

## **Faculty and staff accomplishments (as of July 31)**

### *Accomplishment kudos*

Richard Allinson, DDS, assistant professor, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the Elsie Gaber Compassion & Integrity Award during ATSU's Employee Recognition & Awards Ceremony in July.

Shipra Bansal, MD, assistant professor, ATSU-SOMA, served as conference medical director for Sedona Health & Nutrition Conference 2020.

Annette Bettridge, PA-C, MS, FNP, assistant professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, was a 2019 recipient of the Physician Assistant Foundation's National Institute on Drug Abuse Mentored Outreach Award. Her project was titled "Stamp Out Stigma - De-stigmatizing Substance Use Disorders and Comorbid Mental Illness Through Innovative Curricular Strategies."

George Blue Spruce Jr., DDS, MPH, assistant dean, American Indian affairs, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Awards for Excellence in Social Mission in Health Professions Education. The award will be presented at the Beyond Flexner 2021 Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Michael Bradbury, PhD, MPhil, chair, biochemistry, ATSU-KCOM, received the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE) 2020 Outstanding Reviewer Award during IAMSE's virtual annual meeting in June.

Erin Breitenbach, PhD, MA, chair, health education, ATSU-CGHS, earned her master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Houston in May 2020. In addition, Dr. Breitenbach was selected by the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education to co-lead the Online/Virtual and Technology-Facilitated Learning and Practice track at the virtual 2020 Nexus Summit.

Tynon Britton, security officer, Arizona facilities, ATSU, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the third quarter of 2019.

Heather Brown, EdD, MTS, assistant director, University Writing Center, ATSU-CGHS, signed a contract with Routledge for her first book, tentatively titled "Weight Bias in Health Education: Critical Perspectives for Pedagogy and Practice," which she is coediting with Dr. Nancy Ellis-Ordway.

Kent Campbell, DO, '83, associate dean and assistant professor, ATSU-KCOM, received the 2020 Osteopathic College Medallion Award from the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Quincy Conley, PhD, director, Teaching & Learning Center, ATSU, was featured in an episode of the “Versatelist” podcast, where he discussed his research publication, “MantarayAR: Leveraging augmented reality to teach probability and sampling.”

Joseph Creech, DDS, associate professor, ATSU-ASDOH, received the School's Living Tribute Award at the alumni barbecue in February. The award was established to recognize and honor faculty, staff members, and administrators for outstanding accomplishments or long-term service to the School.

Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C emeritus, director, medical science, ATSU-ASHS, was recognized for 10 years of service as a peer reviewer with the Higher Learning Commission. In addition, he was featured on an episode of the “Physician Assistants (PAs) for Tomorrow” podcast and discussed benefits of PAs obtaining a doctoral degree and the overall outlook of the PA profession.

Thomas DiDonna, DHSc, MSN, RN, adjunct professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's Health Sciences Adjunct Faculty of the Year award.

Lihua Dishman, DBA, MBA, associate professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration to serve a three-year term on the Winston Scholarship Selection Committee.

Mai-Ly Duong, DMD, MPH, MAEd, FAGD, FSCD, '12, associate director, special care dentistry, ATSU-ASDOH, received the School's Distinguished Service Award at the alumni barbecue in February. The award honors graduates who have attained local, national, or international distinction within their profession or discipline.

Michael Halasy, DHSc, MS, PA-C, adjunct professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, was named to the editorial board of the *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovation, Quality, and Outcomes* journal.

Matt Heeren, JD, vice president & general counsel, ATSU, was recognized for his service to the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors during the chamber's annual awards banquet in Kirksville, Missouri. Heeren, who retired from the board, served as ATSU's representative for six years.

Crystal Hendron, MEd, learning advisor, learning & disability resources, ATSU, received her doctor of education in health professions degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Julie Hessler, DO, '96, assistant professor, family medicine, ATSU-KCOM, received the Max Gutensohn, DO, Outstanding Teaching Award from ATSU-KCOM's class of 2022 during the Student Government Association awards ceremony held April 30. She also received the Excellence in Teaching Award during ATSU's Employee Recognition & Awards Ceremony in July.

MaKay Hettinger, alumni relations coordinator, university advancement, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the fourth quarter of 2019.

Jeremy Houser, PhD, associate professor, anatomy, ATSU-KCOM, received the Max Gutensohn, DO, Outstanding Teaching Award from ATSU-KCOM's class of 2023 during the Student Government Association awards ceremony held April 30.

Scott Howell, DMD, MPH, FSCD, '14, assistant professor, ATSU-ASDOH, was appointed to a TeleDent COVID-19 Advisory Board by MouthWatch LLC. This group of teledentistry thought leaders is helping MouthWatch develop best practice protocols for implementing teledentistry in urgent care. The team is also assisting with creating timely teledentistry-focused education and training materials. Additionally, Dr. Howell was named one of the American Dental Association's 10 Under 10 for 2020. This award recognizes 10 dentists who are making an impact on the profession less than 10 years after graduation.

