annual meeting April 8.



Dr. McWilliams, clinical professor and interim dean of ATSU's School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, is recognized for his leadership to the society and for exemplifying the role and impact of an osteopathic physician and educator.

A third-generation D.O., Dr. McWilliams entered the Indian Health Service as one of the first Public Health Service scholarship

recipients. He is a diplomate for the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and the American Board of Emergency Medicine and has completed fellowships in rural medicine, national health policy, teaching and learning, and leadership. He has held teaching appointments at the University of Washington and at ATSU-KCOM and is past president of both the Arizona and Missouri Rural Health associations.



**Frederic Schwartz, D.O., '69, FACOFP**, associate dean for community campuses, and professor, Family

and Community Medicine, is the 2011 recipient of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association's Excellence in Osteopathic Medical Education Award. The award honors a physician or non-physician who has contributed significantly to the advancement of osteopathic medical education in Arizona.

Dr. Schwartz was the founding chair of community medicine at the University of New England's New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also has served as vice president of Midwestern University and as chair of family medicine at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine.

## {SHM}

**Michael Samuels, Dr.P.H.**, professor and chair, public health, contributed to and presented the research paper "United States/Mexico Rural Border Health Issues" at the Rural Health Association's 34th Annual Rural Health Conference in Austin, Texas, in May.

**Keith Earnshaw, Ph.D.**, adjunct professor, public health, has created Coastal Giving, a charity that asks North Carolina owners to donate their beach houses for a week to either reunited military families, injured service members, or families with children who have life-threatening medical conditions. Donations may be made to Coastal Giving Inc., P.O. Box 99566, Raleigh, N.C., 27624.

## {SHM} cont.

**Larry Leaming, D.H.A., FACHE**, SHM assistant professor and CEO of Roosevelt General Hospital in Portales, N.M., presented to the Nebraska Hospital Association's Rural Hospital Conference in Kearney, Neb., "Bridging the Leadership Gap: Challenges and Best Practices for Sustainable Leadership Through Succession Planning." The presentation was a review of his research on rural hospital CEO turnover and best practices for minimizing the negative impact of gaps in leadership through succession planning.



**Jeremy Blowers, Ph.D., LMHC, NCC, CAS, CGAS**, assistant professor for the Doctor of Health Education program, spoke for the New York State Council of SUNY Community Colleges Chief Student Affairs Officers in Lake Placid in June. He spoke on college student mental health issues.

## {ASDOH}

Four current and past faculty members were published in the



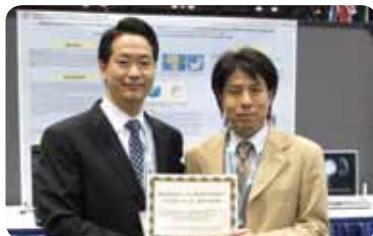
January 2011 edition of the *Journal of Dental Education*. **Janet Woldt, Ph.D., M.S.**,



associate dean for academic assessment; **Wayne Cottam, D.M.D., M.S.**, associate

dean of community partnerships; **Robert Cederberg, D.D.S., M.A.**; and **Kneka Smith, M.P.H.**, all contributed to the article "The Arizona Model: A New Paradigm for Dental Schools." (Pictured are Drs. Woldt and Cederberg.)

**Mounir Kharchaf, D.D.S., M.D.S.**, associate professor and associate director of prosthodontics, has been certified as a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP). The mission of the ABP is to certify individuals who have demonstrated special knowledge and skills in prosthodontics. Certification as a diplomate requires a yearlong exam administered by the ABP.



**Jae Hyun Park, D.M.D., M.S.D., M.S., Ph.D.**, director of ASDOH's postgraduate orthodontic program, pictured left, recently published four articles.

"Nonextraction treatment of the labially displaced maxillary canine" was published in the spring 2011 issue of *International Journal of Orthodontics* in collaboration with **Kyle S. Jackson, D.M.D., D.H.Sc., '09**, a graduate of the ATSU-ASDOH postgraduate orthodontic program, and **Denton Rex Rogers, D.D.S., M.S.D.**, former clinic director of ATSU-ASDOH's postgraduate orthodontic program.

Two other articles, "Tooth autotransplantation as a treatment option: A review," and "Orthodontic treatment of a bilateral cleft lip and palate patient with bilateral tooth transpositions and congenitally missing teeth," were published in the *Journal of Clinical Pediatric Dentistry*. "3-Dimensional cone-beam computed tomography analysis of transverse changes with Schwarz appliances on both jaws" was published in *Angle Orthodontist*.

Dr. Park also received the Joseph E. Johnson Clinical Award (Best Clinical Award) at the American Association of Orthodontists Table Clinic Competition. Dr. Park's award-winning article titled, "3-Dimensional Accuracy of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Images: An in vitro Comparison of Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Cone-Beam Computed Tomography," was co-authored by **Kiyoshi Tai, D.D.S.**, visiting adjunct assistant professor, postgraduate orthodontic program, ATSU-ASDOH.

### For more research

For complete information on research published by ATSU faculty, visit the Publications tab on *iconnect* and check out the *Grants & You* and *ATSU Researcher* newsletters.



American School of Osteopathy

Know all men by these presents, that  
William Smith, M.D.  
having attended a full course of Lectures on, and  
Demonstrations of Osteopathy, and having, after due  
examination, been found duly qualified to practise the  
art in all its branches, is hereby conferred by me  
with the title Diplomate in Osteopathy.

Given at Kirksville, Missouri  
this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1893

