Faculty and staff accomplishments (September 1-November 30)

Accomplishment kudos

Don Altman, DDS, DHSc, EdD, MPH, MBA, MA, associate vice president, academic affairs, ATSU, received the COVID-19 Pandemic Civilian Service Medal for his commitment to public health and exemplary service with the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). Dr. Altman is a member of the NDMS Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team, Region IX.

Eric Carver, DHSc, MPA, MABMH, adjunct faculty, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, coordinated a shelter for his Florida community with the American Red Cross and county Emergency Management following Hurricane Ian.

Jeffrey Davis, DO, CMD, assistant dean, clinical affairs, ATSU-KCOM, was appointed to several positions within the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). He was elected first vice president of the AOA Board of Trustees. He was appointed to serve as AOA’s liaison to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine for the 2022-23 year. He was also selected to serve on several committees, including the committee for AOA Governance and Organizational Structure, AOA’s Bureau of Membership, and AOA’s Audit Committee.

Lihua Dishman, DBA, MBA, associate professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, attained the Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives credential.

Dan England, financial aid specialist, enrollment services, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the third quarter of 2022.

Candy Fontes, credentialing coordinator, clinical education, ATSU-SOMA, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the third quarter of 2022.

Norman Gevitz, PhD, senior vice president, academic affairs, ATSU, was named the 2022 American Osteopathic Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. The award, presented Friday, Oct. 28, at the Honors Gala in Boston, honors an individual who has made significant, fundamental contributions to the osteopathic profession throughout their career.

Jaana Gold, DDS, PhD, MPH, CPH, professor, dental public health, ATSU-CGHS, received a scholarship to attend the 2023 Health Action Conference, “The Power of Community.”

Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS, professor and chair, postgraduate orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, had his article, "An Overlay Arch for Maxillary and Mandibular Transverse Discrepancies," selected as case of the month by the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics. The article was co-authored by Byungtaek Choi, DDS, PhD, MS; Ivan A. Halim, DMD, MPH, MS; and Hojae Choi, DDS, MS.

Margaret Wilson, DO, dean and professor, ATSU-KCOM, was invited to join the Academy of Missouri Squires. Limited to 100 living members, the academy is a nonprofit organization honoring Missourians for their accomplishments at the community, state, or national level.