Deborah Hudman, MS, senior research associate, microbiology & immunology, ATSU-KCOM, was awarded grant funding for her joint project with the Missouri Department of Conservation. The project's goal is to create a Missouri map of tick species distributions and their human pathogens distribution.

Tracy Hultgren, MS, adjunct professor, kinesiology, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's Kinesiology Adjunct Faculty of the Year award.

Eric Kosel, DMD, lead comprehensive care unit director, assistant professor, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the Elsie Gaber Compassion & Integrity Award during ATSU's Employee Recognition & Awards Ceremony in July.

Jamie Kuettel, PT, DPT, NCS, GCS, director of physical therapy progress administration, assistant professor, ATSU-ASHS, received the School's 2020 Junior Faculty of the Year award.

Kenneth Lam, ScD, ATC, professor, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, received the School's 2020 Faculty Service of the Year award.

Dan Leask, MBA, adjunct professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's Health Administration Adjunct Faculty of the Year award.

Ysenia Lopez, administrative assistant, student affairs, ATSU, received her master of science in leadership degree from Grand Canyon University.

Ashley Love, DrPH, MPH, MS, CPH, associate professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's 2020 Professor of the Year award.

Brenae Maddix, education integration specialist, ATSU-SOMA, earned her master of public health degree from ATSU-CGHS in May.

Alice Mayer, coordinator, residential admissions, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the third quarter of 2019.

Michael McCunniff, DDS, adjunct professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's Public Health Adjunct Faculty of the Year award.

Zarin Mehta, PhD, associate professor, audiology, ATSU-ASHS, received the School's 2020 Educator of the Year award.

Yohei Norimatsu, PhD, associate professor, physiology, ATSU-KCOM, received the Excellence in Teaching Award during ATSU's Employee Recognition & Awards Ceremony in July.

Clinton Normore, MBA, vice president, diversity & inclusion, ATSU, was interviewed on "Good Morning Arizona" and discussed the importance of authentic conversations about racial injustice.

Olawunmi Obisesan, PhD, DHEd, MPH, adjunct assistant professor, health education, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's Health Professions Education Adjunct Faculty of the Year award.

Adepitan Owosho, DDS, FAAOMP, FAAOM, DABOMP, director, integrated human sciences, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the Outstanding Teaching Award from ATSU-MOSDOH's class of 2023 during the Student Government Association awards ceremony held April 30.

Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS, professor and chair, postgraduate orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, published a book titled "Temporary Anchorage Devices in Clinical Orthodontics." He was appointed as associate editor and editor of case reports in the

*American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*. His case report, "Mandibular micrognathia and vertical maxillary excess correction with combination LeFort I and inverted L osteotomies," which was co-authored by Dr. Hunter Boss; Dr. Albert Carlotti; Michael Papademetriou, DMD, MS, director, orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH; and John Grubb, DDS, MSD, adjunct professor, ATSU-ASDOH, was selected as Case of the Month in the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics* for May 2020. Dr. Park published "Post-COVID-19 Management Guidelines for Orthodontic Practices" in the *Journal of Clinical Orthodontics*, which was co-authored by ATSU-ASDOH residents Janet Kim, DDS, Alan Kai, DDS, Leah Rogowski, DMD, and Andy Liu, DDS. Dr. Park was also appointed as a contributing editor for the *Journal of Clinical Orthodontics*.

Megan Poulson, coordinator, student life, ATSU, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2020.

Jeni Rogers, executive assistant to the dean, ATSU-SOMA, earned her master of health administration degree from ATSU-CGHS in May.

Amanda Selby, assistant director, residential admissions, ATSU, earned her doctor of education degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Albert Simon, DHSc, PA, associate director, medical science, ATSU-ASHS, was named 2020 PA of the Year by the Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants.

Carol Stanley, clerical support, research & grants, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2020.

Ariel Summers, simulation coordinator, ATSU-ASDOH, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the fourth quarter of 2019.

Susan Thomas, MEd, instructional designer, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's 2020 Outstanding Employee Award.

Carla True, patient services coordinator, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Clinic, ATSU-KCOM, received the 2020 Distinguished Service Award during ATSU's Employee Recognition & Awards Ceremony in July.

Alison Snyder Valier, PhD, ATC, FNATA, director, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, was a visiting scholar and guest of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Athletic Training Education Program. Funded by the Mueller Fund for Athletic Training Excellence, her visit included a seminar presentation and symposium keynote address, as well as meeting with research faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students.

Richard Vargo, DMD, director, comprehensive care unit, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the Outstanding Teaching Award from ATSU-MOSDOH's class of 2022 during the Student Government Association awards ceremony held April 30.

Tawna Wilkinson, PT, DPT, PhD, PCS, director of physical therapy, associate professor, ATSU-ASHS, received the School's 2020 Scholar of the Year award.

Margaret Wilson, DO, '82, dean, was elected chair of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Board of Deans at its March 28 meeting. She began her two-year term on July 1.