

**Faculty and staff accomplishments (as of July 31)**

*Accomplishment kudos*

Katherine Adler, DHA, FACHE, associate dean, academics and assessment, was appointed by the Higher Learning Commission to be a member of the Peer Corps as a reviewer. She was selected for the Open and Standard Pathways reviews. In addition, she was appointed to the Pantry for Adair County Steering Committee.

Jeffrey Alexander, PhD, associate professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received the Professor of the Year Award at the College's awards banquet in May.

Don Altman, DDS, DHSc, EdD, MPH, MBA, MA, '12, dean, ATSU-CGHS, delivered the commencement speech for Fortis College's Dental Hygiene graduation July 14 at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

Shalini Bhatia, MS, biostatistician, research support, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2017.

George Blue Spruce, DDS, MPH, assistant dean, American Indian affairs, ATSU-ASDOH, received a proclamation that declared June 22 as "Dr. George Blue Spruce Day" in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chelsea Lohman Bonfiglio, PhD, ATC, CSCS, director, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, received the School's Educator of the Year award in May for excellence in teaching, inspiring students to think critically, and promoting intellectual curiosity.

Michela Bull, MLSt, project manager, sponsored programs, ATSU, received the Arizona campus fitness award for the first quarter of 2017.

Anabel Burgara, employment coordinator, human resources, ATSU, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2017.

Michelle DiBaise, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, '14, professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, received the School's Scholar of the Year award in May for excellence in the scholarship of discovery, integration, application, and teaching.

Lihua Dishman, DBA, assistant professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed to the *Journal of Health Administration Education* Review Panel of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration in May. She will serve a three-year appointment.

Christopher Ferguson, data manager/career services coordinator, ATSU-CGHS, received the Outstanding Employee of the Year Award at the College's awards banquet in May.

John Fick, EdD, associate professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed to the Annual Meeting Planning Committee of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration in May.

Jaana Gold, DDS, PhD, MPH, CPH, associate professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed chair of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Educational Council.

Jennifer Harris, MEd, associate director, transitional doctor of physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the 2016 ATSU-ASHS staff assembly exemplary staff award in June.

Lynda Konecny, DHEd, MS, CHES, '08, associate professor, health education, ATSU-CGHS, passed the Master Certified Health Education Specialist examination in May. In addition, she was elected as a governing councilor representing the American Public Health Association's Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section, which is a two-year term beginning in November 2017.

Joan Leafman, PhD, associate professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received the Glendale School District "40 Hometown Hero" award for her work with Corbin's Legacy.

Joy Levine, PT, DPT, PhD, assistant professor, transitional doctor of physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the School's Educator of the Year award in May for excellence in teaching, inspiring students to think critically, and promoting intellectual curiosity.

David Lopez, specialist, academic technologies, ATSU, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the second quarter of 2017.

James Lynskey, PT, PhD, director, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the School's Distinguished Service of the Year award in May for excellence in service to the University, the community, and the profession.

Eric Matthews, PhD, associate professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, completed the Program Reviewer certification course from Quality Matters in May, and he became a certified program reviewer and chair of the program review team.

Jeffrey Morgan, DO, dean, ATSU-SOMA, attended Spotlight Health 2017, the opening conference for the annual Aspen Ideas Festival in Colorado in June.

Larry Olsen, DrPH, professor, health education, ATSU-CGHS, held a roundtable presentation titled "Promoting Global Urban Health Through Qualitative Research" on March 30 at the Society for Public Health Education annual meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS, professor and chair, postgraduate orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, was named one of eight directors of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) by the American Association of Orthodontists House of Delegates. Dr. Park's term as a director of ABO lasts eight years, culminating in his role as president of the board beginning May 2024.

Faith Polkey, MD, MPH, regional director of medical education, ATSU-SOMA, was named the Juan Carlos Olivares Hometown Scholar Advocate of the Year in April. Dr. Polkey was recognized as an extraordinary mentor and role model to students, as well as a tireless advocate for the profession.

Bobby Rogers, HVAC lead mechanic, maintenance, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the second quarter of 2017.

James Roush, PT, PhD, ATC, ATL, professor, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the Outstanding Service Award from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy in August.

Kathy Schroeder, coordinator, curriculum, ATSU-KCOM, received the Missouri campus fitness award for the first quarter of 2017.

Frederic Schwartz, DO, FACOFP, senior adviser to the dean, ATSU-SOMA, received the Pioneer of Osteopathic Medicine Award from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine at its hooding ceremony May 20. The award was created to honor individuals who exemplify the tireless dedication and bold pioneering spirit of the osteopathic profession's founder. This award is the highest honor given by the college.

S.D. Shanti, DDS, PhD, MPH, associate professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, led a roundtable discussion titled "Self Care for Public Health Professionals" at the National Oral Health Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In addition, Dr. Shanti lectured at Thammasat University in Thailand on June 28 regarding "Your Health Psychology Tool-Kit: Using Behavioral Science Research to Prevent and Manage Non-communicable Diseases."

Mary-Katherine Smith, DrPH, chair, public health, ATSU-CGHS, received the Michael Samuels Award at the College's awards banquet in May. In addition, Dr. Smith was asked to join the Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education led by Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

Karen T. Snider, DO, FAAO, assistant dean, curriculum, ATSU-KCOM, was elected to the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) in March at the AAO's Convocation in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dr. Snider was one of three osteopathic physicians from around the country to be newly elected as a governor, and she will serve a three-year term.

Brandi Snow, project coordinator, academic and clinical education affairs, ATSU-KCOM, received the Missouri campus fitness award for the second quarter of 2017.

Amanda Vigil, MBA, manager, interdisciplinary sciences, ATSU-ASHS, received the 2016 ATSU-ASHS staff assembly exemplary staff award in June.