

## Alumni Notes

**Michael Eimen, D.O., '85**, was named co-citizen of the year by the Mannford, Okla., Area Chamber of Commerce. He has practiced in Mannford since 1986.

**Kirk Gastineau, D.O., '82**, received the 2006 area director award for the Billings, Mont., area of the Indian Health Service. He is a physician at the HIS Crow Northern Cheyenne Hospital in southeastern Montana.

**Steven L. Gates, D.O., '86**, was honored by peers for his five years of service to the House of Delegates of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association at the association's annual meeting. He is director of medical education for Corpus Christi Medical Center's Bay Area Hospital.

**Matthew Good, D.O., '06**, was named top teaching resident by the third year medical class at University of Kansas Medical Center - Department of Internal Medicine.

**Trudy Milner, D.O., '88**, is president of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

**Robert E. Sanders, D.O., '91**, a Cooper Clinic physician in Fort Smith, Ark., is president of the Arkansas State Board of Health for 2007.

**J. Michael Wieting, D.O., '90**, of Holt, Mich., received a Presidential Citation from the Michigan Osteopathic Association in recognition of his two years of service on the MOA Board of Trustees.

Four alumni were honored at the annual convention of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association. **James M. Brown, D.O., '02**, **Steven K. Watkins, D.O., '01** and **Tammie L. Koehler, D.O., '01**, were named Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Rookies of the Year, young physicians who have excelled during the first two years of practicing medicine. **Jennifer Howell, D.O., '03**, received the OOA 2007 Outstanding and Distinguished Resident Award.

Six alumni have joined Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine department of family medicine as clinical assistant professors. They are **Michele Fowler, D.O., '99**, **Dennis Blankenship, D.O., '01**, **Mark Blubaugh, D.O., '01**, **Aaron Lane, D.O., '02** and **Jennifer Eischen, D.O., '02**.

### In Memoriam

**Todd Anthony Hill, D.O., '98**, died June 7, 2007.

**Richard G. Seal, D.O., '80**, died June 13, 2007.

**Kevin Slade, D.O., '79**, died January 16, 2007.

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### Dear Alumni,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as president of the alumni association this past year. We accomplished many goals that will enrich our school, current and future students, and the osteopathic profession in our community. I would also like to thank **Ryan Miller** and **Renee Motte-Williams** for their tireless work and energy; they are an integral part of the alumni association's success, making possible the many things we accomplish as a group.

It was an honor to represent the alumni association at the recent commencement in which 83 students became doctors and alumni. This is a fine group of young physicians that will represent OSU-COM well. I know all the alumni welcome them and wish them good luck in their post-graduate training.

Once again, Spring Fling was well attended. I hope the topics and speakers met your needs and afforded you new knowledge for your practice and patients. The **Summer Classic Golf Tournament** was an opportunity to have a great time and to raise money for our scholarship programs.

I'd like to welcome **Candy Ting, D.O., '86**, to the alumni board as I leave the alumni association in the capable hands of incoming president **Rick Hastings, D.O., '80**.

**Joe Coffman, D.O., '95**

President - Executive Board

OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association



Joe Coffman, D.O.



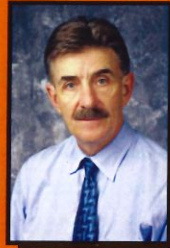
**JoAnn Ryan, D.O., '83** (right), received the A.T. Still Award of Excellence at the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association annual convention from new OOA president **Trudy Milner, D.O., '88**, for her dedication as an osteopathic physician and an educator. She is medical director for OSU clinic system and assistant professor and chair of the Department of Osteopathic Medicine.

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## OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Among Best Graduate Schools

The Oklahoma State University Center for Health Science College of Osteopathic Medicine has been ranked **14th in rural medicine** and **30th in primary care** by *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008."

This is the seventh consecutive year the OSU medical school has been ranked among the nation's best by the publication. "We are gratified that we continue to be ranked among the nation's finest and that our efforts are recognized as we meet our mission of educating physicians for rural and under-served Oklahoma," said John Fernandes, president and dean of OSU's medical school. He credited OSU's quality students, talented faculty and dedicated staff for achieving the school's top ranking.



