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Fall Prevention goes to state

Caroline Lindsay, AuD, ’16, met with Arizona Governor Jan Brewer (right) in September to discuss ATSU’s Still Standing Fall Prevention Outreach, a community health education program conducted by ATSU’s Aging Studies Project to alleviate falls among older adults. Since 2009, students from ASHS’s Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Audiology, and Athletic Training programs have presented the evidenced-based Matter of Balance program to more than 1,500 seniors in Arizona. Approximately 2,800 community service hours are accounted for each year by students and faculty participating in the outreach. ATSU holds a nine-year association with the Governor’s Office on Aging and has been a part of the Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition since its inception.

Gary Cloud, PhD, is vice president – strategic university partnerships. Dr. Cloud will develop successful relationships with national, regional, state, and local entities.

Randy Rogers, CFP®, is interim vice president – university advancement. He previously served as associate vice president. During his career at ATSU, Rogers has successfully led efforts to raise multi-million dollar gifts for program support, facility construction, research, and endowments. Rogers also received the 2013 Distinguished Service Award for the Missouri campus.

O.T. Wendel, PhD, is senior vice president – strategic university initiatives. Dr. Wendel has been instrumental in ATSU’s successes in Arizona and San Diego. He has served ATSU for many years as both a University faculty member and leader.

Joseph C. Creech Jr., DDS, associate professor and director, pediatric dentistry, was elected president of the American Board of Pedodontics this past June. He will serve one year.

Dr. Creech is a partner with Pediatric Dental Specialists in Gilbert and Chandler, Ariz., and has been in practice in the East Valley since 1983.

The National Academies of Practice elected Scott Morrison, DDS, MSD, MAED, FICD, associate dean, as a Distinguished Scholar and Fellow member. Dr. Morrison was inducted in April in Alexandria, Va.

NAP membership is an honor extended to those who have excelled in their profession and are dedicated to furthering practice, scholarship, and policy in support of interprofessional care.

In May, the American Dental Association Foundation participated as a Special Award Organization in the 2013 Intel® International Science and Engineering Fair® in Phoenix. Representing ADA as special award judges were Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS, director, postgraduate orthodontic program, and M.H. Reisbick, DMD, MS, director, integrated human sciences and student research.

Dr. Park also was appointed as an American Board of Orthodontics examiner.

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