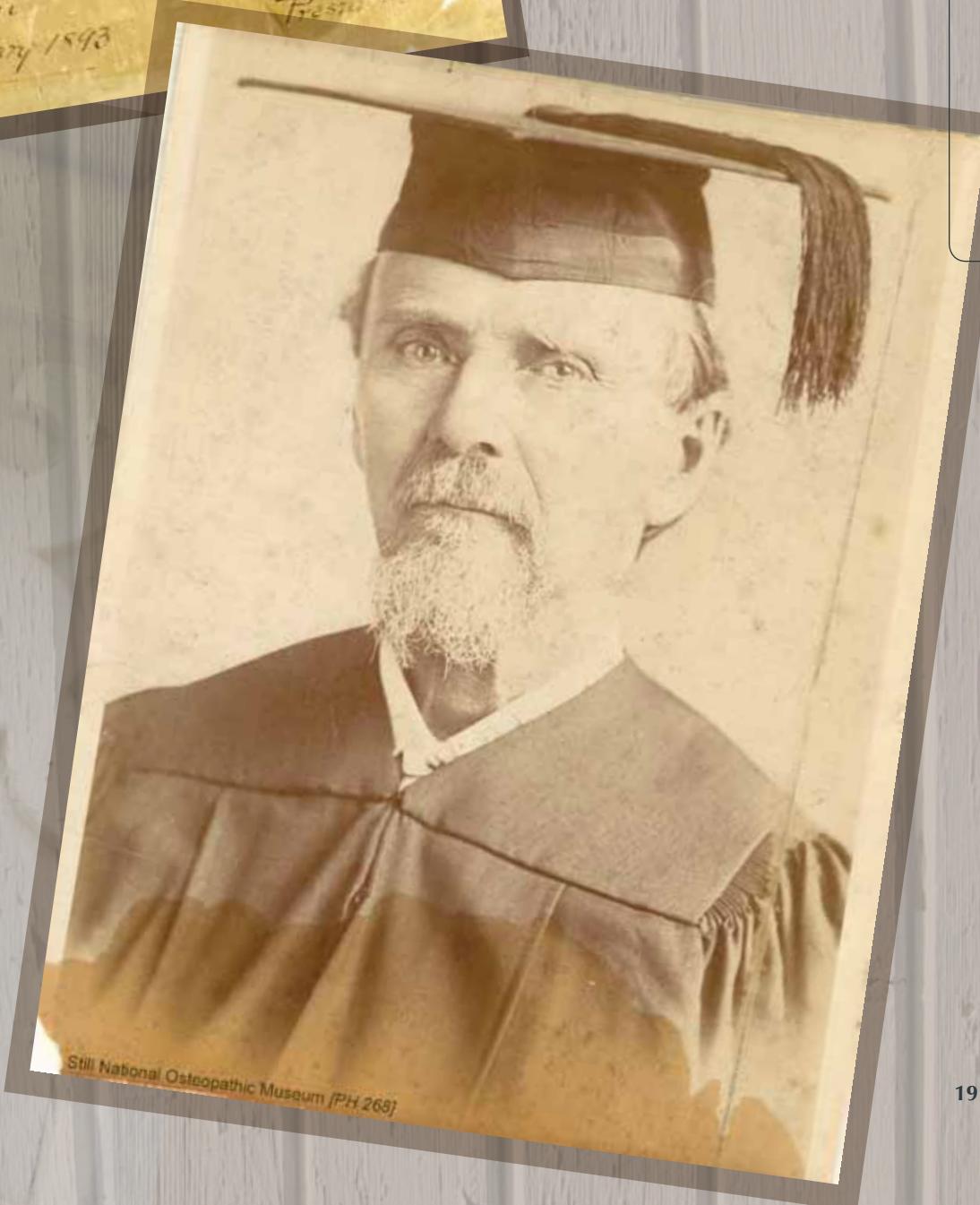
Still National Osteopathic Museum, Kirksville, MO [PH 248]

A.T. Still

President

Dr. A.T. Still, in cap and  
gown, and also as he looked  
handing out diplomas  
to students from his  
front lawn.

Also pictured is the  
first diploma awarded,  
handwritten on a plain  
piece of paper, for  
Dr. Still's first faculty  
member, William Smith,  
M.D., who needed to be  
an osteopath to co-sign  
students' diplomas.  
Dr. Smith wrote out his  
own diploma, and  
Dr. Still signed it.





Oh, the places



they go!



# Dreams come true

## ATSU-SOMA's inaugural class of 92 D.O.s realize a dream, for themselves and those who made it all possible.

By Kathryn Stroppel

There are as many ways to tell the story of ATSU-SOMA's inaugural commencement as there are people who made it happen. Those with the vision to create such a unique school. Those with the courage to attend it.

During the Innovators' Gala the night before commencement, where students and their guests dressed in their best for a night of celebration and reflection before the next day's ceremonies, many expressed what it all means to them. During a video presentation featuring congratulatory remarks from the 11 community campuses at which students spent three years of their education, the Ohio campus perhaps summed it up best:

**"This is a story of a journey ...**

**This is a story of people who had a dream to become a doctor.**

**This is a story of hard work.**

**This is a story of study.**

**This is a story of persistence.**

**This is a story of relationships. Relationships between student and students, between students and teachers, between students and significant others ...**

**This is a story of serious and businesslike people. People who ironed their coats and shined their shoes.**

**This is a story of people who tripped and fell down, but always got back up.**

**This is a story of people who led the way for other students, other travelers, other people with a dream.**

**This is a story of people who set a high standard for others to follow.**

**As with all stories, there is a beginning and an end ...**

**One story ends, but the journey continues."**



**Anne Kennard, D.O., '11, and husband Ryan, a first-year Audiology student at ATSU-ASHS**

"I'm so happy the school put the effort into a ball like this. Not only because we get to dress up but because administration is celebrating with us. It was fun to see everyone again," says Dr. Kennard, who will complete an OB/GYN residency. "I always felt like everyone had our best interests at heart and truly wanted us to do well. Everyone worked so hard to make our education a success."

"She just had such a good experience," says Ryan. "We both feel really connected to the school. The only thing I dislike is it's not OUR school any more."

## Class profile

Degree:  
**Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**

<b>D.O. graduates:</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>M.P.H. graduates:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Average MCAT:</b>	<b>24.4</b>
<b>Avg. GPA:</b>	<b>3.6 cumulative 3.24 science</b>
<b>Avg. age:</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>States represented:</b>	<b>30</b>

**Community campus locations:**  
Alabama, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Ohio, Oregon, New York, South Carolina, Washington

**Where they're going:**  
77 students, or 83.7 percent of graduates are entering primary care or NACHC needed specialties

One could add that SOMA's first commencement also is a story of revolutionizing medical education. Of proactively addressing the public's healthcare needs. Of social responsibility. Of innovation.

These stories and more were shared by faculty and students alike at the gala, which featured student representative Vanessa DeSousa speaking on behalf of the graduating class. After taking students back to the excitement of the day they first were accepted at SOMA, through tests and surveys and experiences at CHCs that rattled nerves and put bodies and minds to their limits, she told students that although the experience hasn't been easy, her hope is that they know they can take on the next leg of the journey – residency. "You CAN do this," she said.

"We all knew that being a part of something new – being a part of the inaugural class of this school – would bring its own unique set of challenges – and boy, did it! Our perseverance and reflection on our experiences at our CHCs will make this program much stronger. Talking with some of the students in the classes behind us, many things have already changed for the better," she said.

"You know, along the way, we've been called many names: guinea pigs, pioneers, founders, trailblazers, and my personal favorite, gladiators. And we certainly have been all of these things. But tomorrow, when we walk across that stage, they will call us doctors. So, cheers to us! To perseverance and hard work, to finishing at a now fully accredited medical school, and to bright, bright futures as physicians."

*How many?!*

336  
gala guests

432  
tulips used for centerpieces at the gala

45  
bottles of champagne poured to toast SOMA's inaugural class

16  
months of planning for the gala and graduation events

80+  
faculty and ATSU leadership seated on stage at graduation

368  
handshakes on stage during commencement (92 grads shaking hands four times)

*overheard*  
"Like anything in life, the hard work was worth it."

"I feel like your mother sending you off to kindergarten."

*at SOMA Innovators' Gala & commencement*

*"Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart."*

*"Live life on purpose, work at what you love, and follow your own road."*

*"The only easy day is yesterday."*  
*"Saying goodbye to the short white coat!"*

*"There are two types of people – those who wait for things to happen and those who make things happen."*

educate to innovate

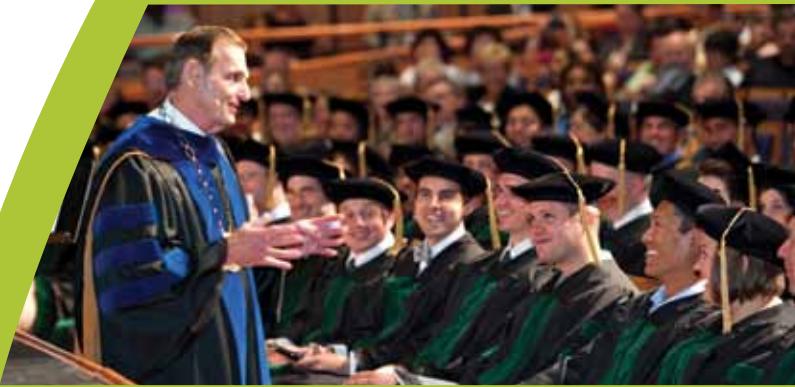
## Commencement

The next day, June 3, more than 1,000 guests joined the 92 SOMA graduates for commencement at the Mesa Arts Center, where they heard remarks from ATSU Board of Trustees Vice Chair **Kenneth E. Jones, D.O., '83; Frederic N. Schwartz, D.O., '69, FACOFP**, professor and associate dean for community campuses; SOMA Interim Dean **Thomas McWilliams, D.O., '76**; and ATSU President Jack Magruder before keynote speaker and SOMA Founding Dean Douglas Wood, D.O., Ph.D., took the stage to personally address graduates.

