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Lecture on Aging focuses on Alzheimer's

ATSU's Committee on Aging hosted its 7th annual Lecture on Aging on April 1 to enhance healthcare providers' understanding of the challenges associated with Alzheimer's disease and share current concepts related to diagnosis and patient care. The lecture, "Meeting the challenge of Alzheimer's: Current concepts in diagnosis and care," featured speakers from the Banner Alzheimer's Institute (BAI) in Phoenix, and was held on the Arizona campus with simultaneous videoconferencing on the Missouri campus.

In his presentation, "Diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease," Roy Yaari, M.D., MAS, associate director of BAI's Memory Disorders Clinic, discussed the early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, the key elements to diagnosing Alzheimer's, and drugs currently used to treat the disease. He stressed that it is important to note that these drugs slow down the progression of the disease but are not curative.

Helle Brand, PA, Memory Disorders Clinic, addressed the stages of Alzheimer's disease and the key issues associated with early, moderate, and late stages of the disease. "In each of these stages, it is important to recognize the impact of the disease on caregivers and offer support and understanding," she said.

"ATSU was honored to partner with BAI for this lecture," said Elton Bordenave, M.Ed., director of the ATSU Aging Project for the Arizona campus. "We plan on future collaborative projects with BAI and other community organizations to enhance our student, faculty, and staff's awareness of issues affecting the elderly."

PA program update

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted continued accreditation to A.T. Still University's Physician Assistant program. Continued accreditation is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA *Standards*. Continued accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process, or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the *Standards*. The approximate date for the next comprehensive review of the program by the ARC-PA will be March 2014.

Museum gets funds for cranial collection

The Cranial Academy Foundation extended funds to the Museum of Osteopathic MedicineSM and International Center for Osteopathic History to support the Viola Frymann Legacy Collection. The collection comprises the life work of Viola Frymann, D.O., FAAO, FCA, a pioneer, innovator, advocate, and friend of the osteopathic profession for more than 50 years. The gift will help the museum assess, prioritize, and make Dr. Frymann's unique work available for education and research.

"There are few among us who are more worthy of high esteem and few who have such a distinguished body of work as the profession's beloved Dr. Viola Fry-

mann," said **Michael Lockwood, D.O., '81**, FCA, president of The Cranial Academy Foundation.

The Cranial Academy Foundation is dedicated exclusively to teaching, advocating, and advancing osteopathic medicine, specifically osteopathic medicine in the cranial field. "It is distinctly our honor to aid in the research and advancement of the Osteopathic Paradigm and Sutherland concepts," Dr. Lockwood said. "Members of the board of directors embrace the philosophy that serving is not an obligation or opportunity but a gift."

