

Governor Blunt visits Missouri Campus

Missouri Governor Matt Blunt visited ATSU-KCOM and



Northeast Regional Medical Center to discuss the state's healthcare on January 17.

Staged in Centennial Commons, Gov. Blunt introduced "Insure Missouri," an affordable health coverage initiative for Missouri's lower in-

come, uninsured workers through approved insurance plans.

"Insure Missouri places us on the path to affordable healthcare for all," he said. Insure Missouri is projected to cover nearly 200,000 uninsured Missourians.

The governor traveled to healthcare facilities across the state to discuss his plan, which includes prescription drug benefits, emergency and physician services, durable medical equipment, and more. The three-phase program will be fully operational within 15 months.

Students enthusiastic about Geriatric Initiative

In 2003, the ATSU Board of Directors initiated a University Geriatric Initiative in light of growing healthcare challenges in an aging society. According to Assistant Professor Elton Bordenave, M.Ed., CHC, Arizona Campus committee chair for the Program on Aging, the goal of ATSU's outreach programs is to increase the quality of life, health, and wellness for seniors while promoting student healthcare education.

Ensuring the outreach programs met their goals, audiology students have provided several hearing screenings in past months. Faculty-supervised students treat patients at community senior centers, interacting one-on-one with seniors who have medical issues ranging from diabetes to depression.

Dental students also provide screenings and services from a fully functioning mobile clinic, which has been successful in generating new patients and community awareness for the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health and its clinics.

First- and second-year PA students perform volunteer blood pressure screenings at four community senior centers on Thursdays each week.

Each geriatric program demonstrates the importance of student-patient interaction, and many students have voiced their enthusiasm for the projects. More outreach programs are in the works for both ATSU campuses.

ATSU-KCOM receives President's honor roll award for service



The Corporation for National and Community Service named the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth. Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service learning courses.

The Honor Roll is jointly sponsored by the corporation through its Learn and Serve America program, the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.