NEW ERA OF LEADERSHIP BEGINS
Dr. Craig Phelps Named ATSU President

On July 1, 2012, Dr. Craig Phelps stepped into his new role as president of A.T. Still University. Following an extensive search that included national leaders in health professions education, ATSU’s board of trustees appointed Craig M. Phelps, DO, FAOASM, to succeed Dr. Jack Magruder.

Dr. Phelps, a 1984 graduate of ATSU’s Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, became provost of the University’s Arizona campus in 1998, where he led the team that developed that campus and its current three academic units. In 2010, Dr. Phelps became the University’s first executive vice president for strategic initiatives, which included most recently the development of the Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health located on the Kirksville campus.

Long active in a variety of responsibilities outside of the University, including team physician for the NBA’s Phoenix Suns and his personal medical practice in Glendale, Ariz., Dr. Phelps will now make a major shift to establishing a regular presence on the Missouri campus. He; his wife, Stacy; and his son, Zach, are actively engaging in many facets of the Kirksville community.

To gain a better perspective of his new role and the challenges it brings, President Phelps shared the following thoughts on what lies ahead for him and the University.

Q. Why did you want to become ATSU’s president?
A. I love ATSU and its commitment to providing our students a quality education based on the osteopathic tenets—what we have branded as “whole person healthcare.”

Q. How will ATSU respond to a rapidly changing national and global economy?
A. To ensure a successful future, ATSU will need to be distinctive in three major areas:
   • Our social mission
   • Our effective use of resources
   • Our quality of schools and programs

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Past Presidents of A.T. Still University

1892–1917 Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO (school founder)
1918–1922 George A. Still, MD, DO
1922–1924 Summerfield S. Still, LLM, DO
1926–1943 George M. Laughlin, DO
1944–1973 Morris R. Thompson, DSc (Hon.)
1973–1983 H. Charles Moore, PhD
1983–1984 Max T. Gutensohn, DO (interim)
1984–1996 Fred C. Tinning, PhD
1996–1997 Phyllis Blondiefied, PhD (interim)
1997–2008 James J. McGovern, PhD

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Q. What do you mean by “social mission”?
A. I mean why ATSU exists and why it matters. These are reasons students, faculty, alumni, donors, and community constituents choose to associate with us.

Q. What are some immediate needs at ATSU?
A. Scholarships are always a significant need. Many students with great potential are not even applying to ATSU because scholarships are at such a premium.

Our Mesa, Ariz., campus has been so successful that it needs space to continue growing. Several buildings on our Kirksville, Mo., campus need major improvement. Some of our Kirksville buildings are more than 50 years old and have served many alumni well but are barely functional and need updating.

Q. On a personal note, how does your family feel about you leading campuses in two cities so geographically and demographically different?
A. Stacy, by far my better half, has been a champion. She believes in ATSU and its mission and has always been greatly supportive. Our son, Zach, just turned 5, and as a family we make sure he experiences the benefits and cultures of both cities. I would not even think about doing this job without their love and support.

Q. What can alumni and supporters do to help ATSU?
A. Talk with others about the wonderful things students and graduates have done and the positive impact they have on our country’s healthcare. Consider a gift to ATSU—every dollar received goes to help students experience the best education possible.

Q. Anything else?
A. Just a big thank you to all who have given to ATSU and to those considering a gift.
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR 2013 TAX LAW CHANGES?

If you have been putting off creating an estate plan or haven’t updated it in years, upcoming changes in tax laws might spur you into action.

The current estate tax laws will expire at the end of 2012. Unless Congress intervenes before that time, you will see significant changes. Here is a preview of what you can expect for 2013:

**The estate tax exemption lowers to $1 million:**
While your estate is exempt from estate taxes if it is worth less than $5.12 million in 2012, by 2013, the exemption lowers to $1 million. Thus, for every dollar you own above the $1 million exemption, up to 55 percent will be subject to federal estate taxes upon your death.

**Capital gains and income taxes will increase:**
Capital gains taxes will increase from 15 to 20 percent and the top income tax rate has been raised from 35 percent in 2012 to 39.6 percent in 2013.

**Portability ends:** In 2013, portability between spouses ends, meaning if one spouse dies without using up his or her federal estate tax exemption, the unused portion can not be transferred to the surviving spouse.

**ENLIST HELP**
All that said, if a new tax bill is approved before Dec. 31, you will need to be ready for the last-minute changes. Consult with your tax advisor for help when planning your estate.

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