Faculty and staff accomplishments (as of April 30)

Accomplishment kudos

Mike Abels, DDS, CCU director, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the ATSU-MOSDOH Elsie Gaber Compassion and Integrity Award at the annual ATSU Employee Recognition Ceremony.

James Adams, DO, assistant professor, anatomy, ATSU-KCOM, received the A.T. Still Staff Award for Excellence in Teaching at the annual ATSU Employee Recognition Ceremony.

Kathy Adler, DHA, FACHE, associate dean, ATSU-CGHS, completed her Quality Matters Master Reviewer recertification.

Ann Lee Burch, PT, EdD, MPH, interim dean, ATSU-ASHS, was selected to join the Arizona Advisory Council for Common Sense, the nation’s leading nonprofit organization committed to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. In addition, she was selected to attend the Institute for Management & Leadership in Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The two-week program, which will be held in June, is designed for experienced administrators.

Miguel Castaneda, manager, Arizona campus facilities, ATSU, received the Distinguished Service Award for the Arizona campus at the annual ATSU Employee Recognition Ceremony.

Jack Dillenberg, DDS, MPH, dean emeritus, ATSU-ASDOH, received the 2019 American Association of Public Health Dentistry Distinguished Service Award for his contributions toward improving the nation’s public health.

Jaana Gold, DDS, PhD, MPH, CPH, associate professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, co-authored two chapters in a new textbook, “How to Use Evidence-Based Dental Practices to Improve Your Clinical Decision Making,” which will be published this fall and sponsored by the American Dental Association. The chapters are titled “Issues of Bias and Confounding in Clinical Studies” and “Curriculum Content and Strategies for Evidence-Based Practice Instruction.”

Victoria Green, MS, RDH, instructor, ATSU-ASDOH, received the ATSU-CGHS Faculty and Staff Award at the annual ATSU Employee Recognition Ceremony.

Jyothi Gupta, PhD, OTR/L, chair, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Faculty and Staff Award at the annual ATSU Employee Recognition Ceremony.
Prashanth K. Haribabu, DDS, MDS, MSD, director, oral and maxillofacial surgery, ATSU-MOSDOH, attended the Fifth Global American Academy of Implant Dentistry Conference and First Asian Hard and Soft Tissue Symposium in New Delhi, India. He served as one of the keynote speakers and as a chair to moderate a scientific surgical session. In addition, he was awarded the Master Fellowship certificate by World Congress of Oral Implantology, Japan.

Theresa Hunziker, admissions counselor, residential admissions, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the fourth quarter of 2018.

Noemi Kershner, dental assistant, dental clinic, ATSU-ASDOH, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the fourth quarter of 2018.

Richard J. LaBaere II, DO, MPH, FAODME, associate dean, Still OPTI, ATSU-KCOM, was recognized for his more than 15 years of service on the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators and Assembly of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Educators-American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine board of directors.

Dawn Lend, operations manager, ATSU-ASDOH, received her bachelor of science degree in accounting with a concentration in forensic accounting and fraud examination from Southern New Hampshire University.

David Lopez, specialist, academic technologies, ATSU, received his bachelor of science degree in information technology with a concentration in cyber security and a certificate in business management and project management from the University of Phoenix.

Ruth Michaelis, MD, clinical assistant professor, ATSU-SOMA, was named the 2019 Juan Carlos Olivares Hometown Scholar Advocate of the Year. Dr. Michaelis is a physician at HealthPoint Community Health Center in Seattle, where she oversees the curriculum for ATSU-SOMA students. She has been at HealthPoint since 2002 and has been involved with the endorsement of 35 Hometown Scholars.

Amanda Murphy, business operations specialist, ATSU-ASDOH, received her bachelor of business administration degree with an emphasis in management from Northern Arizona University.

Helen Salisbury, PhD, associate professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received a $10,000 grant from AZPetPlates.org to benefit the Humane Society of the White Mountains in Lakeside, Arizona, for low-cost public spay/neuter surgeries for the companion animals of community residents, including the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
Misty Seidel, assistant director, enrollment services, ATSU, received her bachelor of science degree in marketing with a concentration in social media from Southern New Hampshire University.

Vineet Singh, PhD, professor, microbiology & immunology, ATSU-KCOM, received the A.T. Still Staff Award for Excellence in Teaching at the annual ATSU Employee Recognition Ceremony.

Gaylah Sublette, MBA, associate vice president, sponsored programs, ATSU, received the Distinguished Service Award for the Missouri campus at the annual ATSU Employee Recognition Ceremony.

Hanann Tomeh, DDS, CCU director and assistant professor, ATSU-ASDOH, received the ATSU-CGHS Faculty and Staff Award at the annual ATSU Employee Recognition Ceremony.