

Provost addresses Arizona Campus

MORE than 100 Arizona Campus faculty and staff gathered October 22 for the Annual Provosts' Address and 2009 Faculty and Staff Annual Campaign kickoff reception. Provost Craig Phelps, D.O., FAOASM, '84, and Associate Provost Ted Wendel, Ph.D., discussed the upcoming accreditation visit, Arizona Campus growth, and the start of construction on a new YMCA northwest of the main campus building.

During the address, ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, Ph.D., PA-C, awarded the 2008 ASHS Scholar of the Year award to Matt Rhea, Ph.D., director of the Human Movement program, and the 2008 ASHS Educator of the Year award to Deanne Fay, D.P.T., M.S., PT, PCS, physical therapy associate professor.

Gretchen Buhlig, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement, outlined results from the 2008 faculty and staff campaign and how donated funds were used throughout the University, before revealing the 2009 campaign goal of \$115,000.



Left to right: ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, Ph.D., PA-C; Associate Provost Ted Wendel, Ph.D.; 2008 ASHS Scholar of the Year Matt Rhea, Ph.D.; 2008 ASHS Educator of the Year Deanne Fay, D.P.T., M.S., PT, PCS,; and Provost Craig Phelps, D.O., FAOASM, '84.

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Founder's Day makes the Big League



A masterpiece remains after paint-filled balloons are popped by darts.

HUNDREDS of Arizona Campus students, alumni, faculty, staff, and their families enjoyed a day at Big League Dreams Sports Park Complex in Gilbert, Ariz., on November 8 to celebrate Founder's Day. Kids of all ages enjoyed the inflatable obstacle course, face painting, bean bag toss, paint balloon darts, and potato sack races.

ATSU also took over one of the facility's eight baseball fields for the fiercely contested kickball tournament, featuring teams from all three schools as well as faculty and staff "free agents." The championship game between the D.O. and D1 teams ended in a tie, forcing each team to choose its fastest member for a run-off around the bases. The D1 team pulled through with a narrow victory thanks to the speed of Elliott Brennan, granting them bragging rights for the year.



SOMA students cheer for their kickball team from the sidelines.

December Events

December 6 Kirksville Clothing Give-A-Way

December 9 SOMA Outreach Dinner

December 22 Hanukah begins

December 24 Winter break begins

December 25 Christmas

December 31 New Year's Eve

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Our Mission

Consistent with the University's heritage as the founding school of osteopathic medicine, the mission of A.T. Still University is to educate students to become competent healthcare professionals who continuously develop and demonstrate compassion, integrity, and ability, while advancing osteopathic principles and philosophy. The institution is committed to scholarly inquiry that anticipates and addresses society's healthcare needs. The University encourages its constituencies to become leaders in improving community health and wellness with a comprehensive appreciation of the interaction of body, mind, and spirit.

University, hospital raise \$33K for AHA

ATSU and Northeast Regional Medical Center partnered with the American Heart Association in the fight against heart disease as co-presenting sponsors of the 2008 Rhapsody in Red Heart Gala, held November 8 at the Connell Information Technologies Center, Blumenthal Clinical Osteopathic Skills Lab.

A red tie affair, the gala brought together nearly 200 members of the healthcare community, local businesses, and heart survivors in support of the American Heart Association. "This event is a great way to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease and stroke," said American Heart Association Representative Rebecca Collier. "Cardiovascular disease and stroke are the No. 1 cause of death in America."

The evening included a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing, live music, and a tribute to local heart survivors. Lisa Archer, R.N., B.S.N., quality improvement coordinator at NRMCC and chair of the Rhapsody in Red Heart Gala executive committee, planned the inaugural event for more than a year. "It has been a labor of love," Archer said, "and we were excited to present this event in honor of the survivors and to contribute what we can to the cause." Nearly \$33,000 was raised for the American Heart Association.



Seven-year-old Faith Hettinger was the gala's heart star. Hettinger was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, and her mother, Tara, shared their story with the evening's attendees.



American Indians celebrate their heritage

ATSU's National Center for American Indian Healthcare Professions (NCAIHP) celebrated National American Indian Heritage Month on November 5 with a lunch event featuring traditional American Indian flute player Randy Kemp. The Arizona Campus shopped from native beadwork artists and enjoyed authentic Native American fry bread and "Indian tacos." Mesa high school students who are participants in the district's Native American Education Program (NAEP) sold authentic Native American fare. The NAEP is a federally funded program that assists American Indian and Alaskan Native children achieve academic success. Pictured is Randy Kemp, a highly accomplished musician, actor, painter, and environmental graphic designer at Arizona State University.

awards & honors

ASHS recognizes top students

ASHS held its second annual Dean's Scholarship Award luncheon November 12 where one student from each of the school's residential programs was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and a framed certificate. The merit-based scholarship recognizes full-time students who have displayed scholastic accomplishments, professional leadership, and social consciousness during their program of study. The 2008 awards went to Jennifer Thomas, Au.D. '10; Kimberley Weber, PT '09; Amanda Novak, OT '09; Kristen Owens, PA '09; and Amy Jennings, AT '09.

