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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Class of 2020 graduates, family, friends, and guests,

Welcome to Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health's 2020 graduation ceremony. Today's graduates earned their degrees through endless hours of challenging study, critical assessment, and a variety of clinic experiences.

On behalf of the University's Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff, congratulations to each and every graduate on successfully achieving this life-changing milestone. While we celebrate your accomplishments through a virtual commencement this year, there is

nothing virtual about the pride and admiration A.T. Still University, your families, and friends have for you. Eight months ago, no one heard of COVID-19, now it is almost all we hear about. Graduates, thank you for your perseverance, understanding, and compassion during the past six months. It would have been easy to give up, blame others, and complain. Instead, you made history. You rose above the distractions, supported others, volunteered, and completed the remainder of your educational requirements. Our communities, nation, and world thank you and humbly welcome your positive perspective, knowledge, and skills.

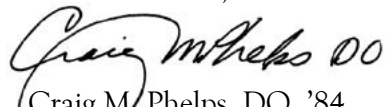
Founded in 1892 by Andrew Taylor Still, DO, as the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri, ATSU has grown to become a leading comprehensive health professions university with an additional residential campus in Mesa, Arizona. Dr. Still's influence on healthcare and health professions education continues nationally and internationally.

Dr. Still sought to instill in students an appreciation for the autonomic nervous system's influence on disease prevention and healing. Dr. Still believed our best chance for health and wellness required restoring the body's structure and function using medications and surgery only when absolutely needed. Today, this seems essential and intuitive; however, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, his beliefs were met with disbelief and skepticism. Thankfully, Dr. Still's philosophy continues as a foundational premise for all ATSU graduates to build upon throughout their careers.

Today, you will hear from leaders in health delivery and education, including Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health Dean Dwight E. McLeod, DDS, MS; ATSU Senior Vice President-Academic Affairs Norman Gevitz, PhD; and Gary M. Wiltz, MD, chair of ATSU's Board of Trustees and CEO of Teche Action Clinic in southwest Louisiana. ATSU is grateful for their contributions.

Once again, congratulations graduates, and thank you, family members, friends, and guests, for your support.

Yours in service,

  
Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84  
President, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences

## DEAN'S MESSAGE



It is a pleasure to welcome you to the virtual commencement ceremony, a first of its kind for Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health.

The doctor of dental medicine degree (DMD) is held with the highest professional esteem and is perhaps one of the most coveted degrees. Acquiring the DMD degree requires diligence and commitment. Today, your professional goal of becoming a dentist will be achieved as we witness together the transition from dental students to dentists, which is a testimony to your tenacity and perseverance, quest for knowledge, and unwavering dedication. Your devotion and compassion will help advance the science and art of the profession and create access to oral healthcare for less privileged individuals in society. Thank you for allowing MOSDOH to educate and to award you the highly prestigious DMD degree and companion certificate in public health.

Class of 2020, the four-year journey, as challenging as it seemed, witnessed marriages, births, sorrows, disappointments, celebrations, crises, and the forging of what will be lifelong friendships. A certainty is that you will never forget, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which disrupted our daily and routine processes, caused downturns in global economies, unexpectedly shortened the lives of loved ones, tested your ability to adjust to an online curriculum, but proved to you as future healthcare providers that you have the patience and ability to adjust to even the most daunting and deleterious circumstances. The deadly COVID-19 virus has reminded us that we are strong and resilient, especially when we unite.

As the final cohort of the four founding classes, you demonstrated composure and leadership during your tenure, welcomed the transition of MOSDOH's administrators with warmth, and graciously embraced our new faculty and staff. Your kind words, your deeds, and your strong support will never be forgotten. Wherever your career paths may take you, and as exciting and fulfilling as they may be, MOSDOH will always be your home. We welcome opportunities to share in your joys, successes, and life's journeys and to provide you with learning experiences through continuing education and professional development courses. I want you to know the staff, faculty, and administrators share in the celebration of your success. We take honor in wishing you longevity and success in your personal and professional lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwight E. McLeod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dwight E. McLeod, DDS, MS  
Dean and Professor  
Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health

## A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY'S MISSION

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences serves as a learning-centered university dedicated to preparing highly competent professionals through innovative academic programs with a commitment to continue its osteopathic heritage and focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity, and underserved populations.