**Ryan Miller**, director of OSU COM Alumni Association presents **Kristin Martin, D.O., '07** with a business card holder at the senior breakfast for 2007 graduates. A total of 83 new osteopathic physicians received their degrees on May 12. The association presented the new alumni with their choice of a black or an orange business card holder.



## Dr. Keuchel Honored by OSU



**Joseph Keuchel, D.O.** (right) was honored for his long-time service to OSU at a Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology open house at OSU Physicians - Houston Center. **Marty Beal, D.O., '93**, presented Dr. Keuchel with a plaque in recognition and thanks for his contributions and his long association with OSU.

## New Clinical Education Program Debuts



The Office of Clinical Education has added a career development specialist to aid osteopathic medicine students in exploring career choices. Its purpose is to help students get involved in their education and identify a specialty early in their training.

**Terri Blevins**, career development specialist, says alumni, physicians and educators can help by being mentors, providing job-shadowing, participating on panels or at meetings, and providing information about research or summer education opportunities.

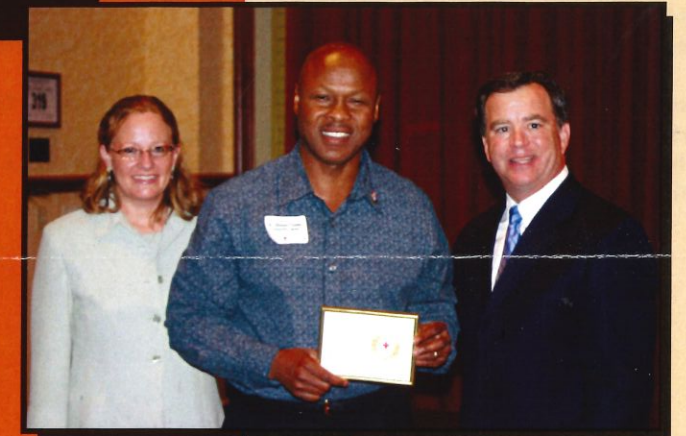
Call (918) 561-8456 for information.

### Students benefit by being able to:

- Explore available options and make informed choices
- Meet informally with clinicians and others to ask questions
- Have opportunities for early clinical experiences
- Consult those who can provide career counseling in student's area of choice
- Get assistance with the match process
- Access tools to make successful residency match and career choices

## American Red Cross Honors Dr. Franklin as Community Hero

The Tulsa Area Chapter of the American Red Cross has honored **Thomas Franklin, D.O., '97**, as a community hero in the Mentor/Role Model Category. He volunteers at the Tulsa Health Department and works extra shifts at the W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah. After Hurricane Katrina, he cut short his vacation to return to Oklahoma in time to aid residents of Camp Gruber. He serves as a father figure to three children. Dr. Franklin is a lieutenant colonel and flight doctor to the 456th Air Refueling Squadron, 507th Air Refueling Wing. He also mentors first- and second-year medical students at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Pictured are Mary C. Ogle, CEO of the Tulsa Red Cross chapter, Dr. Franklin and Pat Baldwin of Oklahoma's News Channel 8.

Look for us at the Arkansas  
Osteopathic Medical Association Convention  
August 1-5

Are you a member of the Class of 1977 or 1987?  
Mark your calendars now for your 20 or 30 year class reunion.  
August 17-18, 2007

## Alum Helps Save Young Athlete

**Athena Mason, D.O., '94**, was featured in news reports after helping aid a young athlete who collapsed on the baseball field. She was attending her son's baseball game when a young ballplayer was accidentally struck in the chest and went into cardiac arrest. Mason and an off-duty paramedic administered CPR until emergency services arrived with a defibrillator.

**Kayse Shrum, D.O., '98**, and **Heather Rector, D.O., '04**, were accepted by the American Academy of Pediatrics to submit their abstract "Transitional Care of the Special Needs Patient" for the June meeting of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatrics in Orlando.