"The Dean's Scholarship makes an important statement," said ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, Ph.D., PA-C. "We value our students." In addition to external donors, the scholarship fund receives donations from within ATSU. "Our faculty and staff feel the best way to recognize students is by assisting them in their education. We hope to build this fund so we can offer more scholarships on an annual basis," Dr. Danielsen said.



Left to right: Audiology Assistant Professor Leslie Schmeltz, Au.D.; Jennifer Thomas, Au.D. '10; and ASHS Dean Randy Danielsen, Ph.D., PA-C.

KOAA recognizes outstanding individuals

KCOM and the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association honored several individuals at their annual meeting held in conjunction with the American Osteopathic Association Convention in Las Vegas on October 27.

Robert Kromer, D.O., '52, is the 2008 Alumnus of the Year, and Provost Craig M. Phelps, D.O., FAOASM, '84, is the 2008 Living Tribute Award recipient. Distinguished Service Award honorees are Lex C. Towns, Ph.D., and Roland P. Sharp, D.O., '43. Honorary KOAA Membership recipients are Doug Wood, D.O., Ph.D., Brian Degenhardt, D.O., Fanchon "Fancy" Funk, Ed.D., and Robert Basham, vice president, Institutional Advancement.

In addition, Larry Wickless, D.O., '65, was elected president-elect of the AOA for 2008-09, and Linda Adams, spouse of Monroe Adams, D.O., '67, was sworn in as president of the AAOA.



President Jack Magruder and KCOM Dean Philip Slocum, D.O., '76, present Lex C. Towns, Ph.D., with the 2008 Distinguished Service Award.

A legacy of compassion SHM instructor works to save those in need

PART-TIME School of Health Management instructor and lifelong learner Kate Andrews, Ph.D., says higher education is a lot like baking a cake. “It takes sifting information, stirring the components, mixing them together, and discovering new things,” she said. “The resulting knowledge is incubated in the brain, and the final result is an ability to synthesize new behavioral skills, knowledge, and attitudes in the real world.” Dr. Andrews shares this analogy with students in Foundations of Learning, a course in SHM’s Doctor of Health Education program that explores theories on how the brain learns, as well as how to develop beneficial learning materials for students.

Dr. Andrews, known as Dr. K8 by her students, believes that as we serve others, we ourselves will be served. In 2001, Dr. Andrews created Hand in Hand, a non-profit organization that provides humanitarian, financial, spiritual, and consultative resources to Romanians in need.

Recently returning from a six-year mission in Romania where Dr. Andrews confronted the botched orphanage system to integrate orphaned teenagers into society, she also began a program for the elderly that is now funded by Romania’s government. Today, 200 elderly and ill people receive food, heat, and at-home nursing care through the program.

When she is not transforming lives or educating future healthcare professionals, Dr. Andrews enjoys the company of a women’s church group and her grandchildren. She spends her free time attending her grandkids’ school plays and soccer games. “My legacy is what I leave my grandchildren, showing them my values and beliefs,” she says. Her legacy also lives with the Romanians she devotes her time to help and the students she continues to teach.



A group of children gather in the village of Ludesi while Hand In Hand distributes clothes.



Alexandria is 94-years old and, and Bianca is her great-great-great-granddaughter. They live in Sateni with Bianca’s parents in a 7-by-6-foot room. They have no running water and no electricity. Hand in Hand provides weekly food and medications for Alexandria and clothing for Bianca.



Students win at AOA Convention

Fourth-year KCOM students Jonathan Terry and Erik Gulbrandsen, together with Jeff Suzewits, D.O., M.P.H., took second place for their research project titled “Quality and Availability of Websites for AOA Residency Programs in Comparison to ACGME Programs” at the American Osteopathic Association Convention in Las Vegas on October 27. Pictured are Terry and Gulbrandsen.

snapshots

ASDOH goes green

MORE than 100 golfers attended the 7th Annual ASDOH Golf Tournament on the greens at Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, Ariz., on October 24. Proceeds from the tournament, totaling nearly \$30,000, benefit many programs at ASDOH, including the special care clinics and Smile Forward.

