

## Faculty and staff accomplishments (Jan. 1-July 31)

### *Accomplishment kudos*

**Barton Anderson, DHSc, AT, ATC**, professor, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2024 Introduction to Evidence-Based Teaching course.

**Eboni Anderson, PhD, DHEd, MSW, MEd, MA**, associate professor and director, community-oriented primary care, ATSU-SOMA, received ATSU-CGHS' 2025 Adjunct of the Year award for the College's Public Health department.

**Beatriz Barragan Serrano, PhD**, associate professor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute. In addition, Dr. Barragan Serrano received the College's 2025 Scholar of the Year award.

**Jennifer Beal, MEd**, assistant director, postprofessional physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the Arizona and California campus Employee Excellence Award for the second quarter of 2025.

**Kellie Bliven, PhD, ATC**, professor and chair, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2024 Introduction to Evidence-Based Teaching course.

**Emily Bonazelli, DHA, MS**, received ATSU-CGHS' 2025 Adjunct of the Year award for the College's Health Administration department.

**C. Lynn Chevalier, DHSc, MPH, MS, CSSGB CPC**, received ATSU-CGHS' 2025 Adjunct of the Year award for the College's Health Sciences department.

**Robert Clegg, PhD, MLB, MPH, CHPHQ, MCHES**, associate professor and chair, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, received the President's Circle Award as a student at National University in the Master of Law and Business program. Dr. Clegg completed his MLB degree in December and will participate in the commencement exercises this spring. Additionally, Dr. Clegg was invited to serve on the Planning Committee for the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration.

**Lihua Dishman, DBA, MBA, FACHE**, professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, was recertified as a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

**Olivia Ellison**, enrollment data coordinator, ATSU-CGHS, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2025. She also completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Helen Ewing, DHSc, MN, RN**, received ATSU-CGHS' 2025 Adjunct of the Year award for the College's Nursing department.

**Deanne Fay, PT, DPT, PhD**, professor, director, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the College's 2025 Service of the Year award.

**Gustavo Fernandes, DDS, MSD, PhD**, associate professor, assistant specialty care unity director, clinical education, ATSU-MOSDOH, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2024 Introduction to Evidence-Based Teaching course.

**Valena Fiscus, DO, MPH**, assistant professor, internal medicine, ATSU-KCOM, was appointed vice councilor for District 2 (northeast Missouri) with the Missouri State Medical Association for 2025-26.

**Alan Freeman, DM**, senior director, patient care centers, ATSU, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2024 Introduction to Evidence-Based Teaching course.

**Jaana Gold, DDS, PhD, MPH, CPH**, professor and chair, public health, ATSU-CGHS, was named to the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health Education Advisory Committee. Her term runs through 2027. Dr. Gold was also recertified in public health by the National Board of Public Health Examiners.

**Benjamin Gross, CScD, MOT, OTR/L**, assistant professor, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Tiffany Hines, PhD, MEd, SLP-CCC**, assistant professor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, received the College's 2025 Junior Faculty of the Year award.

**Breanne Jaqua, DO, MPH**, interim assistant dean of academic affairs, associate professor of family medicine, clinical science education, ATSU-SOMA, received the Outstanding Mentor Award from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association. The award is presented to physicians who make a significant difference in the lives of students and colleagues through mentorship.

**Lana Khatib, MPH, MPAS, PA-C**, assistant professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Tina Kibodeaux**, program manager, physician assistant studies, ATSU-CHC, received the Arizona and California campus Employee Excellence Award for the fourth quarter of 2024.

**Kelly Kirkland, MBA**, business operations manager, ATSU-KCOM, received the 2025 Medallion Award from the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

**Dave Kojic, DMD, PhD, MS**, assistant professor, preclinical education, ATSU-MOSDOH, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Robert Levine, DDS**, assistant professor and director, laser dentistry, ATSU-ASDOH, received the 2025 Kumar Patel Prize in Laser Surgery from the American Laser Study Club. Dr. Levine was recognized for his outstanding contributions to CO2 laser dentistry education.

**Ahmed Mahrous, BDS, MS**, associate professor, director of CAD/CAM dentistry, predoctoral education, ATSU-ASDOH; **Amira Elgreatly, BDS, MS**, associate professor, predoctoral education, ATSU-ASDOH; and co-authors published an article in the *Journal of Dental Education* that ranked within the top 10% of most viewed publications from the journal in 2023. The article is titled "The use of artificial intelligence and game-based learning in removable partial denture design: A comparative study."

**Ivonne Maldonado de La Rosa, PhD, CCC-SLP**, assistant professor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, was honored as the 2024-25 Advisor of the Year on ATSU's Arizona campus. As advisor for the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association Chapter, she was recognized for demonstrating initiative in working with the student organization, helping the organization accomplish its mission, promoting student learning, and serving as a role model for student members.

**Melchiorra Mangiaracina, DO**, assistant professor, osteopathic principles & practice, ATSU-SOMA, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Kathleen Mathieson, PhD, CIP**, professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's 2025 Professor of the Year award, which honors the most outstanding faculty member.

**Eric Matthews, PhD, MS**, professor and chair, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received the College's 2025 Dean's Recognition Award for Outstanding Leadership for his thoughtful guidance and inspiring excellence.

**Michelle Mayo, PhD**, trustee, ATSU, was named Clafin University's provost and vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Mayo previously served as associate provost for student success and dean of undergraduate studies at California State University, Monterey Bay.

