

Heaven's Kitchen Recipe Contest

CONGRATULATIONS to Marcia Arbizu, ICSP Program associate director at ASDOH, who submitted the winning recipe as part of the "May is Arizona Mental Health Awareness Month Heaven's Kitchen Recipe Contest."

Tex-Mex Tostadas

- 1 can black beans, drained (or pinto beans)
- 1 can corn, drained
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
- 1-2 pickles, chopped
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 1-2 jalapenos, chopped (optional)
- lettuce, chopped
- grated low fat cheese
- fat free sour cream
- guacamole
- 1 package tostada shells

Mix first six ingredients in bowl. Salt and pepper to taste. Top one tostada shell with lettuce, then tostada mixture. Top with cheese, sour cream, and/or guacamole.



Marcia Arbizu, ICSP Program associate director, ASDOH.

Congratulations Elizabeth Russell

ELIZABETH Russell, ASDOH business manager, is the winner of a FREE pizza and drinks courtesy of Communications & Marketing. Thank you for participating in the *StillNews* Readership survey.



Higher Learning Accreditation

ONCE every ten 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*.

July Events

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 16-18 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Minority Outreach On-Campus Program
- July 21 ASDOH Class of 2012, new student orientation week
- July 24 Athletic Training Class of 2010, new student orientation
- July 28 SOMA Class of 2012, new student orientation week

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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.

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A message of change

Patch Adams urges grads to revolutionize healthcare

MEDICAL doctor, professional clown, performer, author, and social activist Hunter "Patch" Adams, M.D., delivered the commencement address at the School of Health Management's graduation June 7. One-hundred-seven graduates representing 33 states and Puerto Rico received degrees from ATSU's online school, making it SHM's largest graduating class.

Although his address was lighthearted, Patch made no joke of what he sees as the failure of the American healthcare system. "Don't accept what you don't like," he said, and encouraged graduates to think outside the box. "Hunger to innovate," he told them. "You are needed beyond anything for which you are trained. We're counting on you to make some real differences."

During an interactive address, Patch dialogued with graduates and audience members alike, sharing stories of caring for others, not only medically, but also as a friend. "To care for others is as high a gift as people can give," he said, and explained how he spends at least four hours with each of his new patients, getting to know them on a personal level. "Compassion is a consequence of being in love with somebody."



Prior to commencement, Dr. Adams signs a copy of his book for D.H.Ed. graduate Patricia Sexton. The evening before graduation, Dr. Adams signed copies of his books and chatted with ATSU guests and the Kirksville community at the Thompson Campus Center.



President Jack Magruder hands D.H.Ed. graduate Kimberly O'Reilly her diploma.



Patch shared compassionate tales of visiting war zones and refugee camps, spreading laughter on the road 300 days a year.

ASDOH to launch outreach with \$29,745 grant

ASDOH received a \$29,745 grant from the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) to complete funding for a project to bring portable dental treatment to those in need in Arizona’s rural Piñal and Gila counties.

The grant complements a \$114,000 Arizona Department of Health Services oral health grant awarded in December and allows ASDOH’s service learning program to implement full-scale, targeted outreach services for the disadvantaged, underserved, and those with special needs.

“This generous grant from the ACF will help us purchase state-of-the-art cavity detection equipment, as well as necessary dental supplies and instruments. In addition, we can purchase technology necessary to send digital X-rays and photos back to the dental school for specialist consultation,” says Mary Busch, RDH, associate director for clinical and educational outreach and director of the program.

The Dental Outreach for Rural Arizona project will focus on Piñal and Gila counties, where the need for dental care is especially high compared to the rest of the state, and dental resources and access to care are limited. Pinal and Gila counties face a shortage of dentists, and the unemployment rate and poverty level are higher than the state average. The project will serve Head Start children and families, school-aged children, the elderly, and those with special healthcare needs.

As part of the program, an oral health education and community awareness campaign will inform the target population about the importance of prevention and treatment of oral health problems, as well as available services.

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Katie McNutt, D2, applies sealants at a community outreach event held May 17. The ACF grant will ensure future oral health outreach events in Piñal and Gila counties.

ASHS debuts D.H.Sc.



