

Faculty and staff accomplishments (March 1-July 31)

Accomplishment kudos

Eboni Anderson, PhD, DHEd, MSW, MEd, MA, associate professor of public health, director of community-oriented primary care, ATSU-SOMA, received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award at ATSU-CGHS' annual Awards Banquet.

Scott Battley, PhD, MS, adjunct faculty, kinesiology, ATSU-CGHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Adjunct Faculty of the Year award at the College's annual Awards Banquet.

Emily Bonazelli, DHA, MS, adjunct faculty, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Adjunct Faculty of the Year award at the College's annual Awards Banquet.

Ray Borges, DHSc, MBA, MA, adjunct faculty, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Adjunct Faculty of the Year award at the College's annual Awards Banquet.

Donna Brown, MBA, SHRM-SCP, SPHR, assistant chief, human resources, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Distinguished Service Award at the annual Faculty & Staff Recognition Ceremony.

Ann Lee Burch, PT, EdD, MPH, FNAP, dean and associate professor, ATSU-ASHS, was accepted to the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Institute for Leadership in Higher Education 2026-27 as a 2026 AGB fellow.

Bethany Clatt, MEd, academic advisor, ATSU-CGHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Outstanding Employee Award at the College's annual Awards Banquet.

JoNeil Conley, DM, MBA, adjunct faculty, health administration & nursing, ATSU-CGHS, published a book, "The Biology of Bullying: Why Nurses Eat Each Other and How to Take Them Off the Menu," which draws on her nearly 50 years of nursing experience and bridges the gap between quantitative findings and clinical reality.

Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C Emeritus, DFAAPA, professor and director, medical science, ATSU-ASHS, published his memoir, "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: A PA's Journey Through Five Decades of Healthcare," in January 2026.

Jeff Davis, DO, CMD, vice dean, assistant professor, ATSU-KCOM, received the 2026 Wilbur T. Hill, DO, Distinguished Service Award from the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS). This award is MAOPS' highest honor recognizing extraordinary commitment, leadership, and service to the osteopathic profession.

Tiffany Davis, administrative support, enrollment services, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2026.

Lihua Dishman, DBA, MBA, professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, was re-elected to serve as Health and Human Services Section's chair for another one-year term beginning Oct. 1, 2026.

David Doubblestein, PT, PhD, CLT, Cert MDT, LLCC, associate professor, director of student progress & retention, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the 2026 Service of the Year award during the annual ATSU-ASHS faculty assembly in May.

John Fick, EdD, FACHE, professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, was re-elected to serve as Health and Human Services Section's vice chair for another one-year term beginning Oct. 1, 2026. Dr. Fick was also reappointed to serve on the Academic Publishing Editorial Board of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Julie Frantsve-Hawley, PhD, CAE, assistant professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed to the editor-in-chief search committee for the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*.

Lindsay Garcia, RDH, AP, instructor, predoctoral instruction, ATSU-ASDOH, received the 2026 Advisor of the Year award for her leadership with ATSU-ASDOH's Give Kids A Smile event, commitment to student growth, and service as a role model.

Rachel Geoghegan, DAT, ATC, assistant professor, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, received the Dignity Health Values in Action Excellence Award for her service to the Dignity Health system and the patients they serve.

Nikki Harris, DAT, LAT, ATC, CSCS, associate professor, director of student recruitment, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, received the 2026 Emerging Educator Award from the National Athletic Trainers' Association Executive Council on Education. The award honors an individual who is an up-and-coming athletic training educator and has demonstrated excellence in values toward education and teaching abilities.

Annie Johnson, DMD, MPH, adjunct faculty, public health, ATSU-CGHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award at the College's annual Awards Banquet.

Kenny Lam, ScD, ATC, FNATA, professor, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, was part of a research team that was named the 2025 recipient of the *Journal of Athletic Training's* Clint Thompson Award for Clinical Practice Advancement.

Richelle Lee, academic coordinator, osteopathic manipulative medicine, ATSU-KCOM, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the second quarter of 2026.

Virginia Little, PhD, PT, NCS, ADHD-RSP, associate professor, director of research, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the 2026 Faculty Educator of the Year award during the annual ATSU-ASHS faculty assembly in May.

Haley Lorenzen, digital content & public relations manager, communication & marketing, ATSU, received the Arizona & California campus Employee Excellence Award for the second quarter of 2026.

Lourdes Martinez-Nieto, PhD, associate professor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, received the 2026 Faculty Scholar of the Year award during the annual ATSU-ASHS faculty assembly in May.

Binita Mool, dental assistant, on-site clinical education, ATSU-ASDOH, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2026.

Romana Muller, EdD, MSDH, CEPH, RDH, associate professor, clinical education, ATSU-MOSDOH, was elected vice president of the Give Kids A Smile St. Louis organization.

Ammar Musawi, MDS, BDS, MPH, assistant dean of simulation clinic & preclinical education, professor, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the ATSU-MOSDOH Elsie Gaber Compassion & Integrity Award at the annual Faculty & Staff Recognition Ceremony.

Jordan Palmer, DO, assistant professor, family medicine, ATSU-KCOM, received the A.T. Still Staff Award for Excellence in Teaching at the annual Faculty & Staff Recognition Ceremony.

Kim Perry, DDS, MSCS, chief partnership officer, associate professor, ATSU, received the ATSU-CGHS Michael Samuels Impact Award at the College's annual Awards Banquet.

Olivia Ross, admissions counselor, residential admissions, ATSU, received the California campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2026.

Whitney Schmitz, instructor, dental hygiene, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the Advisor of the Year award for her service and support as the advisor for the ATSU-MOSDOH Pediatrics Club.

Kate Schultz, MS, adjunct faculty, health professions education, ATSU-CGHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Adjunct Faculty of the Year award at the College's annual Awards Banquet.

Herbert Silva, DMD, FICD, assistant professor, comprehensive care unit director, ATSU-MOSDOH, was named the 2025 Missouri Dental Association (MDA) Dentist of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the association, the dental profession, or the community in the past year. Dr. Silva was honored at MDA's annual awards banquet hosted during its House of Delegates meeting in June 2026.

Lisa St. Pierre, DNP, MSN-Ed, APRN, assistant professor, nursing, ATSU-CGHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Professor of the Year Award and the DAISY Award for nursing education at the College's annual Awards Banquet.

Clay Walker, MSPAS, PA-C, assistant professor, director of didactic education, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, received the 2026 Junior Faculty of the Year award during the annual ATSU-ASHS faculty assembly in May.

Ramey Weichelt, manager, Thompson Campus Center, ATSU, was selected as a recipient of the Five Under 40 awards from the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce and the Kirksville Young Professionals for her accomplishments in the community.