"Today is a dream come true – for every one of you and certainly for me," said Dr. Wood, who also serves as ATSU's senior vice president – academic affairs.

Believe it or not, he told graduates as he addressed them on the floor rather than from the stage, 49 years ago he himself was a first-year medical student.

Of the advice he conferred to his protégés was the message to "always be the doctor." Act as a professional, dress as a professional, don't use foul language, respect your patients, continually develop your character, and have integrity, he said, defining the latter as the ability to meet the demands of reality. "We need to see things the way they are and not how we wish them to be," he cautioned.



**Carey Vaughan, D.O., '11, and her aunt, Gladys**

One of the three oldest students to graduate from SOMA, Dr. Vaughan, 52, says she is, in a word, relieved. "I'm very happy and feel good about my accomplishment," says Dr. Vaughan, who will complete a family medicine residency in Missouri, where she will work with third- and fourth-year students from ATSU-KCOM in the state's capital.

Says Aunt Gladys: "I'm so proud of her. She played with everything else 'til she figured out this is what she was meant to be. I've always known she has healing hands."

*overheard*  
"We earned our guinea pig status."  
"I think this world is in pretty good hands."

## at SOMA Innovators' Gala & commencement

"It is not important the kind of specialty you choose, it is important the kind of physician you are choosing to be."

"Remember the smiles, laughter, and joy. You've earned every one of them."

*"Congrats! We're pretty awesome!"*  
"I've always known she has healing hands."

# Accredited!

Just days before ATSU-SOMA's first graduation, the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation awarded the school initial full accreditation status. ATSU-SOMA received official notification of the status May 31.

"To achieve accreditation status is a tremendous accomplishment for any medical school," said Thomas McWilliams, D.O., interim dean, ATSU-SOMA. "It is particularly gratifying to have done this in a program that is as innovative as ATSU-SOMA."



**Mitch Kasovac, D.O., FACOFP, professor**

"It's (gala/commencement) special because the work Dr. Wood assigned me four years ago, to get us accreditation, is successful. I'm very happy to see this graduation and to be here," says Dr. Kasovac. "These graduates are on to great things. They've made phenomenal progress. By the end of the first year, they were where I was in my third year."

**Cassandra Villatoro-Bank, D.O., '11**

"The degree is more his [my husband's] than mine," says Dr. Bank, a mother of three who decided to change her life and go into medicine, specifically psychiatry. "The trick is to marry a great guy and work as a team," she says.



*And the award goes to ...*

The following students were chosen by their respective CHC as an Outstanding Student:

Adelante Healthcare  
El Rio  
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center  
Lutheran Family Health Centers  
HealthSource  
Northwest Regional Primary Care Association  
Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services  
HealthPoint  
Family Healthcare Network  
Alabama Medical Education Consortium  
North Country Healthcare

Kristina Leinwand  
Krystal Chavez  
Versha Srivastava  
Neil Borja  
Paul Round  
Sarah Dawson  
Viraj Modi  
Jessica Brayton  
Vanessa DeSousa  
Joshua Prickett  
Brandon Abbott

concluded by quoting his favorite doctor – Dr. Seuss – and read from "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

**"And will you succeed?  
Yes, you will, indeed!  
(Ninety-eight and three-fourths percent guaranteed.) Yes, you'll move mountains. ...  
Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So  
... get on  
your way!"**

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educate to  
innovate



"You are innovators. You will change the face of medicine. You are the future."

"It was a lot of fun working with you and messing with your mind."

"It's a very special night. It's nice to see the beginning of something reach a stage of completion."

"Starting a medical school is really hard."

*"You did it. You survived, and you're champions and leaders."*

"Remember who you were before you became a doctor and why you wanted to be a doctor."

"The days are long and the years are short."

"Let's hear it for the doctors!"

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) meets the vital primary care needs of more than 20 million Americans in more than 3,600 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.

And it's at these health centers that ATSU-SOMA students spend three years completing their education and residencies at one of 11 CHC sites across the country. Each serves a unique population, which includes the homeless, migrant workers, uninsured families, and ethnically diverse patients in rural and urban settings. What they share in common is a maldistribution of physicians and an uninsured or underserved patient mix.

These CHCs become students' medical homes for a community campus learning experience unlike any other. ATSU faculty oversee students' didactic activities at each site using adjunct physician faculty members at each CHC, as well as distance education and technology – and multiple site visits by Arizona-based faculty.

**Frederic Schwartz, D.O., '69, FACOPP**, professor and

associate dean for ATSU-SOMA community campuses, explains why students are placed in these centers so early in their training. "Students

learn best if it is learned in the context where it will actually be used," he says. "One of the hallmarks of the new science of learning is its emphasis on learning with understanding. Expert knowledge is 'conditionalized' – it includes a specification of the context in which it is useful." **SI**



### Northwest Regional Primary Care Association, Portland, Ore.



**Lindsay Sanders, D.O., '11:** "Constant travel during the third and fourth years gives students the opportunity to experience medicine in many different environments."



### Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Waianae, Hawaii



**Versha Srivastava, D.O., '11:** "Working with the warm-hearted people of Wai'anae while being surrounded by the

natural beauty of the island has been a surreal experience. The most important lesson I have learned from being here is simply ma lama kekahi i kekahi (take care of each other) – and that is the essence of life here in Hawai'i."



Alaska

HealthPoint

Washington

Montana

Oregon

Idaho

Wyo

Family Healthcare Network

North Country Healthcare

California

Arizona

El Rio Community Health Center

New

Hawaii

# *Home away from home*



Adelante Healthcare, Surprise, Ariz.  
 Alabama Medical Education Consortium, Troy, Ala.  
 El Rio Community Health Center, Tucson, Ariz.  
 Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Ridgeland, S.C.  
 HealthSource, Mt. Oreb, Ohio  
 Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Waianae, Hawaii  
 Family Healthcare Network, Tulare County, Calif.  
 North Country Healthcare, Flagstaff, Ariz.  
 HealthPoint, Seattle, Wash.  
 Northwest Regional Primary Care Association, Portland, Ore.  
 Sunset Park Family Health Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

## More D.O.s than ever

**ATSU-SOMA one of three new COMs  
graduating D.O.s in 2011**

This spring, the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) graduated nearly 4,200 students. Last year, that number was 3,845, and it was just 2,536 a decade ago.

