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Alumni Notes

Thomas L. Costner, D.O., '81, is director of Saint Francis Hospice in Tulsa. Dr. Costner is board certified in family practice with a certificate of added qualifications in geriatric medicine from the American College of Osteopathic Family Practice. In addition, he is a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at OSU.

Grant Evans, D.O., '08, was featured in an Oklahoma Council on Higher Education E-Clips article about his undergraduate training at University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha, where he graduated in 2003. He currently is a captain in the U.S. Army at University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio, in a urology residency.

A. Nicole Farrar, D.O., '06, has been appointed a clinical assistant professor of internal medicine. She has been chief resident in internal medicine at OSU Medical Center. She was in the honors program and is a cum laude graduate of the University of Tulsa.

Thomas E. Franklin, D.O., '97, was named a commander of the 507th Medical squadron in January 2009. The squadron provides professional medical support to the flying mission of the wing by ensuring all personnel are medically qualified and prepared. He is a lieutenant colonel and actively served as a Flight Surgeon with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma, becoming qualified on the C-135 "Stratotanker" and deploying in support of Operation

Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He is an emergency medicine physician and Director of Emergency Medicine at Cherokee Nation Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah, Okla.

Sarah Martin Hall, D.O., '05, has been appointed a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa. She has received the Regent's Award, as well as awards for outstanding scholar, clinical excellence and for outstanding student in microbiology. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Osteopathic Honor Society. Hall belongs to the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the American Osteopathic Association and the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

Nicole Mayes Willis, '09, organized the "Run to Breathe" 5 km road race and one-mile fun run in Owasso to benefit the Tulsa chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The May 2 race earned more than \$2,500 and was in memory of 12-year-old Haley Palmer of Owasso. Willis was among "Tulsa's 20 New Leaders" recently honored by the foundation's local chapter. Dr. Willis now is a resident physician in pediatrics at OSU Medical Center in Tulsa.

In Memoriam

Raymond Doyle Stewart, D.O., '81, passed away Aug. 15, at age 66.

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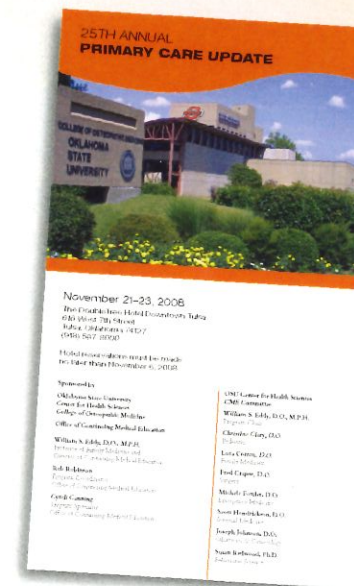
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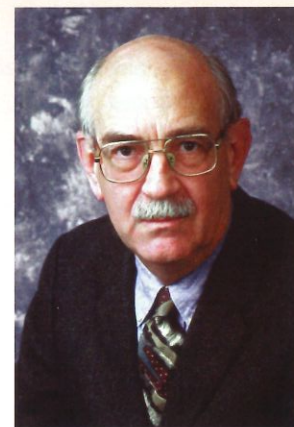
OSU-COM Office of Continuing Medical Education's 26th Annual Primary Care Update is Nov. 13-15, 2009, at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel in Tulsa. It features lectures and demonstrations with emphasis on situations encountered by the primary care physician on a daily basis. For more information about the conference or educational opportunities available, contact Rob Robinson or Cyndi Canning at (800) 274-1972, (918) 586-4615 or (918) 586-4617.

The CME office is a fully accredited American Osteopathic Association sponsor, offering both 1A and 1B CME credit. OSU-CME offers 239 hours of programming through the Media Loan Program and 68 hours of programming on line.



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Robert S. Conrad, Ph.D.



Kirby L. Jarolim, Ph.D.

Long-time Professors Honored

Robert S. Conrad, Ph.D., and Kirby L. Jarolim, Ph.D., have been honored for 35 years of service to the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, where they have helped educate the more than 2,400 osteopathic physicians who have graduated from the college since 1977.

Conrad is professor of microbiology and Jarolim is chair and professor of anatomy. Both were members of the inaugural faculty at the college, which began educating osteopathic physicians at the new Tulsa school in 1974. The educators have seen the college grow from its initial class of 36 first-year medical students at a downtown Tulsa location to today's 92 first-year medical students and approximately 50 graduate students who attend classes on a modern, four-building, 16 acre campus on Southwest Boulevard.

Grogg named interim president at OSU-CHS



Stanley E. Grogg, D.O.

Stanley E. Grogg, D.O., is serving as interim president of OSU Center for Health Sciences as it conducts a national search for a president. Grogg is medical director of clinical research, a professor of pediatrics at OSU

College of Osteopathic Medicine and former director of the Osteopathic Medical Education Consortium of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his pediatric residency at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital, now OSU Medical Center. **Kayse Shrum, D.O., '98**, is interim vice president for academic affairs.