## A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, established by Andrew Taylor Still, DO, in 1892, began as the founding college of osteopathic medicine. ATSU has grown from a single-discipline school on one campus in Kirksville, Missouri, to a multidiscipline health sciences university with six schools offering 23 health profession degrees on campuses in Kirksville, Missouri; Mesa, Arizona; and online.

ATSU instills within students the compassion, experience, and knowledge required to address the whole person and shape healthcare in communities where needs are greatest. Inspired to influence whole person healthcare, ATSU graduates improve individual and community health while leading with a selfless passion.

## AFFINIA HEALTHCARE

Affinia Healthcare is a dynamic and transformative health system, providing affordable primary and preventive healthcare services to residents of St. Louis and surrounding areas at multiple locations. Affinia Healthcare facilities are staffed and equipped to provide comprehensive primary care services, in addition to an array of health support services and community health programs. Ensuring their neighbors a balanced, healthy future is Affinia Healthcare's fundamental goal.

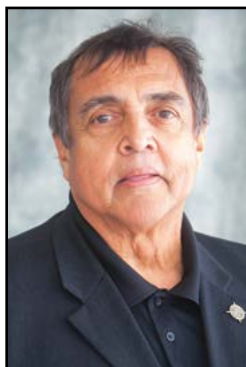
In June 2015, ATSU and Affinia Healthcare opened the doors of the St. Louis Dental Center, a pioneering collaboration, providing oral healthcare for thousands of underserved St. Louis-area residents while educating Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health's third- and fourth-year students for careers in community dentistry and public health.

## AFFINIA HEALTHCARE MISSION STATEMENT

To provide high-quality healthcare and exceptional service, while promoting healthy lifestyles.

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

## Gary M. Wiltz, MD



Gary M. Wiltz, MD, chair of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences' Board of Trustees, is CEO of Teche Action Clinic, a network of 13 federally qualified community health centers (FQHCs) in southwest Louisiana. He was appointed CEO in May 2003 after serving as medical director since his arrival at Teche Action Clinic in 1982, as part of an obligated service to the National Health Service Corps (NHSC).

A native of New Orleans, Dr. Wiltz received his medical education at Tulane University School of Medicine and became a board-certified internist. He started his career at Teche Action Clinic, initially intending to fulfill his three-year obligation to NHSC and then return to his hometown to complete a nephrology fellowship at Tulane. However, his three-year NHSC commitment turned into a lifetime of service to people in the city of Franklin and state of Louisiana.

When Dr. Wiltz arrived at Teche Action Clinic, he inherited a clinic in a tenuous position. It had been without a doctor for six months and was at risk of being defunded and closed. Unless Teche Action Clinic turned its operations around, the seasonal migrant sugar cane workers, which the clinic was funded to take care of, would be forced to seek care 50-100 miles away. Dr. Wiltz realized this clinic and serving the underserved was his divine calling. Over the next 34 years, he helped to build what has been acknowledged as one of the nation's premiere FQHCs. Teche Action Clinic has proudly grown from a staff of eight and an operating budget of \$100,000 to employing 200 people with an operating budget of \$20 million. Currently, the clinic serves more than 25,000 patients at 13 sites with one mobile unit.

In addition to his role at Teche Action Clinic, Dr. Wiltz serves as an assistant clinical professor of internal medicine at Tulane and Louisiana State University Schools of Medicine. He joined ATSU's Board of Trustees in 2013 and was appointed board chair in 2018. Dr. Wiltz is past chair of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), which represents more than 9,000 clinics serving 28 million people nationwide. He has served as chair of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) of Louisiana and president of the Southwest AHEC; chair of the Louisiana Primary Care Association; and board member and chair of the National Advisory Council for NHSC. He also served on Health Care Transition Teams of former Louisiana Govs. Mike Foster and Kathleen Blanco and served as co-chair of the Health Care Transition Team of Gov. John Bel Edwards.

Among his many honors, Dr. Wiltz received NACHC's 2018 John Gilbert Award, which recognizes people who have demonstrated a high level of excellence in the community healthcare field; was named Medical Director of the Year 1994-95 by the Louisiana Primary Care Association; and was selected as one of 10 national recipients of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's prestigious Community Health Leadership Award in 1996.

# PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The President's Medallion Distinguished Service Award recognizes a community member for outstanding service and support to A.T. Still University of Health Sciences. Bestowed solely at the discretion of the University president, this award is ATSU's only overarching award and is given to individuals who have positively impacted programs, students, faculty, and staff.