Although some of the growth can be attributed to increasing class sizes, much of the increase stems from new colleges and campuses founded in the last 10 years. This year, two other COMs, in addition to ATSU-SOMA, graduated their first class of osteopathic medical students. They are Lincoln Memorial University – DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrrogate, Tenn., which graduated its first class of 130 students in May, and Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine – New York, which graduated more than 100 new physicians in June.

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine opened its centralized application service on June 1 to begin taking applications for the 5,716 2012 academic year medical student slots at the nation's 26 colleges of osteopathic medicine, four branch campuses, and four remote teaching sites. More than 20 percent of all new U.S. medical students are studying at osteopathic medical colleges.



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## ASHS

**When** March 5, 2011  
**Where** Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Ariz.  
**Programs** Human Movement, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Audiology, Doctor of Health Sciences, Physical Therapy

**Keynote** Ellen Owens-Summo, M.Ed., DTR, director of health education, Professional Development, at the Greater Valley Area Health Education Center. Owens-Summo holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University, as well as an undergraduate degree from Ball State University in nutrition and dietetics. She is a member of the National Wellness Institute and assisted in the development of the Arizona Living Well Institute. She is a member of the American Public Health Association and currently serves as president of the Arizona Public Health Association.

**Quotable** "These graduates demonstrated their commitment to their profession and to lifelong learning," said ASHS Dean **Barbara Maxwell, PT, D.P.T., M.Sc., Cert. THE, '06**. "As working healthcare professionals, their learning has greater impact as it transcends immediately to the clinical setting and directly to patient care."

"Mentoring is not always about giving advice. It is also about taking time to listen, provide words of encouragement, and being willing to advocate on the behalf of others," said Dr. Owens-Summo. "Without mentors, we would be less likely to take risks, strive to do a better job, and lack accountability for reaching our goals."

**Who** 222 students in six online programs



## KCOM

**When** May 14, 2011

**Where** Baldwin Hall Auditorium, Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.

**Programs** Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Master of Biomedical Sciences

**Notable** This year's event marks KCOM's 175th commencement.

**Keynote** John Crosby, J.D., executive director of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). Crosby joined the AOA as executive director in 1997, following eight years of service as senior vice president for health policy at the American Medical Association. During his AOA tenure, the association has increased membership more than 125 percent, doubled its contingency reserve, and launched numerous programmatic initiatives to advance women's health, minority health, end-of-life care, and health system reform. His most notable accomplishments include the Campaign for Osteopathic Unity to make "D.O." a household word throughout the United States, the first unified convention in the history of the AOA, the establishment of the Osteopathic International Alliance, the AOA's Branding Initiative, and its current Greatness Campaign. "Each of you is ready to be a D.O," Crosby said. "There are many ways to show your commitment as a D.O., and as future alumni of this great university, you must look at those who came before you and continue to learn in order for you to lead our profession into the future."

**Honorary degree** John Crosby, J.D., awarded Doctor of Laws

**Quotable** "There were a lot of very good times here in Kirksville," said **Bridget Casey, D.O., '11**. "White Coat was pretty great, but today will be my best memory at ATSU."

"I'm honored to know what a responsibility and privilege it is to be in our position," said **Carl Lundberg, D.O., '11**. "I feel like I have achieved a dream and a life goal that will help make the rest of my life enjoyable and exciting."

"It is an indescribable feeling to graduate. It feels like you have been in a tunnel for years and finally, the light hits you," said **Chris Wood, D.O., '11**. "The people will be what I remember most. The close friends and the tight-knit community have made this journey unbelievable."

**Who**

185 total grads	113 men	29 average age
176 D.O.s	72 women	12 Army
15 Biomedical Science grads	8 countries represented	6 Air Force
3 dual D.O./M.S.	36 states represented	8 Navy



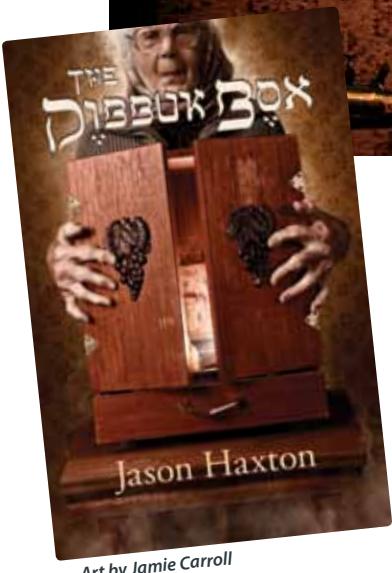
## SHM

<b>When</b>	May 28, 2011
<b>Where</b>	Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall, Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.
<b>Programs</b>	Geriatric Health, Health Administration, Health Education, Public Health, Public Health – Dental Emphasis, Health Education
<b>Notable</b>	This was ATSU-SHM's ninth commencement. Attendance is not a requirement; however, more and more students make the journey each year. One grad traveled from as far as Jamaica to shake hands with ATSU President Jack Magruder and SHM Dean Kimberly O'Reilly, D.H.Ed., M.S.W. The event also was broadcast online via video stream for the first time, where hundreds more watched live.
<b>Keynote</b>	Thomas Curtin, M.D., senior vice president and chief medical officer of the National Association of Community Health Centers. "We believe quality healthcare is a right for all Americans," he said.
<b>Quotable</b>	"I love that [the Master's in Public Health program] is online because I work 8-4. It's been challenging learning new things, and what I previously thought public health was has been changed for the better," said <b>Ashley Hill, M.P.H., '11</b> . Hill is a research assistant at Proctor & Gamble and hopes to attend medical school, become a pediatrician, and develop public health policies.
<b>Who</b>	241 total graduates 49 total grads who walked 400+ friends and family attending 32 states represented Master's degrees conferred 1 Geriatric Health 30 Health Administration 5 Health Education 94 Public Health 44 Public Health – Dental Emphasis Doctoral degrees conferred 67 Health Education



## ASDOH

<b>When</b>	June 11, 2011
<b>Where</b>	Ikeda Theater, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, Ariz.
<b>Programs</b>	Doctor of Dental Medicine, Master of Public Health, Doctor of Health Sciences
<b>Notable</b>	This was ATSU-ASDOH's fifth commencement.
<b>Keynote</b>	Stanley M. Bergman, C.P.A., board chair and CEO of Henry Schein Inc., and Christopher Halliday, D.D.S., M.P.H., chief of staff to the United States Surgeon General. Bergman spoke to graduates about the importance of accepting new technology, being involved in community, and being open to a global perspective and leadership. He said that ASDOH has positioned students more than any other institution to impact social responsibility. "You are graduating from one of the most unique institutions in the nation that has at its heart community service," he said, encouraging students to be proud of their alma mater, which has brought in "a new generation of providers who are consistently focused on serving the underserved."
<b>Honorary degree</b>	Doctor of Humane Letters were awarded to keynote speakers Bergman and Dr. Halliday.
<b>Quotable</b>	"I loved my days at ATSU-ASDOH, and I am ready for the next step in my journey," said <b>Andrea Liningood, D.M.D., '11</b> .
<b>Who</b>	59 D.M.D. grads 8 grads received an M.P.H. in addition to a D.M.D. 4 grads were orthodontic program residents receiving a D.H.Sc. 38 grads – more than ever before – are going into residency programs 65 percent of grads chose community healthcare settings 9 grads are entering the active military



Art by Jamie Carroll

## Kevin Bacon to A.T. Still



Kevin Bacon TO wife and actress and Dibbuk Box star Kyra Sedgwick TO Dibbuk Box movie producer Stan Wertlieb TO Museum Director and Dibbuk Box owner Jason Haxton TO A.T. Still's granddaughter and former museum director Mary Jane Denslow TO A.T. Still.

