



Cecelia Sartor-Glittenberg, M.S., PT, NCS, presents Lawdan Shojaee, physical therapy '09, with her white coat.

PT white coat and pinning ceremony

THE Physical Therapy program celebrated two rites of passage June 27 at Gilbert High School in Gilbert, Ariz. White coats were presented to the class of 2009, symbolizing their transition to clinical study. The class of 2010 received their physical therapy pins, recognizing the completion of their first year of didactic study. Faculty presented the physical therapy code of ethics, and Jim Roush, Ph.D., PT, ATC, ATL, presented a student slide show.

“The white coat ceremony was a nice transition from the classroom to the clinical, professional world,” said Megan Mazur, '09. “It was a way for our entire class to be together once more before starting our clinical experience next year.”

Editor’s note: *StillNews* Readership Survey results

THANKS to all who participated in the 2008 Readership Survey. Your input strengthens ATSU publications. Communications & Marketing will continue to bring you monthly news focused on students. We will continue to ensure each issue contains a balanced blend of student news featuring profiles, activities, and events. Students are encouraged to contribute news by contacting Lee Cashatt, editor, at lcashatt@atsu.edu.

Enjoy this month’s survey results brief, and stay tuned for next month’s brief.

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Missouri	64%	20%	16%
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Higher Learning Accreditation

ONCE every 10 years, colleges and universities accredited by the Higher Learning Commission undertake a comprehensive self-study in preparation for site visits. Information regarding ATSU’s Self-Study will continue in the August issue of *StillNews*.

August Events

- August 1** SOMA White Coat Ceremony
- August 2** ASHS Graduation
- August 4** SOMA classes begin
- August 15** KCOM class of 2012 Orientation
- August 16** KCOM class of 2012 White Coat Ceremony
- August 19** KCOM classes begin
- August 25** ASHS Orientation and classes begin

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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.

ASDOH graduates its second class

THE commencement ceremony for the second class of ATSU's Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health was held June 14 at the Mesa Arts Center. Family and friends of graduates joined faculty, staff, and special guests to watch the 54 students receive their Doctor of Dental Medicine degree.

According to ASDOH Dean Jack Dillenberg, D.D.S., M.P.H., more than 25 percent of 2008's graduates will provide oral healthcare in community health center settings in Arizona and across the country. "They will positively impact our nation's most fragile populations, including children and the elderly," said Dr. Dillenberg.

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were conferred to Reed Tuckson, M.D., FACP, executive vice president and chief of medical affairs for UnitedHealth group; and Steven Perlman, D.D.S., M.Sc.D., associate clinical professor of pediatric dentistry at The Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine and co-founder of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry.

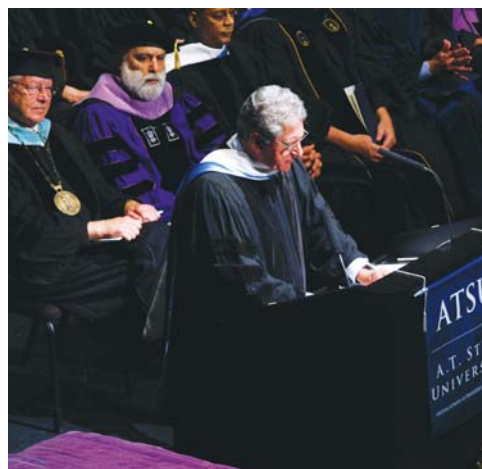
Dr. Perlman delivered the commencement speech, addressing the urgent need to care for the developmentally disabled and other vulnerable populations. He spoke of the dental school journey and the reasons graduates considered dentistry as their life's calling. "All it takes is a willingness to recapture the purest reasons you decided to help someone, relieve someone, and soothe someone," he said.



The ASDOH class of 2008 takes the Oath to the Profession.



ASDOH Vice Dean L. James Bell, D.D.S., hoods Shannon Coen.



Steven Perlman, D.D.S., M.Sc. D., delivers the commencement address.

SOMA receives \$723,210 grant

SOMA is a recipient of the Health Resources & Services Administration's Pre-Doctoral Training in Primary Care grant funded at a rate of \$723,210 through June 30, 2011. The grant will further SOMA and the National Association of Community Health Centers' partnership to train a new cadre of family medicine and primary care physicians for underserved populations.