The President's Medallion serves as a sign of vested authority in the University's president. Its origin dates to the medallions worn by bishops and abbots as an official insignia of their defense of truth and dogma. Today's American universities are derived from monastic and cathedral schools of Europe. The medallion design features the University seal with the perimeter of the medallion displaying the University's name and date of its founding, 1892. The center shows a replica of the statue of Dr. A.T. Still, founder of the first osteopathic medical school.

## 2020 President's Medallion Distinguished Service Award Recipient

### Bonnie Bowles

*For outstanding service to healthcare, the osteopathic profession,  
A.T. Still University, and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine*

Bonnie Bowles served the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS) for 28 years. Originally joining MAOPS as a meeting planner, she was promoted to associate executive director before becoming executive director. After her retirement, she served three additional years as director of MAOPS' government relations.

Throughout her career with MAOPS, Bowles was committed to osteopathic medicine's legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts. Bowles spent much of her time educating politicians and the public about osteopathic medicine. She traveled to colleges and residency programs across the state to provide information to students and residents about their professional association and advocacy efforts provided on their behalf. She initiated the DOc-A-Day program, where students and physicians visit the Capitol to educate legislators on healthcare issues and advocate for the osteopathic profession. Her efforts led to Missouri becoming the first state to pass legislation to require hospitals and other institutions to recognize osteopathic physicians' degree and licensure.

During her years as executive director of MAOPS, she served as president of the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors and was the longest-serving board member of Missouri Patient Care Review Foundation. Her dedication to MAOPS earned her the organization's Distinguished Service Award in 2011.

### Past Recipients

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| 2019 | Thomas Curtin, MD<br>National Association of Community Health Centers |
| 2018 | Irvin Silverstein, DDS, MEd   |



# ORDER OF CEREMONY

<b>Processional</b>	“Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39” by Sir Edward Elgar
<b>Greeting</b>	Norman Gevitz, PhD Senior Vice President–Academic Affairs A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
<b>Commencement Blessing</b>	George Blue Spruce, DDS, MPH Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
<b>“God Bless America”</b>	Mai-Ly Duong, DMD, MPH, MEd, '12 Associate Professor Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
<b>Dean’s Welcome and Presentation of Commencement Speaker</b>	Dwight E. McLeod, DDS, MS Dean and Professor
<b>Board of Trustees Welcome and Commencement Address</b>	Gary M. Wiltz, MD Chair, Board of Trustees A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
<b>Presentation of Candidates for Degree Master of Public Health</b>	Dwight E. McLeod, DDS, MS
<b>Conferring of Degree</b>	Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84 President A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
<b>Presentation of Candidates for Degree Doctor of Dental Medicine</b>	Dwight E. McLeod, DDS, MS
<b>Conferring of Degree</b>	Craig M. Phelps, DO
<b>Oath to the Profession and Dean’s Charge</b> <i>See page 11</i>	Dwight E. McLeod, DDS, MS
<b>President’s Closing Remarks</b>	Craig M. Phelps, DO
<b>Recessional</b>	“Summon the Heroes” by John Williams

*Student participation in the commencement ceremony does not necessarily indicate completion of a degree program.  
The student must meet all University requirements before a degree is conferred.*

# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Master of Public Health program prepares graduates to be leaders in the public health field. The focus of this program is to advance public health, promote individual and community health and well-being, and serve underrepresented populations in efforts to decrease health disparities locally, nationally, and globally. This master's program is designed around a competency-based curriculum that closely aligns to high professional standards and incorporates applied and experiential learning activities. Our students graduate with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in a wide range of public health professions, facilitate change, and promote health in all communities.

## Candidates for Master of Public Health

Travis Barrett

Matthew McClement

Thanh Nguyen

Tiffany Pinkston

# DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Dental medicine involves the art and science of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions, diseases, and disorders of the oral cavity, the maxillofacial, and associated regions. Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health graduates are educated to become technologically adept dentists who will be caring, community-minded healthcare providers and community and educational leaders who will serve those in need.