## {Degrees of separation}

### Fun fact



Sam Raimi's brother, Ivan Raimi, is a D.O. practicing emergency medicine in Michigan.



# A mystery made for Hollywood

By Kathryn Stroppel

## How close is Kirksville to Hollywood? Turns out, it's closer than you might think.

A new motion picture will be released this winter based on an unusual wooden cabinet known as the Dibbuk Box\*, currently in the care of Museum of Osteopathic Medicine<sup>SM</sup> (MOM) Director Jason Haxton.

Haxton, who fills his free time uncovering new information about historical objects, came across the odd artifact eight years ago when it was in the possession of the roommate of a student gaining on-the-job museum experience at the MOM.

The box is claimed by past owners to have a connection to Jewish mysticism, and strange occurrences and illness allegedly had befallen the box's previous owners. Haxton's innate curiosity was piqued. But he never had the opportunity to handle the box until it later was offered for sale on the Internet auction site eBay. Haxton bought the box in 2004 for less than \$200. By contrast, the motion picture based on the box cost more than \$12 million. Actors involved in the movie include Kyra Sedgwick and Grey's Anatomy actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan.

Once he had it in his hands, Haxton began exploring the box's authenticity and cultural meanings. "I didn't know what it was," he says. "It wasn't easily

identifiable and was an unusual historical puzzle."

He began by looking at every component of the box and its contents, tracing its ownership, studying Jewish history and writings, and talking with Jewish scholars and Rabbis. The use of Hebrew writing on the back of the cabinet and on several items within it seemed to point to a Jewish origin. Rabbi Lynn Goldstein of St. Louis assisted Haxton's research and provided a concluding message for Haxton's book on the box due out this fall.

"I'm the perfect person to unravel the mystery," he says, "because this is not of my religious or cultural background. I questioned everything about it."

What he discovered is that the box was a personal item created by a Jewish person to fulfill a prayer. "Someone had needs, and this was a way to focus energy and come to some level of internal peace," he says. Not typical of and even shunned by the Jewish faith, Haxton says what can be confirmed is that there is a box, it had a spiritual use, and some have felt it is a nuisance.

"Its enigma is that those who have owned it felt it brought on bad luck and illness," he says, adding that his hunch is that such illness is psychosomatic, and that

the box simply feeds on a person's fear of the unknown. That said, "There are many strange occurrences that have happened that I cannot explain away," he says. As a precaution, he's had the box contained in a special protective wooden ark and has removed it from public contact.

Haxton, who collects ancient art, pottery, and textiles, simply says, "I'm fascinated by history and the story objects tell, which is why I take my work with osteopathic history at the museum so seriously. My perspective is we're just passing through time, and these objects represent time. I don't own them, I just enjoy them before they go on to the next person."

The Dibbuk Box movie, directed by Sam Raimi of *Spiderman* fame, throws the old adage that the truth is stranger than fiction on its proverbial ear, Haxton says.

"The unknown is scary," he says. "It's scarier not to know. Having read the film's script, the only thing the actual box has in common with the upcoming movie is that, well, there's a wooden box."

Family folklore, hoax, or web-spawned urban legend, the unknown may create fear, but it also makes one heck of an entertaining story. ■

\*Dybbuk is the more common spelling, meaning "an attachment, a cleaving to something."

## {FYI}

Haxton is writing a book on the Dibbuk Box artifact, which will be published by Truman State University Press and released in October 2011. For more information on the box's illustrious history, visit [www.dibbukbox.com](http://www.dibbukbox.com).



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# Connections

## Remember when?

Four short years ago, ATSU celebrated another milestone graduation when 53 students in ATSU-ASDOH's Class of 2007 received their D.M.D.

The cover of the Spring 2007 issue of Still magazine. The title 'Still magazine' is in large, white, distressed letters. A large photo of two blonde women in graduation caps and gowns is the central image. A white box in the top right corner contains the text 'At Last!'. Another white box in the bottom right corner lists 'news briefs', 'profiles', and 'class notes'. The text 'University celebrates first class of dental students and graduates its 15,000<sup>th</sup> D.O.' is written diagonally across the bottom of the cover.

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## Honored Patron Lifetime Giving Award (\$15,000-\$24,999)



**Thomas Angelo Castoldi, D.O., '68**, and his wife, Kathleen, live in San Marcos, Texas, where Dr. Castoldi has a family practice. Dr. and Mrs. Castoldi's daughter is **Paula Michelle Bilica, D.O., '04**.



**Ernest J. Davis Jr., D.O., '76**, and his wife, Roberta, live in Harrisburg, Pa., where Dr. Davis is an infectious and tropical disease specialist at the VA Center in Lebanon.



**Jane Susan Friehling, D.O., '78**, lives in Philadelphia, Pa., where she is chief of medicine at Kennedy Hospital and chair of Gastroenterology.

## Distinguished Patron Lifetime Giving Award (\$25,000-\$49,999)



Al Abbadessa is the owner of two Missouri restaurants, The Pear Tree in Bevier, Mo., and his newest venture, AJ's, in Macon, Mo. His son is **Steven Abbadessa, D.O., '84**.



**Morry S. Fox, D.O., '56**, and his wife, Sylvia, live in Coral Gables, Fla., where he is a family physician specializing in geriatric care. Sylvia Fox is administrator of the Westchester General Hospital.

## A.T. Still Founder Lifetime Giving Award (\$300,000 and above)



**Charles A. Gard, D.O., '54**, and his wife, Phyllis, live in West Palm Beach, Fla., where Dr. Gard serves his patients six days a week as a family physician.

**1940s**

**Thomas Miller, D.O., '41,** Fountain Hills, Ariz., accepted the first Lifetime Achievement Award from USA Triathlon COO Tim Yount at the National Duathlon Championships held in Oro Valley, Ariz., in April. Having raced for more than two decades, Dr. Miller dominated the World Championship scene in the 1990s, with gold medal wins at Cathedral City, Calif. (1991), Frankfurt, Germany (1992), Dallas, Texas (1993), Tasmania, Australia (1994), Cancun, Mexico (1995), and Guernika, Spain (1997). He also earned gold medals at the National Duathlon Championships in Santa Fe, N.M. (1991), Phoenix, Ariz. (1992), and Marlboro, Maine (1999).

**Leonard E. Staff Jr., D.O., '45,** was honored during the AzOMA convention in April in Scottsdale, Ariz., as the oldest osteopathic physician still licensed and actively practicing at age 96.

# News to share? Send it to us!

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**1960s**

**E. Lee Foster, D.O., '61,** Corland, Ohio, clinical professor of family medicine at St. Joseph Health Center, has been selected by Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-COM) as a recipient of the college's Master Faculty Award. Bestowed once every five years, the award recognizes exemplary faculty members of OU-COM's system of affiliated teaching hospitals located throughout Ohio. The award honors their committed service and ongoing contributions to clinical education programs. Dr. Foster specializes in family medicine and in 2002 and 2003 was awarded the CORE Outstanding Faculty Award.

**1970s**

**George Thomas, D.O., '72,** Garfield Heights, Ohio, was awarded Physician of the Year at the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians' annual convention in San Antonio.