Under the guidance of project director Thomas E. McWilliams, D.O., FACOFP, the grant will focus on developing, implementing, and assessing a didactic patient-centered curriculum, an integrated family medicine clinical training program, and cultural competence training.

"It is our goal," said Dr. McWilliams, SOMA associate dean, "to train compassionate family medicine and primary care physicians who are technologically adept, prevention oriented, and who are lifelong learners and teachers."

This program is funded by the Pre-Doctoral Training in Primary Care Grant D56HP10312-01-00 between ATSU-SOMA and the Health Resources and Services Administration.



Toyo Trenou, OMS I, performs an OMM treatment on Jon Froyd, OMS I.

EBM website debuts

ATSU introduced its innovative evidence-based medicine (EBM) website in June. Sponsored by the Academic Administrative Units in Primary Care grant, the site is a collection of self-directed learning modules focused on active learning and integrating knowledge into clinical practice.

"EBM is more than just knowledge gathering," said Raymond G. Feilner Jr., project coordinator. "It is about active and informed decision-making that accounts for your patients' unique circumstances and preferences. With this website, we hope to help mold critically thinking doctors who go beyond the textbook and mere intuition in order to apply and evaluate the most up-to-date collective clinical wisdom."

Lessons on online databases of medical journals, an interactive evidence pyramid, and a clinical statistics calculator are available. It engages users with videos, questions, interactive worksheets, brief readings, and reflective insights. The versatile site also allows faculty to seamlessly incorporate portions of its lessons into their lectures and course materials as well as download lessons for offline use.

Visit the site at www.atsu.edu/ebm.

The AAU grant D54HP05442 represents a collaborative effort among KCOM and USDHHS, HRSA, Bureau of Health Professions, Division of Medicine with project director Margaret A. Wilson, D.O.

Above & Beyond

Peter Mouser, OMS II, received an Above & Beyond Award on June 27. Mouser was nominated by OMS II students Jason Meler and Kara Benning for his time, leadership, and involvement with the Frisbee Disc Golf Course.



awards & honors

Civilian PA of the Year

PHYSICIAN Assistant Program Chair Mike Goodwin, PA, was named Civilian PA of the Year at the 36th Annual American Academy of Physician Assistants Conference held May 24-29 in San Antonio, Texas. Goodwin was honored during the AAPA Veterans Caucus' Memorial Day Ceremony, a tradition honoring those who have served or are serving in the military and their families.

In an article by Doug Scott, the *AAPA News Conference Daily* quoted Maj. Miguel Valdez, USAF, presenter of the award, as saying of Goodwin, "He is a veteran, highly respected educator, crusader for PA legislation, actively involved in community service, and always willing to go the extra mile."



Goodwin served in the Air Force from 1966-70 and in Vietnam from 1968-69.



Ian McLeod, physician assistant studies '08.

AAPA scholarship

IAN McLeod, physician assistant studies '08, received a \$2,000 American Academy of Physician Assistants scholarship. McLeod was recognized at the AAPA Assembly of Representatives meeting May 24 in San Antonio, Texas. Since 1989, AAPA has awarded more than \$1.4 million to PA students across the United States. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and future goals.

SOMA students, faculty receive OMM grants

THREE SOMA students were recently awarded grants to study OMM counterstrain procedures and strength measurements. A \$2,000 research grant was awarded by the Student Osteopathic Medical Association, and a \$2,240 educational grant was awarded by the John C. Lincoln Health Foundation.

OMS I students Vanessa DeSousa, Jon Froyd, and Paul Round pursued the grants after observing that hand grip strength dramatically increased after treating a forearm tender point with the counterstrain procedure.

"SOMA appreciates funding in support of this special project," said SOMA Dean Douglas Wood, D.O., Ph.D. "It will help demonstrate benefits of the counterstrain procedure."

In addition, the John C. Lincoln Health Foundation funded \$21,500 to SOMA faculty members Deborah M. Heath, D.O., and Jonathon Kirsch, D.O., for four laser Doppler probes to assist students in studying skin blood flow in response to osteopathic manipulative treatments.



OMS I students Paul Round, Vanessa DeSousa, and Jon Froyd.

Humble pie

Recent grad shares his medical, musical passion

JASON Chen is a passionate man, doing great things in the name of medicine and healthcare. But he would be the last one to say that out loud.

