

Headliners

These notable speakers have taken a leading role at ATSU events.

Bill of health

Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer traveled Missouri's 9th district in March, making a stop at ATSU's Gutensohn Clinic in Kirksville. During his visit to the Kirksville Family Medicine Resident Clinic, Luetkemeyer met with pre-med students from Truman State University, ATSU students, senior residents, and physicians to discuss health-care in the state and nation.



Age is just a number

"There are more people who are living past 100 these days," said Christa M. Hojlo, PhD, RN, NHA, at ATSU's 8th annual Lecture on Aging in April. "Many of us are going to be caring for people who are very old, so it's time to pay attention to the process of aging and recognize that we don't have to fear caring for people in those later years. Aging is a normal process."

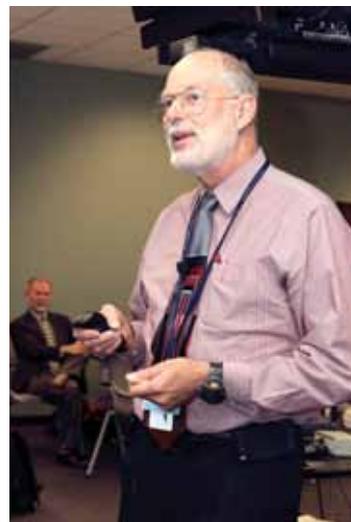
Dr. Hojlo is director of VA Community Living Centers, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. The Lecture on Aging is sponsored by the ATSU Aging Studies Project, a University-wide program with a mandate for community outreach to elders and service agencies.

Whole new ballgame

"The work done at ASDOH impacts people not only in their childhood but for a lifetime," said Scott Smith, mayor of Mesa, Ariz., at the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the Arizona Diamondbacks Pediatric Dental Suite held June 4.

ASDOH received a \$50,000 Arizona Diamondbacks Grand Slam Award, with which two child-friendly rooms were established at the School's Mesa dental clinic.

"We are taking our young patients out to the ball park without leaving their dental chair," added ASDOH Dean Jack Dillenberg, DDS, MPH. "Our pediatric patients will receive the best dental care in a fun environment with Baxter and views of center field."



Aim high

"Set your sights high," Thomas E. McWilliams, DO, FACOFP, advised students at a Hero Healers luncheon on the Arizona campus. "You're in a profession where the possibilities are endless."

Dr. McWilliams, associate dean, graduate medical education, SOMA, shared his experiences in frontier medicine as part of the Alaskan Native Health Foundation initiative.