**Philip Slocum, D.O., '76,** received the Robert A. Kistner Award at AACOM's annual meeting in Baltimore. Dr. Slocum is immediate past dean of ATSU-KCOM.

**Robert Zee, D.O., '77,** has joined Samaritan Hospital in Ashland, Ohio, as a part-time hospitalist.

**1980s**

**Elliot Hix, D.O., '80,** a physician at Scotland County Hospital in Memphis, Mo., landed a spot on the Best Doctors in America® list for 2011-12. Only 5 percent of doctors in America earn placement on the list.



**Kenneth E. Jones, D.O., '83,** received the prestigious title of fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology in April at the 2011 AOCR Annual Convention in Palm Beach, Fla. Dr. Jones became an active member of the AOCR in 1988 and has served on the Membership Committee and the Revisions Committee. He is also an active member of the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He has served on many of their committees and as president in 2002. This involvement led him to serve as the Missouri delegate to the AOA House of Delegates since 1995 and as the Missouri caucus chair since 2008.

Dr. Jones is currently director of radiology at Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton, Mo. He has presented several lectures at various state specialty meetings and served as clinical professor of diagnostic radiology at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Ky., from 2003-07.

**Darrell Lovins, D.O., '83,** is the new president of William Carey University in Mississippi. "I feel humbled. I'm a gentleman who never envisioned in his wildest dreams that I would be doing what I'm doing," said Dr. Lovins, who was hired by William Carey in 2008 to be the school's associate dean of clinical sciences. Before coming to William Carey, Dr. Lovins taught at various places, including Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, the University of South Alabama, and the University of Washington.



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**Rob Vandergraaf, D.O., '83,** became a Fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists at the group's annual convention held in October 2010. Dr. Vandergraaf currently practices in northern California.

**John Wycoff, D.O., '85,** served on a panel of experts for a one-day seminar sponsored by Health Dimension and Michigan-based companies to introduce families to doctors who are part of the Michigan Physicians Autism Network, which treats autistic patients with biomedical therapies.

Dr. Wycoff is board certified in family medicine and has served as chief of staff at St. Lawrence Hospital. He also is the founder of Wycoff Wellness Center in East Lansing and has studied alternative ways to improve health and wellness naturally.

Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty member and family medicine physician **Michael Clary, D.O., '87,** Blacksburg, Va., shared his expertise on whooping cough in the town of Floyd, Va., on local TV. He also was recently featured in *Our Health Magazine's* "Best Bedside Manner" awards for his work as a family medicine physician at Lewis Gale Montgomery Hospital. Dr. Clary received "New River Valley-First Place" by his patients and members of the local community.



**Scott Alan Weber, D.O., '89,** received the 2011 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. With this honor, Dr. Weber is now a member of the Gold Humanism Society, an international society with 92 established medical school chapters.

Dr. Weber has been in practice at Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C., since April 2002. He is currently a clinical assistant professor at Sanford School of Medicine, The University of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, S.D.; director of sports medicine at Mount Marty College, Yankton, S.D.; and board certified in family medicine and sports medicine.

### 1990s

**Michelle McElroy, D.O., '94,** has joined the faculty of Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences as a clinical professor. Dr. McElroy will join the college as a clinical associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology. She is board certified and has been in practice in women's healthcare since 1998, most recently in Arizona. She is a board member and junior fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists.



**Kristin A. Severson-Solberg, D.O., CMD, '99,** is president of the Wisconsin Association of Medical Directors. The group of Wisconsin nursing home medical directors and extended care professionals is dedicated to quality care in Wisconsin extended care facilities through education, legislative dialogue, and cooperation with other providers. This is a two-year position.

**Salma Syed, D.O., '99,** Selden, N.Y., is program director of the pediatric infectious diseases fellowship program at SUNY at Stony Brook, N.Y.

### Former KCOM dean joins NBOME

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), the testing organization that provides the pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians in the United States, announced **Gerald G. Osborn, D.O., M.Phil., '73,** to the newly created position of senior vice president for cognitive testing. Dr. Osborn will be responsible for leading NBOME's cognitive testing department and for oversight of NBOME's cognitive examinations, including those in the COMLEX-USA licensure series (Level 1, Level 2-Cognitive Evaluation, Level 3). Dr. Osborn joined the NBOME in July and is based in Chicago.

Currently, Dr. Osborn serves as associate dean for international medicine, chair of the department of psychiatry and behavioral medicine, and director of behavioral neurosciences at Lincoln Memorial University - DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tenn.

"My entire professional life has been dedicated to promoting osteopathic medicine and my time with the NBOME, especially the development and implementation of the COMLEX-USA, has been my most rewarding experience," said Dr. Osborn. "To return to the NBOME in a position of senior leadership is simultaneously humbling and exciting."

### Correction

On page 57 in the Spring 2011 issue, we incorrectly switched the photos of Drs. Boyd Bowden and Richard Loerke. Our sincere apologies.



**David Abend, D.O., '89,** Oradell, N.J., received a Humanitarian Service Award from the American Red Cross – Northern NJ Chapter for treating workers for their back

and neck discomfort while working at the Staten Island Landfill in the wake of 9.11.

Dr. Abend worked four to five hours, two days a week for about six months at the site, donating his skill and time to those workers from a variety of organizations who were sifting through rubble and experiencing a great deal of stress.

He also was asked to provide OMT at a family restaurant called "Nino's," about a block from Ground Zero, where workers could get a meal any time of day from volunteer staff.

Says Dr. Abend: "After my family medicine office hours in Emerson, N.J., on any Saturday, I brought a portable osteopathic treatment table – the same I used when former



President Nixon visited me for back pain in 1993 – to the restaurant, set it up in a corner there and treated hundreds of people before, during, or after their meals/shift.

"Unfortunately, Nino's was closed down, but a lot of memories and great friends were made. I gained a whole new respect and admiration for how New Yorkers came together to help one another. I also saw the unique power of touch and healing that I could offer and appreciated the medical training I received from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine that I learned throughout my medical school and post-graduate medical training years. I have a new found pride in my role as an osteopathic physician providing primary care and osteopathic manipulation for neck and back pain for my patients in Bergen County."

Dr. Abend was among 17 honored by the Red Cross in May. He was the sole D.O. For more information, go to [www.handsondo.com](http://www.handsondo.com).

## 2000s

**Gregory Janik, M.S., '00,** associate clinical professor of athletic training at King's College, received the 2011 Young Professionals' Committee National Distinction Award from the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) at the NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia held in New Orleans in June.

After an internship with the Philadelphia Eagles, Janik began teaching at King's in 2000. He currently teaches orthopaedic evaluation courses and serves as and the head athletic trainer with primary responsibility for the football and women's lacrosse teams.

Janik is president of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society and volunteers with numerous organizations, including the American Red Cross, Keystone State Games, Special Olympics, and the Middle Atlantic Conference Athletic Trainers Committee.



**Juliette Sterkens, Au.D., '06,** received the Larry Mauldin Award for Excellence in Education from Beltone Electronics at the AudiologyNOW! Convention in Chicago in April. The Mauldin Award is unique because honorees are solely nominated and selected by their industry peers.

"Her extraordinary contributions to the field of audiology and the hearing care industry are profound," said Beltone President Todd Murray. "We are grateful for her ongoing efforts to improve our industry, and to benefit the people with hearing loss we serve, through continuing education, advocacy and innovation."

