

Going once, going twice, sold!

The annual KCOM Student Government Association auction was held February 5 in Centennial Commons. A Hungarian dinner for four, train set, baked goods, Valentine's gift baskets, and more were donated by faculty, staff, and students and were auctioned off by Golden & Golden Auctioneers. The TCC staff organized a coffeehouse in the Commons, and the musical group MEDleys entertained bidders.



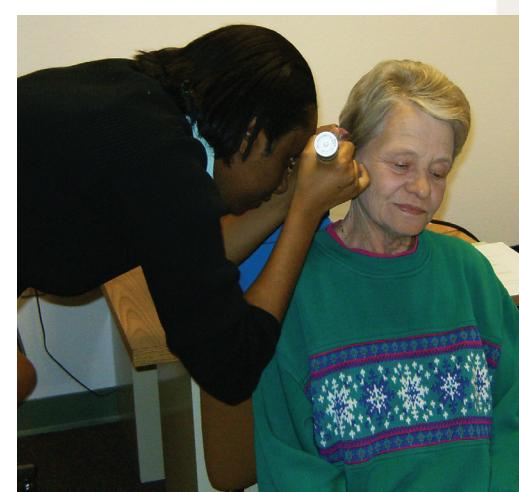
SGA President Josh Storey, OMS II, hands out door prizes at the auction.

Students enthusiastic about Geriatric Initiative

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

Faculty supervised SOMA students treat patients at community senior centers, interacting one-on-one with seniors who have medical issues ranging from diabetes to depression. ASDOH students provide screenings and services from a fully functioning mobile clinic, which has been successful at generating new patients and community awareness for the School and its clinics. First- and second-year PA students perform volunteer blood pressure screenings at four community senior centers each Thursday, and on February 5, eight Au.D. students and two faculty members provided hearing screenings.

Each program has demonstrated the importance of student-patient interaction, and many students have voiced their enthusiasm for the projects. More outreach programs are in development for both Campuses.



Ellen Emmons screens a patient on February 5.

Audiology team makes medical mission to Mexico

Audiology students Vanessa Betancourt, Jennifer Thomas, Sabra Carman, Coral Vazquez, and Sadaf Fateh of the Arizona School of Health Sciences were part of a team of audiologists and doctors who conducted a medical mission to help the people of Guaymas, Mexico, and others from the State of Sonora. Although the city has approximately 225,000 citizens, there are no audiologists or hearing aid dispensers in Mesa's Sister City of Guaymas, which is located 400 miles south of Phoenix.

The team worked at a school for mentally and



Fateh works with a local Guaymas man.

Left to right: Jenni Thomas, Sadaf Fateh, Vanessa Betancourt, Sabra Carman and Coral Vazquez.

physically challenged students, many of whom have hearing loss. They offered a test booth, clinical audiometer, impedance meter, hearing aid modification tools, and otoacoustic emissions screener. Since 1992, more than 1,700 patients have been seen, and more than 1,000 hearing aids have been fitted at no charge. The Mesa, Arizona, Baseline Rotary has sponsored the missions since 1992.



ATSU-KCOM is honor roll recipient

ATSU-KCOM was named to the 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This distinction recognizes community service and civic engagement on university and college campuses across the nation. The Honor Roll is an annual recognition.

Honor Roll recipients were honored February 10 during a meeting and reception at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, Calif. The Honor Roll and reception were sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, and Campus Compact.

KCOM receives OMM treatments

In January and February, KCOM's Class of 2010 provided Campus faculty, staff, students, and their spouses with free osteopathic manipulative medicine treatments as part of a special educational program.

Every year, second-year medical students participate in an Advanced Palpatory Skills Development program where they practice integrating osteopathic manipulative medicine into the clinical setting. Through this program, physician-supervised students evaluated and treated volunteer patients for common musculoskeletal problems.



Communications & Marketing Associate Hector Contreras receives a free OMM treatment courtesy of second-year student Michael Saper.