AN EYE ON THE FUTURE AND EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Dr. Gary Campbell’s past is a compelling story of hardship, growth, and opportunity. His story also sheds light on his achievements and passion to help students in need of financial support, as he once was. With an eye on the future, he has created an endowed scholarship fund to benefit those who will follow in his footsteps.

Born in the early 1940s to a WWII serviceman father and a factory-working mother, Dr. Campbell, ’71, came from humble beginnings. After his parents separated, he, his two siblings, and his mother moved to the Michigan countryside home of his grandparents.

His grandfather, terminally ill at the time, and grandmother lived in a four-room bungalow with no hot water or modern plumbing. Dr. Campbell helped provide for his family any way he could. He and his brother pushed ice cream carts during the summer and had paper routes to help with family expenses.

By age 19, Dr. Campbell was married and had his first child. The need for healthcare introduced him to a family physician who happened to be an osteopath. From this experience Dr. Campbell came to appreciate how a true family physician should care for his or her patients.

Being a kind, practical, and understanding physician who showed interest in patients, both mentally and physically, struck a chord with Dr. Campbell. He found motivation to finish college and take the difficult premedical courses required for admittance into an osteopathic medical school.

“I had the good fortune to have been born to very smart parents, even though they would never receive a college education, much less consider being a physician,” Dr. Campbell says. “I was able to do quite well in the sciences, even though I had a child and worked 40–50 hours per week.”

Dr. Campbell took the Medical College Admission Test and applied to several osteopathic medical colleges, one being A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM).

Dr. Gary Campbell and his wife, Joyce, have established a scholarship fund to assist students sustaining the legacy of osteopathic medicine.

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GRANTS VITAL TO ATSU’S MISSION

This summer, A.T. Still University’s Center for Advanced Oral Health will become the first nonprofit community dental clinic in Arizona with permanent anesthesia suites. The creation and outfitting of the suites will increase the clinic’s capacity to serve older patients for whom anesthesia is essential.

The suites are being funded by a $160,000 grant from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. The new suites will benefit the center’s many patients who live on a fixed income and would otherwise be unable to afford dental anesthesia for procedures like fillings, root canals, crowns, cleanings, extractions, and implants; for those with Alzheimer’s disease, other types of dementia, and other medically complex conditions, anesthesia during these procedures is vital.

“The anesthesia suites at A.T. Still University’s Center for Advanced Oral Health will provide older adults with a critical service that has the potential to improve their quality of life and overall health,” says Dr. Susan M. Pepin, president and CEO of the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust.

The grant from the Piper Trust will fund the conversion of two dental operating rooms into dental anesthesia suites; the creation of a waiting area and a recovery room designed to be soothing, quiet spaces where older adults will feel comfortable and relaxed as they wait for or recover from treatment. It will also allow for the purchase of anesthesia machines, monitors, an emergency crash cart with a defibrillator, and other equipment needed to administer anesthesia.

ATSU’s Center for Advanced Oral Health is one of four teaching clinics operated by the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health. It also serves as both a treatment center for Arizona residents and a training facility for ATSU’s post-doctoral dental residents and dental and medical students.

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Dr. Campbell considers himself fortunate to have attended ATSU-KCOM and to be a part of the class of 1971. He proudly notes that not only did he receive “an excellent education while in Kirksville,” but he also was the recipient of a student scholarship that enabled him to complete his education.

When Dr. Campbell was a student, government loans were nonexistent and osteopathic physicians were ineligible for military funding until his senior year.

“So if it had not been for the school scholarship fund, I would not be in the position I am today,” he says.

Throughout his life, Dr. Campbell has practiced osteopathic medicine in small towns, inner cities, and in solo and group practice settings. He’s also taught at two osteopathic schools, written several articles for osteopathic journals, and lectured at various osteopathic conventions. For the past 18 years, Dr. Campbell has been involved in treating prison and jail inmates.

Today, Dr. Campbell is grateful for his osteopathic education and what it has provided him. Not only has he been able to care for many people through his deep understanding of osteopathy, but he has also been able to establish an endowed scholarship award for ATSU-KCOM and its students. His gift will assist with a student’s education and living expenses. His goal and legacy will live on in perpetuity as the endowment’s earnings each year will provide financial awards in his name.

“The concepts of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still and the incredible training I received from my mentors in Kirksville provide my patients the best medical care possible, and I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to touch so many lives in such a personal and healing manner,” Dr. Campbell says. “My only hope is that whoever receives this financial aid will practice family medicine fully utilizing the concepts and ideals of Dr. Still.”

Through your generosity, you can touch students’ lives at A.T. Still University like Dr. Campbell. Contact ATSU University Advancement at 866.626.2878, ext. 2395, to find a planned giving option that meets your charitable and financial goals.
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