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Dr. Sterkens is co-owner of the Fox Valley Hearing Center, with locations in

Oshkosh, Neenah, and Ripon, Wis. A recent recipient of the WSHA Wisconsin Audiologist of the Year Award, she also is past president of the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals, past co-chair of the Wisconsin Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Association, and guest speaker at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh School of Nursing.

**Shu-No Chen, Au.D., '07**, is an audiology consultant for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health.

**James Pham, D.O., '08**, Jenks, Okla., and wife, Mikala, are parents to Braylon James, born Feb. 1, 2011, and daughters Tori and Alyssa.

**Lorin S. Oden, Au.D., '09**, is an audiologist at the new Salisbury location of Hearing Lifestyles LLC in Salisbury, N.C. Dr. Oden worked for a major hearing device manufacturer for four years before establishing the audiology department of Audiology and Hearing Services of Carolina ENT Specialists in Concord, where she provided services for 21 years.

Originally from the Chicago area, she is a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology, board certified in audiology, and licensed by North Carolina as an audiologist and dispenser of hearing devices.

#### 2010s

**Makoto Uchiyama, D.O., '10**, celebrated his 30th birthday as a new physician volunteer in the tsunami-damaged fishing town of Kesennuma, Japan, where he coordinates medical response and sees patients in their homes and in shelters.

He currently is completing a residency at Legacy Health System, in Portland, Ore.,

where he cares for patients at Emanuel and Good Samaritan hospitals. Born in Bangkok and raised in Malaysia, Dr. Uchiyama plans to specialize in critical care and says he wanted to be a physician "to be able to face people's suffering."

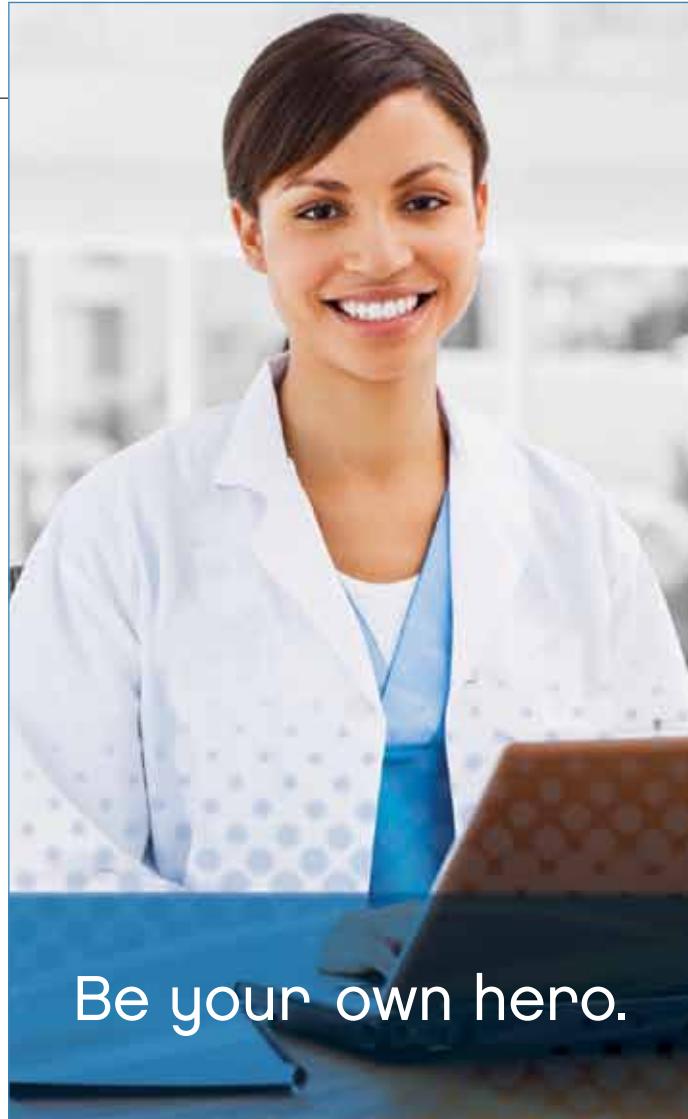
And he's getting that opportunity firsthand as a physician who came to Tokyo through the Japan Primary Care Association, which promotes general medicine in the highly specialized nation. He began March 27 helping to coordinate disaster response.

"I've seen the importance of being selfless in a situation like this," he says. "Dignity and self-discipline really help people recover."

#### MAOPS honors KCOM alumni

The Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons (MAOPS) held its annual convention April 16. MAOPS' 2011-12 officers were installed at the Annual President's Banquet, including **Victoria Damba, D.O., '97**, who was installed as president. Dr. Damba hails from Farmington, Mo., where she practices as a hospitalist for the Mineral Area Regional Medical Center.

MAOPS also honored physicians and friends of the profession at the banquet. More than 275 physicians and guests joined to honor those who have given so much to the osteopathic profession. Among those honored were KCOM alumni **Tim Jennings, D.O., '89** (Distinguished Service Award); **Ken Jones, D.O., '83** (Medallion Award); **Stephen Coats, D.O., '68** (District Leadership Award); and **Rusty Bond, D.O., '83** (District Leadership Award).



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# IN MEMORIAM

ATSU pays tribute to the following legacies



**1940s** ~ Douglas F. Lauder, D.O., '41, London, Ontario, Canada; Ross Truman Shook, D.O., '45, Hutchinson, Kan.; Richard W. Anderson, D.O., '46, Dallas, Texas    **1950s** ~ Harold I. Magoun Jr., D.O., '50, Centennial, Colo.; Glenn Dale Blankenhorn Jr., D.O., '51, Massillon, Ohio; Richard Dunbar Coan, D.O., '52, Plantation, Fla.; Fisk Edwin Halliday, D.O., '53, Portland, Maine; C. Robert Starks Jr., D.O., '53, Sequim, Wash.; Frederick Vincent Hrachovina, D.O., '56, Venice, Fla.; Gerald Wilfred Sikorski, D.O., '58, Tucson, Ariz.    **1960s** ~ Theodore G. Green, D.O., '65, Brookfield, Wis.; Gerald Edward Piesko, D.O., '66, Flushing, Mich.; Boyd W. Bowden, D.O., '68, Columbus, Ohio; Kenneth J. McCormick, D.O., '69, Cranston, R.I.    **1970s** ~ Paul Marshall Dichter, D.O., '71, Lynnwood, Wash.; Koster Kenneth Peters, D.O., '71, Dickson, Tenn.; Gary Paul Jelinek, D.O., '72, West Bloomfield, Mich.    **1980s** ~ Michael Austin Knauss, D.O., '81, Rock Port, Mo.    **1990s** ~ Theresa M. Nguyen, D.O., '97, Melbourne, Fla.



ATSU Board of Trustees member **Richard W. Anderson, D.O., '46**, died July 31, 2011. Born in Janesville, Wis., he was 88 and resided in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Anderson, an ATSU-KCOM graduate and ATSU board member since 2002, had a lifetime of achievements in osteopathic medicine, volunteerism, and philanthropy. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the KCOM Alumni Board in 2002. Although he had retired from his medical practice, he continued to be a major contributor to the promotion of osteopathic medicine, as well as to the future of ATSU.