ASHS debuts its newest online program this fall – the Doctor of Health Sciences. A post-professional degree for master’s-prepared healthcare professionals, this program focuses on critical analysis and evaluation of complex issues and challenges in professional practice. The D.H.Sc. is completed primarily online with a one-week, on-campus institute. D.H.Sc.’s new program chair, Helen Ewing, is pictured left.

awards & honors

Dr. Denzil Reid Award

CARL Giacchi, OMS II, received the Dr. Denzil Reid Award on May 30. The award, established in 1977 by Dr. Reid, a 1925 KCOM graduate, is given to students who have completed their freshman year, and is based on academic ability, financial need, and Missouri residency. "I am humbled by my selection," Giacchi said. "There is a sense of legacy that comes with it; it is a testament of how generosity can be passed on. I was born a year after this endowment was set up, and hopefully it will be passed on for another 30 years."



President Jack Magruder with Carl Giacchi, OMS II.

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards

LEX Towns, Ph.D., and Karysse Trandem were awarded the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award at KCOM's Senior Banquet on May 16. The Arnold P. Gold Foundation honors one faculty member and one graduating medical student best exemplifying compassion, integrity, altruism, respect, empathy, and service, as well as embodying A.P. Gold's description of humanism: "Those attitudes and behaviors that emanate from a deep sensitivity and respect for others, including full acceptance of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and exemplified through compassionate, empathetic treatment of all persons while recognizing each one's need and autonomy."



Left to right: Lex Towns, Ph.D., Karysse Trandem, and Jefferey Suzewits, D.O., M.P.H.

SAA Banquet

KCOM's Student Advocate Association Banquet was held May 15 at Il Spazio restaurant in Kirksville. Toni Smith, D.O., presented the Olwen Gutensohn, D.O., Student Family Award to Chantel Labrum for service, Jodie Berkbigler for leadership, and Melissa Jensen for overall outstanding member. Lori Haxton presented the Moritsugu Memorial Award to Raquel McManus.



Left to right: Toni Smith, D.O., Jodie Berkbigler, Melissa Jensen, and Chantel Labrum.

TCC Spring 2008 League Racquetball Final Standings

Advanced Division

1st place: Brad Bolz (Town)
2nd place, tie: Nathan Nielson (Class of 2010),
Pat Rigby (Town)
3rd place: Scott Rynearson (Class of 2010)

High Intermediate Division (Tuesday)

1st place: Adam Putschoegl (Class of 2011)
2nd place: Nathan Cleaver (Class of 2010)
3rd place: Jonathan Olsen (Class of 2010)

High Intermediate Division (Wednesday)

1st place: Neil Sargentini (Faculty)
2nd place: Patrick Noonan (Class of 2010)
3rd place: Brian Flanagan (Class of 2011)

Intermediate Division

1st place: Cameron Cartier (Class of 2010)
2nd place: Joe Kingston (Class of 2010)
3rd place: Sean Abraham (Class of 2010)

Low Intermediate Division

1st place: Zeporah Sykes (Class of 2011)
2nd place: David Perry (Class of 2011)
3rd place: Rickie Mui (Class of 2011)



Matthew Wessner, Bart Worthington, Neha Valeja, Marietta Squire, Emily Keeslar, and Kyra Carpenter attend the 55th annual ACSM meeting.

Students present research

BIOMEDICAL sciences students Kyra Carpenter, Emily Keeslar, Marietta Squire, Neha Valeja, Matthew Wessner, and Bart Worthington attended the 55th annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine on May 28-31 in Indianapolis, Ind. Carpenter, Squire, Valeja, and Wessner each presented research posters reflecting their work in the master's program with research advisor William Sexton, Ph.D. "The meeting was an incredible opportunity to apply osteopathic principles to the athletic arena," Squire said.

Osteopathic Olympics

Students cooled off and took a break from studying June 6 at the inaugural SOMA Osteopathic Olympics. Faculty and staff joined students on the inflatable obstacle course, and raced giant tricycles through a pseudo car wash on the south lawn. Many got wet in the dunk tank, and the afternoon ended with a tug-o-war challenge.



snapshots

Governor's Conference on Aging

THE Arizona Campus Geriatric Committee sponsored the Falls Prevention track at the Governor's Conference on Aging held May 14-16 at the Mesa Convention Center and Marriott Mesa Hotel. Held every other year, the conference was hosted by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and the DES Division of Aging & Adult Services. Assistant professor Jeff Alexander, Ph.D., presented on exercise and fall prevention, and D.O. and PT students provided health screenings for attendees.



Edwards, OMS I, provides a health screening for a senior attendee.