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White Coat Ceremony welcomes student doctors

A total of 92 new OSU Osteopathic Medicine student doctors received their medical student white coats as the final step in their medical school orientation. The ceremony emphasizes the importance of the doctor-patient relationship and focuses on the true meaning of the art and science of medicine. During the ceremony, each incoming student receives a white coat provided by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association. The coats were presented by **Joan Stewart, D.O., M.P.H., '85**, associate dean for Clinical Education, and **Duane G. Koehler, D.O., '90**, president of the OOA. The student doctors recite the Osteopathic Medicine Oath of Commitment, symbolizing their entrance into the osteopathic medical profession. **Stanley E. Grogg, D.O.**, interim president and dean, was keynote speaker.

Dear Alumni,

As you read this, the 92 clean-cut, bright-eyed first year medical students (Class of 2013) are gearing up for mid-terms of their first semester. They look much different than they did at their White Coat Ceremony in August. The girls no longer care what their hair looks like, the guys haven't shaved in a week and they are wearing the same scrubs to school that they slept in the night before! Although many of us say "I would never go through that again!" aren't you glad you did? How different would your life be now if you had not passed through the doors of OSU-COM?



Robin R. Dyer, D.O.

The alumni board has been busy. As the Class of 2009 received their diplomas, Ryan Miller, alumni director and Renée Williams, alumni affairs administrative assistant, hosted the 10-year reunion of the Class of 1999. Our 32nd Annual Spring Fling had a record-setting turnout and our golf tournament in June rounded out our two major fundraisers. These events allow us to provide scholarships to second and third year students and disperse funds to students to help offset speakers and programs throughout the year. Monies are also used to make available those constantly needed emergency loans for our students.

The AOA Convention is in New Orleans Nov. 1-5. Please stop by and visit all of us at the OSU-COM booth (#437 at the Ernest Morial Convention Center). The alumni luncheon is back on the schedule this year and Ryan has a wonderful reception planned for later that same evening!

As most of you are aware, we have come through a very challenging year both at our college and hospital. With all of the current changes, there is no better time to become active at the college. As alumni, we are the largest recruiter of new students to our medical school. If you are not already involved, volunteer to have students rotate through your office, or call the alumni office at (918) 561-1109 and let us know you would be interested in interviewing prospective students. As alumni, we should have an active voice in the future of our college and its graduates. Staying involved is the best way to protect our profession, our college and the futures of many, many OSU-COM graduates to come.

Your 2009-2010 alumni board includes **Buck Hill, D.O., '99**, treasurer; **Ronnie Carr, D.O., '77**, vice-president and **Candy Ting, D.O. '86**, president-elect. Thank you for the honor of allowing me to once again serve as your alumni association president. If there is anything we can do for you, please contact us at the alumni office. I look forward to another exciting year.

Robin R. Dyer, President
OSU-COM Alumni Association

Upcoming Events

- OSU homecoming Oct. 16-17 Stillwater
- AOA convention Nov. 1-5 New Orleans, La.
- Primary Care Update CME Nov. 13-15 Tulsa

Hello Again

Class of '79 renew acquaintances at recent CME



From left are Drs. **Paul Caldron, Kirt Bierig, Merrill Thomas, Cheryl L. S. Gandee, C. Smith, Ken Graham, Steven Buck, Mark Snell and Robert Williams.**

Tayrien Named HCA Chief Health Information Officer

HCA has announced that **Richard Tayrien, D.O., '79**, is Chief Health Information Officer, a new position, effective Sept. 21. He will lead an expanding team of clinicians and informaticists and be responsible for the continued development and implementation of hCare, HCA's comprehensive program for advanced health information technologies. HCA's hCare builds on foundational electronic health record functions and will include computerized provider order entry and decision support.

Tayrien recently served on the Inpatient Work Group of the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT), an official certification body for electronic health records. He was recently recognized by the Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems (AMDIS) for his leadership in the deployment of an electronic medical record and computerized provider order entry system. He is boarded in internal medicine and a Fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Internists. He will report to the president of HCA's Clinical Services Group and Chief Medical Officer.

Alums help CME project in Iraq

OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's Alumni Association recently sent more than 218 pounds of medical books and journals to **Cpt. Bob Hart, D.O., '04**, a Brigade Surgeon for the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division. Cpt. Hart contacted the OSU-COM office of CME and the OSU-COM Alumni Association to see if we could help gather information to educate doctors and medical staff over in Iraq. The office of CME has sent several shipments of materials and has graciously sent more than 200 hours of CME lectures. All in all we believe the project was a huge success.

— Ryan Miller, director of alumni affairs

Grads receive recognition awards

OSU-COM Alumni Association president **Robin R. Dyer, D.O., '92**, congratulates **Sarah Luthey Shepherd, D.O., '09** and **Zachary Fowler, D.O., '09**, who, along with **Kipp Slicker, D.O., '09** (not pictured) were this year's recipients of the Alumni Recognition Award for leadership and service.



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