Dr. Anderson made a lifetime of valuable contributions to his profession, to the lives of students and patients, and to A.T. Still University and KCOM. In celebration of his contributions, ATSU recently honored him by declaring May 6, 2011, as Dr. Richard W. Anderson Day. In a presidential proclamation, ATSU President Jack Magruder cited Dr. Anderson's membership in a variety of professional organizations, his 50 years of practice, and his leadership in the Sparks Osteopathic Foundation, which resulted in approximately \$1 million in scholarship funds awarded to three osteopathic schools, including \$300,000 to ATSU-KCOM.

Dr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Charlotte, two grandsons, a step-daughter, step-grandchildren, and a step-great-great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his wife Bessanne Mills Anderson, his two sons Richard W. Jr. and Jeffrey L. Anderson, and his brother, Esmond Anderson, D.O.

A visitation and celebration of his life was held August 2, with services held August 3. Memorials may be made to ATSU-KCOM or to Central Lutheran Church, 1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, TX 75128. A memorial was made on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the University.

## About Dr. Anderson

- Born May 6, 1923
- Contributing member of the American Osteopathic Association since 1947
- Served as a member of numerous organizations including the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, the Wisconsin Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, the Dallas Osteopathic Study Group, two YMCA boards of directors, and the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1999-2000
- Received the Distinguished Service Award from the KOAA Board of Directors in 2002
- Named KOAA's Alumnus of the Year in 2002
- Served as a member of the ATSU Board of Trustees since 2002
- Member of the A.T. Still Founder Lifetime Giving Club
- Still Society lifetime and annual member
- Named the Anderson Patient Simulation Room in ATSU's Connell Information Technologies Center after his son, Jeffrey
- Established the Dr. Richard W. and Charlotte Anderson Research Endowment for OMM at KCOM
- Practiced medicine for more than 50 years in general practice and obstetrics before retiring in 1997 to serve as chairman of the Sam and Marille Sparks East Town Osteopathic Foundation for nearly 20 years

# IN MEMORIAM

## Boyd W. Bowden, D.O., '68



Boyd W. Bowden, D.O., '68, Columbus, Ohio, a pioneer in osteopathic medicine and a fellow of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), died April 14, 2011.

A distinguished

surgeon, educator, and leader, Dr. Bowden was a KOAA Board member from 1990 to 1997, having served as president in 95-96. He then served on the ATSU Board of Trustees from 1997 until October 2000. Dr. Bowden received the 2001 KOAA Distinguished Service Award and was the 2010 KOAA Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Bowden also served on the AOA Board of Trustees and on the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation Board.

As the first osteopathic physician with training in both hand surgery and pediatric orthopaedics, Dr. Bowden was the first D.O. to join the staff of the Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

He completed residency training at Doctors Hospital, joined Orthopedic and Neurological Consultants Inc. and served as its president from 1973 to 1992.

Since 1974, Dr. Bowden served as team physician for several Columbus-area colleges and high schools. As president of the AOA (1990-91) he launched educational programs to improve standards for osteopathic orthopaedic surgery residencies. The AOA awarded Dr. Bowden the Distinguished Service Certificate for his accomplishments through research and philanthropy.

Dr. Bowden spent most of his life in the Columbus area, and in addition to ATSU-KCOM was a graduate of Denison University and Ohio State University. In addition to his children, Erin Bowden, Emily Bowden, and Kristen (Kevin) McEnergy; and a granddaughter, Claire, he is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ellen.

Contributions may be made in Dr. Bowden's memory to the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, 1500 Lake Shore Dr., Ste. 230, Columbus, OH 43204, or the American Osteopathic Foundation, 142 E. Ontario St., Chicago, IL 60611-2864. To view Dr. Bowden's video tribute or offer condolences to his family, visit [www.schoedinger.com](http://www.schoedinger.com).

## Harold Magoun Jr., D.O., '50



Harold Magoun Jr., D.O., '50, FAAO, FCA, D.O. Ed. (Hon), Centennial, Colo., died May 9, 2011, in Denver. Born in Scottsbluff, Neb., on June 11, 1927, Dr. Magoun was active in the osteopathic profession and

received numerous awards during his 60 years of practice in Denver. He enjoyed the symphony and opera, was an avid Broncos fan and certified diver, skied for 65 years, tried skydiving, and hosted an internet radio talk show called "The Good Health Hour."

He also wrote the books "Structured Healing," a tribute to A.T. Still that discusses aspects of lifestyle necessary for good health and the importance of osteopathic treatment, and "A tribute to and selected writings of Harold I. Magoun Sr., D.O."

His father contributed to "Osteopathy in the Cranial Field" with author William G. Sutherland. One of Dr. Magoun Jr.'s last projects was to work to translate his father's work into Russian. He also donated many of his father's materials to the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine<sup>SM</sup> in Kirksville, which included work with President Eisenhower and his wife.

Dr. Magoun hails from an osteopathic family of KCOM graduates, including his father, **Harold I. Magoun D.O., '24**, and mother, **Helen Magoun, D.O., '24**.

Dr. Magoun is survived by his sister, Martha Quiat; children Kathy Caver, John Caver, Daniel Magoun, David Magoun, and Scott Magoun; and grandchildren Heather, Chris, Tim, Bonnie, and Meghan. He was preceded in death by children Ann Caver and Michael Magoun.

## Paul R. Willging, Ph.D.



ATSU Board of Trustees member Paul R. Willging, Ph.D., Ellicott City, Md., died May 21, 2011, at age 69 after losing a battle with cancer.

In addition to his dedication to ATSU, Dr.

Willging also served as CEO of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). He led AHCA/NCAL for 16 years in the 1980s and '90s and was also past president and CEO of the Assisted Living Federation of America. Additionally, Dr. Willging was deputy administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (now the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services).

Prior to his advocacy and CMS posts, Dr. Willging worked at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Greater New York and was chair of Howard County General Hospital, as well as chair of the Howard County Commission on Aging. Most recently, he was a senior associate at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health and associate director of the university's Center on Aging and Health.

"Paul was a resounding voice for long-term care, paving the way for the future of the profession while spearheading a focus on quality care for our nation's seniors," said Gov. Mark Parkinson, president and CEO of AHCA/NCAL.

Dr. Willging's awards included the Vesta Bowden Award for Outstanding Service to the Long Term Care Industry in 2000. A devotee of German studies, Dr. Willging also achieved a 1963-64 Fulbright Scholarship at the Free University in Berlin. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Memorial donations may be made to Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, 100 North Charles Street, Ste. 234, Baltimore, MD 21201 or to Gilchrist Hospice Care Inc., 11311 McCormick Road, Ste. 350, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.



ATSU-ASHS Physical Therapy student **Erin Shaw** took this photo alongside a mountain biking trail by the Superstition Mountains in Summer 2010. The "Shrek ears," with a thick cream colored flower growing on top, turned her intense cardio workout into a leisurely ride.

"This was my first time ever seeing a Saguaro Cactus blooming, and nothing could have prepared me for its odd beauty," she says. "I took this picture standing up on my tip-toes with the bumblebees dancing around my head. I was pleasantly surprised that I was able to capture an un-fuzzy shot without a scratch or a sting."

Shaw says her passion lies within nature, rock-climbing above the clouds or zipping down dirt trails. "Photography is a way to capture the serenity along the trails," she says, "enjoying the journey, rather than drudging along seeking the peak."

Shaw owns a D40 Nokia camera, but for this shot used an average digital camera she doesn't mind getting a little dirty.

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