Tournament Chair Enrico DiVito, D.D.S., was encouraged to see all who came to support ASDOH. “This goes to show the commitment that I see over and over again with our team in establishing our dental school,” Dr. DiVito said. “Our faculty and staff truly offer one of the finest dental programs today.”



Todd Hartsfield, D.D.S., takes a swing at the 7th Annual ASDOH Golf Tournament.

ATSU partners with Arizona governor

ATSU is a new partner in developing the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition. The project, which stems from a Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust grant awarded to the Arizona governor’s office, will aid the state’s elder population and benefit ATSU students with fun learning experiences. The Mesa Campus Geriatric’s Initiative Committee has been working closely with the governor’s office on the issue of falls prevention in the elder population, and in September, two faculty members accompanied the governor’s representative to the States Coalition on Falls Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C.

Resources for researchers expand

NEW resources for Kirksville's expanding scientific community now includes a confocal fluorescent microscope in the recently constructed Core Imaging Facility located in the Timken-Burnett Research Building at KCOM. Faculty and student researchers from KCOM and Truman State University are already taking advantage of the state-of-the-art microscope, which allows for two-dimensional views of a cell and cellular function and can reconstruct layers to create a three-dimensional image.

High-resolution imaging allows researchers to look at movements of proteins and vesicles in cells, which will lead to a better understanding of the regulation of cellular processes and signaling pathways. "This is the key advantage of confocal microscopy," says Facility Committee Chair Robert Theobald, Ph.D. "An image of a narrow slice can be captured, eliminating background fluorescence from above and below the slice. Images of a series of a slice can then be reconstructed to create a three-dimensional image."

Anyone associated with KCOM or Truman State University may schedule to use the confocal microscope by emailing Core Imaging Technician David Ewing at dewing@atsu.edu, or Core Imaging Director David Middlemas, Ph.D., at dmiddkemas@atsu.edu.



In celebration of the community's expanding scientific resources, KCOM hosted an open house at the Core Imaging Facility on November 7. President Jack Magruder and KCOM Dean Philip Slocum, D.O., '76, addressed the audience.



KCOM Dean Philip Slocum, D.O., '76; Truman State University Provost and Academic Affairs Vice President Dr. Troy Paino; Truman State University President Dr. Darrell W. Krueger; KCOM Associate Professor of Pharmacology David S. Middlemas, Ph.D.; ATSU President Jack Magruder, Ed.D.; KCOM Pharmacology Professor and Department Chair Robert J. Theobald Jr., Ph.D.; and David Ewing, Core Imaging Facility technician, tour the Core Imaging Facility.

Governor honors faculty, alumni

ATSU faculty and alumni were among those honored by Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano during Physician Assistant Week held October 6-10. A proclamation was presented to members of the Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants (ASAPA) on October 9. Emily Dehn, PA-C, and ASAPA President-Elect and 2008 Crystal Award winner Tracy Jones, PA-C, '01, both faculty members with the Physician Assistant program, accepted the proclamation from Governor Napolitano. Pictured left to right are Jacqueline Spiegel, PA-C; Emily Dehn, PA-C; ASAPA President-Elect Tracy Jones, PA-C, '01; Geoffrey Hoffa, PA-C, '00; and ASAPA Immediate Past President Kari Shmul, PA-C, '04.



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Honoring friends of Flight 5966

A MEMORIAL celebration in honor of friends and colleagues who died in the Flight 5966 plane crash in 2004 was held October 20 at KCOM. Ribbons were distributed on Campus in remembrance of Clark B. Ator, D.O.; Judith Diffenderfer, D.O.; Kathleen Gebard, M.A., B.S.; Steve Miller, M.D.; Toni Sarantino; Richard Sarkin, M.D., Ed.M.; Mark E. Varidin, D.O., B.S., FACOFP; and M. Bridget Wagner, D.O.



The MEDleys performed following the memorial celebration.

Students hone skills at health fairs



ASDOH students David Eimelech, Samson Yang, Cameron Blyth, and Scott Murphy screen more than 50 children at the Maricopa County Head Start Program Health Fair.

ASDOH students provided screenings, fluoride treatments, oral hygiene instructions, and referrals to patients from across the Valley in October and November through ASDOH's Dentistry in the Community program. Students saw patients at the Senior Advantage Health Fair on October 18 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Phoenix; at Colgate's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program on October 18 at Fry's Grocery Store; at Pro & Sons Phoenix Ranch in Phoenix on October 19; the Maricopa County Head Start Program Health Fair in Mesa on October 23; and the Living Well with Diabetes event November 15 at Mountain Vista Medical Center in Mesa.