His first year at KCOM, Chen was instrumental in forming the Musical Cure, putting the healing power of music to work in local hospitals, hospice homes, and nursing homes to create greater harmony of the body, mind, and spirit. From the beginning, this ambitious undertaking produced amazing results in the community. Even so, Chen humbly refers to himself as only a “vessel” in the Musical Cure. “I was just in the right place at the right time,” he said.

But, as Louis Pasteur said: “Chance favors the prepared mind.” His interest in musical therapy, which continued into his clinical training in New Jersey, led him to take a one-year hiatus to focus on medical informatics and clinical research.

Chen landed an internship in clinical research informatics at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., in the summer of 2006. He also received a prestigious Arnold P. Gold Foundation fellowship at Columbia University in the fall. His internship and fellowship, combined with a Clinical Research Fellowship from KCOM, allowed him to spend the balance of the 2007 academic year at Yale University School of Medicine.

During his fellowship, he led business and clinical development efforts for a patent-pending wireless patient vital signs monitor that won first place in Yale’s 2007 Entrepreneurship Competition.

He then joined a team of multidisciplinary researchers at Yale in the Center for the Advancement of Perioperative Health. Chen’s research on the impact of music in surgical recovery rooms brought him full circle with the Musical Cure.

What began with Chen’s entrepreneurial spirit and his fingers on the piano, the Musical Cure paved the way for



Jason Chen with his family after KCOM’s commencement ceremony May 17.

new collaborations and research opportunities. Just days before graduating from KCOM in May, Chen presented his research findings on the beneficial impact of music in the perioperative setting and shared his modest formula for success: “There’s societal pressure to do something prestigious with your life, but I believe if you do something you love, the rest will follow.”

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Students win Trivia Bowl

Audiology students competed against 21 teams, earning top honors in the student category at the 20th Anniversary Trivia Bowl at Audiology NOW!, the American Academy of Audiology’s annual conference held April 2-5 in Charlotte, N.C. This year, more than 750 conference attendees participated in the trivia bowl. The first place student team is pictured right: Briana Bernal, Kristi Carr, Todd Powell, Jason Leyendecker, Jennifer Wilcox, Sabra Carman, Rebecca Johnson, Tara Guinn, and Au.D. faculty members Tom Rigo, Ph.D., and Les Schmeltz, Au.D.



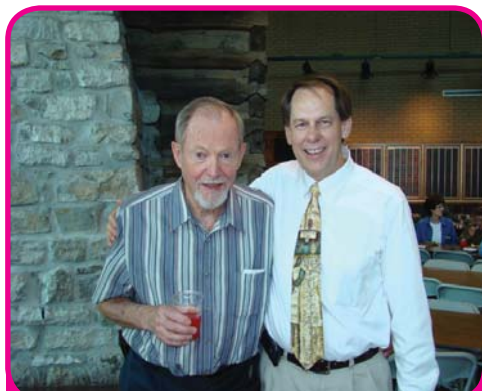
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KCOM ranks 9th largest Missouri Research University

KCOM ranks 9th largest Missouri Research University in June's *St. Louis Business Journal* list. The list includes Missouri colleges and universities receiving funding specifically for research. KCOM received \$3,178,000 in research funding in 2007. "Recognition by the *Journal* is indicative of the increased level of osteopathic clinical research that the University develops and supports," said John Heard, Ph.D., vice president of research, grants, and information systems. "Not only are we generating new research results, but some of these results are being incorporated into the medical curriculum to benefit our students and their future patients."



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Dr. Harold "Hal" Magoun Jr. and Still National Osteopathic Museum Director Jason Haxton.

A tribute to Harold Magoun Sr.

THE Still National Osteopathic Museum hosted a presentation by well-known cranial manipulator and osteopathic medicine author Dr. Harold "Hal" Magoun Jr. on June 17. During his visit, Dr. Magoun announced his latest book, "A Tribute to and Selected Writing of Harold Magoun Sr.," which is a collection of his father's articles.

A strong supporter of osteopathic history, Dr. Magoun traveled to Kirksville to donate artifacts from his father's life as a WWI ambulance driver. He also signed free copies of his book "Structured Healing" and demonstrated OMM techniques for faculty and a group of researchers from Norway who were attending a workshop.