## Candidates for Doctor of Dental Medicine

Steven Allen*	Roshni Joseph	Rachael Parker*
Anna Augustine	David Kang	Derik Pham
Travis Barrett	Meena Kasisa	Kevin Pham
Blake Besancenez	Taylor Knable	Tiffany Pinkston
Marcos Betancourt	Brian Langston	Jonathan Pyle
Chelsea Carroll	Kayla Leach	Richard Rash
Michael Chon	Matthew McClement	Emmanuel Salar
Joseph Ghazal	Allison Mopps	Jonathan Sanders
Kathryn Greene	Dan Nguyen	Sima Shakiba
Tyler Heimerl	Nghia Nguyen	Emma Van Winkle*
Steven Hernandez	Thanh Nguyen	Kayla White
Jordan Immel	Thi Nguyen	Matthew Williams
Paden John	Leah Norvell	Rong Zeng*

\*Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

# MILITARY GRADUATES

## **Air Force**

Tiffany Pinkston

## **Army**

Travis Barrett

# OATH TO THE PROFESSION

I pledge to faithfully fulfill my obligations as a member of the dental profession.

My responsibility is to promote the health of the community and the persons I serve.

The health of my patients will be my first commitment.

My practice depends upon the trust of my patients.

I will not violate that trust. I will do no harm.

I will honor my peers. I will respect the diversity they bring to the profession and commit to our mutual success.

I will honor my patients' dignity. I will be their zealous advocate, sensitive to their feelings, needs, and thoughts.

I will not discriminate against any person in my decisions and care.

I recognize the limits of my competence.

I will seek knowledge and inspiration from my colleagues whenever my patients' needs require,

I will strive to improve my knowledge and skills.

I am responsible for contributing to the improvement of the community.

I will strive to prevent disease and to correct adverse social conditions.

I will serve as both a teacher and role model for my patients, my successors, and the public.

I am responsible for upholding my profession's integrity. I will strive to counsel those deficient in character or competence and expose those who engage in fraud or deception.

I will use my professional knowledge according to the laws of humanity.

With this oath, I willingly assume these responsibilities.

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## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origins of academic regalia date back to the start of higher education in the 12th century. Today, master's- and doctorate-level graduates are presented with hoods during the commencement ceremony. The hood serves as the most symbolic part of the academic regalia representing the graduate's level of degree, field of discipline, and institution. The master's hood is 3 feet, 6 inches long and has a 3-inch-wide velvet trim. The doctorate hood is longer at 4 feet in length and has a 5-inch-wide velvet trim. The color of the velvet trim declares the major field of learning. Colors lining the hood are visible from the back and identify the university granting the degree.

**ATSU Hood lining** . . . . . Light blue

### **Doctorate Hood trim**

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Athletic Training . . . . . Kelly green  
Audiology . . . . . Spruce green  
Dental Medicine . . . . . Lilac  
Education . . . . . Light blue  
Health Administration . . . . . Peacock blue  
Health Education . . . . . Light blue  
Health Sciences . . . . . Sage green  
Medical Science . . . . . Kelly green  
Occupational Therapy . . . . . Kelly green  
Osteopathic Medicine . . . . . Kelly green  
Physical Therapy . . . . . Teal

### **Master's Hood trim**

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Athletic Training . . . . . Kelly green  
Biomedical Sciences . . . . . Gold  
Health Administration . . . . . Peacock blue  
Kinesiology . . . . . Science gold  
Occupational Therapy . . . . . Kelly green  
Orthodontics . . . . . Lilac  
Physician Assistant . . . . . Kelly green  
Public Health . . . . . Salmon pink

## CEREMONIAL STAFF

The presence of the staff is a sign of historical significance. Carried at the head of a ceremonial procession, the staff is symbolic of acquired authority. For instance, in ancient Roman times, a cluster of axes was carried before an emperor, general, or person of high status. The staff is topped by a caduceus, a single snake climbing a tree, atop an ornamental brass turning. The caduceus dates back to Greek mythology and the staff of Asclepius, god of healing and health. In the Iliad, Homer called him the "peerless physician." He was the father of Panacea and Hygea, from which come the words panacea (cure-all) and hygiene (cleanliness). The University's staff is 63 inches long and made of walnut native to the Kirksville area.

*“I learned the lesson and it was the  
most valuable lesson of my life,  
that one’s brain is his only reliance.  
It is a judge that will give a carefully  
studied opinion to me.”*

A.T. STILL, DO

*[A.T. Still] “did dental surgery for which he had as fine a set of dental instruments as anybody in the country.”*

CHARLES E. STILL, DO, 1894

*“In conclusion, I want to say that I extend my love to all persons who by word or act have encouraged the unfolding of the science of osteopathy . . . . I thank you one and all from the inner depths of my soul and I wish each of you Godspeed.”*

A.T. STILL, DO



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