Women's Wellness Luncheon

MORE than 40 Valley women community leaders joined ATSU health and wellness experts at the second Women's Wellness Luncheon held May 21 at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa in Scottsdale.

Following lunch, ATSU faculty gave presentations on healthy aging, sunscreen basics, and creating personal balance. The program answered questions that arose after Dr. Andrew Weil's presentation and discussion at the first Women's Wellness Luncheon in February.

Cynthia Standley, Ph.D., and Noel Carrasco, M.D., both SOMA professors, and Laura Bank, Ph.D., PA-C, academic coordinator for the Physician Assistant program at ASHS, each gave presentations and then joined one another on stage for a question and answer session.

"This luncheon was meant to be a preview of what's to come," said ATSU Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement Gretchen Buhlig. According to Buhlig, Women's Wellness, a University-wide initiative, will launch nationally in the fall.



Sherry Lund, Victoria Lund Foundation president, listens as Terri Mansfield, human relations manager for the City of Phoenix, participates in the question and answer session.

Expert on deaf education visits ATSU

BETSY Moog Brooks, director of the Moog Center for Deaf Education in St. Louis, addressed students, faculty, and local audiology and health professionals May 23. An accomplished teacher, author, and public speaker, Brooks shared her expertise in working with young, hearing impaired children and their families and discussed how to enhance their language and speech development.

“Audiology students learned the value of a team approach to working with very young children and expectations for very young children receiving cochlear implants,” said Les Schmeltz, Au.D., assistant professor of audiology.

The Moog Center for Deaf Education has schools in seven U.S. locations, including Desert Voices Oral Learning Center in Phoenix, and one in Argentina.



Tabitha Parent-Buck, Au.D., audiology chair, with Betsy Moog Brooks.



Kimberly O'Reilly, D.H.Ed., always wanted a terminal degree and was looking into another college when SHM's program became available.

Communicating effectively online

“MORE and more communication is moving online, and it is becoming increasingly important to know how to do it effectively,” said D.H.Ed. graduate and associate dean Kimberly O'Reilly.

O'Reilly focused on online education and communication for her applied dissertation in SHM's D.H.Ed. program, looking particularly at the skills and characteristics needed for faculty members to improve interaction in online health management and education classrooms. In fact, her work is building the foundation for SHM's faculty training program. “Everyone in some capacity will use some component of online education, and it's important to understand how best to deliver quality education in every classroom, regardless of program type,” she said.

Online students to travel Prague

All four 2008 D.H.Ed. graduates, along with SHM Dean Jon Persavich, Ph.D., will travel to Prague this summer to present their research to the Association for Medical Education in Europe. Kimberly O'Reilly and Deanna Hunsaker will present a program on what to know to get students successfully started in a D.H.Ed. program. Lynda Konecny will discuss building a D.H.Ed. program, and Patricia Sexton will focus on the role of professionalism in medicine.



compassion



A dental student applies fluoride varnish on a young patient.

Community Dental Health Day

DENTAL students provided services to nearly 400 underserved children and their families during the ASDA Community Dental Health Day on May 17, sponsored by Mesa's local American Student Dental Association chapter. Students and volunteer faculty and staff provided screenings, OHI, fluoride varnish, sealants, sports mouth guards, and X-rays at CARE Partnership Outreach Center. "Students and faculty showed their commitment to improving the oral health and well-being of their underserved community members by volunteering at this event," said Brock Lorenz, D2.

Students provide care in Belize

ATSU's Office of Continuing Education held a Tropical Medicine program April 21-25 at The Inn at Robert's Grove in Placencia, Belize, Central America. Educational sessions were conducted daily, and presentations included ENT emergencies, dermatology, dive medicine, forensic pathology, and basic emergent care.

CME participants and OMS IV students Jonathon Cleaver, Sarah Shaffer, Nathan Sherer, and Jeremiah Blankenship conducted professional visits at a clinic in Red Bank, where they observed local Mayan Indian patients.

"I was privileged to attend this educational conference in such a beautiful setting, and enjoyed working at the clinic. I saw 25-30 patients in a very short period of time, and I think we had a positive impact on the village," Blankenship said. "This experience has encouraged and motivated me to pursue further training in international medicine in hopes of continuing to travel to underserved countries throughout my medical career."



Assistant Dean Lloyd Cleaver, D.O.; CME Director Kimberly Blackman; OMS IV students Jonathon Cleaver, Sarah Shaffer, Nathan Sherer, and Jeremiah Blankenship; together with Belize CME participants.