Founders' Ball

SCRUBS were traded for evening gowns and tuxedos as students, faculty, staff, and guests celebrated ASDOH's second graduating class at the Founders' Ball. More than 280 guests attended the June 12 event at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix.

As part of the evening's entertainment, D4 students Ian Bennett and Troy Naki arranged a special video presentation, while Timothy Oh offered a toast to the graduating class. Greg Sikora, D4, joined the band Darkhorse for an impromptu drum performance to "Mustang Sally."



D4 students Chelsea Richardson and Julie Biles enjoy the evening's entertainment.

100 triathlons in 100 days

Missouri doctor's triathlon tour wraps up in Kirksville

WATCH out Tom Cruise – John Curtin, D.C., is a man on a mission. To run 100 triathlons in 100 consecutive days may seem like an impossible feat, but Dr. Curtin is fully committed not only to breaking a Guinness World Record, but more importantly in calling attention to abused children.

Dr. Curtin's P3 Triathlon Tour began May 31 and will end September 7 in Kirksville, home of the Northeast Missouri Triathlon. The 24th annual NEMO Triathlon, sponsored by ATSU, is a fall tradition at 1000 Hills State Park. Through the years, thousands of participants have competed in the 3/4-mile swim, 18-mile bike, and 5-mile run. This year, the NEMO Triathlon will be the site of a record-breaking finale to Dr. Curtin's mission for Missouri KidsFirst.

By pushing his physical and mental limits for 100 days straight with exhaustive swimming, biking, and running, Dr. Curtin hopes his efforts will raise awareness for the child advocacy group, which helps families traumatized by abuse and violence. The organization represents 15 advocacy centers throughout the state and provides resources, training, support, and public awareness to end child abuse. Dr. Curtin has pledged all proceeds from his P3 Triathlon Tour to the group.

"This is an enormous goal, and it only seems natural

to leverage its enormity to benefit others in an equally enormous way," says the father of three. "This effort will remind the nation that child predators exist, and we need to learn to protect our children and teach ways to prevent child molestation."

To further publicize his crusade, this Lake Saint Louis, Mo., chiropractor aims to set a Guinness World Record for the most consecutive triathlons in a year. This year's NEMO Triathlon promises to be exciting with Dr. Curtin wrapping up his tour with Missouri KidsFirst and Guinness World Record officials in tow. He plans to cross the finish line with his wife on the side lines and his two daughters running by his side.

To read more about Dr. Curtin's mission or to donate to his cause and Missouri KidsFirst, visit www.p3triathlon.com.

To register for the 24th annual NEMO Triathlon, visit www.nemotriathlon.org.

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Our Secret Garden

The Still National Osteopathic Museum hosted its annual Our Secret Garden event June 26. Attendees gathered in Heritage Hall for a short program delivered by Greg Gremaud, natural history biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation, pictured right. Gremaud discussed the use of controlled burning in Missouri's savannah lands to replenish native plant species and animal populations.



compassion



SOMA members Jenny Demos, Versha Srivastava, and Linda Shuler pack donated books into shipping boxes.

Books For Africa

THE Student Osteopathic Medical Association held a Better World Books campus book drive from May to July to benefit Books For Africa, the largest shipper of donated textbooks to the African continent. SOMA shipped 19 boxes with a total of 570 books.

Since 1988, the St. Paul-based organization has delivered more than 15 million books to 28 African countries. According to Patrick Plonski, executive director of Books For Africa, the need for books on the African continent is great. "In many African villages, seven children share one book. Some village schools own no books whatsoever."



Left to right: Rodney Smith, founder and president of Future for KIDS; Kristen Young, physician assistant studies '08; Teresa Slager, physician assistant studies '08; Future for KIDS general manager; Future for KIDS board member; and Giovanna Tritico physician assistant studies '08. Not pictured: physician assistant studies '09 students Erin Benjamin and Shea Hilger.

PA silent auction

PHYSICIAN assistant classes of 2008 and 2009 hosted a silent auction June 18 at the Mondrian Hotel in Scottsdale. Auction proceeds benefitted Future for KIDS, a non-profit charity supporting underprivileged kids to attend sports and educational camps. Approximately 100 people attended, and almost \$5,000 was raised.