**Sue McDaniel, MS**, instructional designer, ATSU-CGHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Stephanie McGrew, DHSc, MHA, MPH**, assistant director, diversity & inclusion, ATSU, received the UPCEA Leadership in Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Award for representing

best practices and demonstrating positive impact in promoting cultural shift. In addition, she earned her doctor of health sciences degree from ATSU-CGHS.

**Mary-Katherine McNatt, DrPH, MPH, MCHES, CPH, COI**, professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS; **Marsha Presley, PhD, MPH**, research associate, public health, ATSU-CGHS; and colleague Jan Probst, PhD, were invited to provide a plenary address, titled “Disenfranchised and Unheard: Political Determinants of Indigenous Health” at the National Rural Health Association’s Annual Rural Health Access Conference in May.

**Sara McVay, MBA**, assistant director, payroll, human resources, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the second quarter of 2025.

**Presley Melvin-Dean, MPH, MA**, academic advisor, ATSU-CGHS, received the College’s 2025 Outstanding Employee Award in recognition of her exceptional service and support to the College community.

**Kristina Millhouse, MS**, instructor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center’s 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Melinda Moore Gottschalk, DMSc, PA-C, DFAAPA**, adjunct assistant professor, medical science, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center’s 2024 Introduction to Evidence-Based Teaching course.

**Kathleen Moralez**, senior dental assistant, Advanced Care Clinic, ATSU-ASDOH, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2025.

**Romana Muller, EdD, MSDH, RDH**, associate professor, clinical education, ATSU-MOSDOH, received ATSU-CGHS’ 2025 Distinguished Service Alumni Award for her work and leadership in compassionate, culturally competent care for underserved communities.

**Clinton Normore, MBA**, chief diversity officer, ATSU, earned his doctor of education in health professions education degree from ATSU-CGHS.

**Tabitha Parent-Buck, AuD**, professor and chair, audiology, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center’s 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS**, professor and director, orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, was selected by the American Association of Orthodontists Board of Trustees to become editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics* (AJO-DO) and the *AJO-DO Clinical Companion*.

**Jeneen Panezai, PhD**, research scientist, A.T. Still Research Institute, ATSU, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center’s 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Jody Peterson**, executive assistant, general counsel & chief operating officer, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the fourth quarter of 2024.

**Jiji Pollock, MS**, adjunct professor, kinesiology, ATSU-CGHS, received her doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Chicago.

**Jennifer Radziak, OTD, OTR/L, CHT**, assistant professor, program director, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the College's 2025 Educator of the Year award.

**Mohamed Rahhal, BDS, PhD, MSc**, associate professor and specialty care unit director, prosthodontics, ATSU-MOSDOH, was elected chair of the American Dental Education Association Special Interest Group on Implant Dentistry. Dr. Rahhal has held an officer position in this group for the past two years.

**Bobbie Repp, RDH**, adjunct faculty, dental hygiene, predoctoral education, ATSU-ASDOH, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's test out for the Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course.

**Michael Ryan, PhD, MS, CSCS, PN2**, adjunct faculty, kinesiology, ATSU-CGHS, was elected chair of the ATSU-CGHS Alumni Board.

**Marlene Salas-Provance, PhD, MHA, MA, CCC-SLP, FNAP, FASHA**, vice dean and professor, ATSU-ASHS, was elected to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Board of Directors as vice president for planning. She will serve as liaison to three boards, including the Multicultural Issues Board, International Issues Board, and Financial Planning Board.

**Tania Shearon, DHSc, OTR/L, CHT, C-IAYT**, assistant professor, director of curriculum, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, was inducted to the National Academies of Practice Physical Therapy Academy.

**Daniel Smith, PhD, MBA**, associate professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, was invited to serve on the Technology Advisory Committee for the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.

**Amy Spies, PhD**, assistant professor, anatomy, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Adam Story, PT, DPT, OTR/L, OTD, MTC**, assistant professor, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, was inducted to the National Academies of Practice Physical Therapy Academy.

**Omer Sultan, MDS, BDS, PhD**, associate professor, preclinical education, ATSU-MOSDOH, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Robert J. Theobald Jr., PhD**, professor, pharmacology, ATSU-KCOM, received the John E. Thornburg, DO, PhD, National Faculty Leadership Award from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

**Sarah Thomas, MSW, LCSW**, director, behavioral health & wellness, ATSU, was honored as the 2024-25 Advisor of the Year on ATSU's Missouri campus. As advisor for the Still Kids student organization, she was recognized for demonstrating initiative in working with the student organization, helping the organization accomplish its mission, promoting student learning, and serving as a role model for student members.

**Daryl Traylor, PhD, MPH, MS**, adjunct faculty, public health, ATSU-CGHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2024 Introduction to Evidence-Based Teaching course and 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Alison Valier, PhD, ATC, FNATA**, professor, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.

**Tamara Valovich McLeod, PhD, ATC**, professor and chair, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2024 Introduction to Evidence-Based Teaching course. Dr. McLeod also completed the test out for the Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course.

**Malathy Venkatesh, PhD, CCC-SLP**, assistant professor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, was awarded the 2025 Marilyn Quintana Moline Mentorship Award by the Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

**Sarah Walsh, MS, PA-C**, assistant professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, completed the ATSU Teaching & Learning Center's 2025 Asynchronous Course Design Institute.