OSU-CHS showcases new research facility

A public grand opening of the OSU-CHS Forensic Sciences and Biomedical Research Facility in November marked the addition of the new facility, a unique partnership between the academic health center and the City of Tulsa. Howard Barnett, president of OSU-Tulsa and OSU-CHS, and OSU President Burns Hargis, welcomed guests.

The building’s first two floors house forensic labs and other Tulsa Police Department functions; OSU-CHS forensic science and biomedical researchers work and provide instruction in the third and fourth floor laboratories. The new facility almost quadruples the research space for the school’s Forensic Sciences program, one of only eight programs in the country accredited by the American Academy of Forensic Science.
OCOMS Class of 1980 reunites
“Our 30-year reunion weekend for the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery Class of 1980 was exceptional,” said alumni director Ryan Miller. Alumni gathered at Caz’s Chow House in the heart of Downtown Tulsa for a “meet and greet” after the OSU-ChS Primary Care CME. “They mingled, and shared memories and stories from 30 years ago,” Miller said. Each alumnus received a DVD featuring class pictures and yearbook composites. The reunion concluded with dinner at the Polo Grill and a slide show highlighting recent changes and updates at the college. Class members told the group about their current activities, and shared memories about their years at Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Miller said.

OSU shares expertise with Baghdad teaching hospital through Telemedicine
OSU is using its telemedicine technology and faculty expertise to provide case consultation to physicians at Kadhhamiyah Teaching Hospital in Baghdad. During a pilot event in July, physicians and administrators from Kadhhamiyah met with Stanley Grogg, D.O., interim provost and dean, Rhonda Casey, D.O. ’96 (left) and Christine Clary, D.O. ’98, from Pediatrics. Kadhhamiyah is one of the largest teaching hospitals in Iraq. It is run by Iraq’s Ministry of Health. Anil Kaul, M.D./D.D.S./M.P.H, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at OSU, set up the project while on leave to be a senior health advisor with the state department.

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Bob Adams is OSU Distinguished Alumni
Bob Adams, D.O. ’77, received the OSU Distinguished Alumni Award at a public reception Sept. 18, at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center in Stillwater. The award is for professional achievement and community service. He is the first OSU-COM graduate to receive the award. He is a board certified sports medicine and family practice physician and is a member and president of the inaugural class of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, now OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. By virtue of his last name, he received the first diploma from the College.

In 1987, he received the medical school’s Distinguished Public Service Award. He is the team physician for USA Track and Field and has been a physician for United States Olympic Committee national teams since 1983. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine’s Board of Directors. He is a Life Member of the OSU Alumni Association.
A letter from Candy Ting, President of the OSU-COM Alumni Association Executive Board

Hello, alumni

Time flies when we are having fun and it has been seven short months since Spring Fling, where Robin Dyer, D.O.’92, passed the baton. My thanks to Dr. Dyer, who has been my mentor and has helped me transition into this year to serve as your president.

The Summer Classic golf tournament raised funds for our future alumni. We honored our Alumni Association past presidents at a reception June 12 and welcomed our future alumni at their White Coat Ceremony in August. Ninety-three new students make up the class of 2014. In September, we hosted a pizza luncheon and made each student a “student member” of the alumni association.

During the Fall OSU-TU game our fellow alumnus, Bob Adams, D.O. 77’, was honored as a distinguished alumnus by the OSU Alumni Association. Our association hosted a reception the night before for Adams and his wife.

In October, we exhibited at the AOA convention and prospective students, residents and potential postgraduate visited and asked for information. Our reception at the San Francisco Winery was well attended and included Interim Dean Stan Grogg, D.C., OSU-Tulsa President Howard Barnett and First Lady Billie Barnett. Our congratulations to Jarrell Cyrus, inaugurated as AAOA National president. In November, the Class of 1980 held its 30-year reunion and it was fun hearing each classmate recall his or her funnest or most memorable event.

Save the date for these 2011 events: Visit our booth Jan. 28-3 at the OOA Winter CME and our alumni reception March 18 at the ACOFP meeting in San Antonio. Look for us at the OOA annual convention in April, and don’t forget to get your golf clubs to practice up and plan on attending our June golf tournament.

We welcome you at all our events. They promote our school and raise funds for our students and alumni. We welcome you at our board meetings on the first Wednesday of every other month at the Osteopathic Founders Foundation office, thanks to CFF’s Sharri Wise and her generous hospitality. Feel free to contact our team:

President-Elect John Buck Hill, D.O.’99; Vice-President Trudy Milner, D.O.’86; Treasurer Danny Thomason, D.O.’01; Executive Director Ryan Miller and Reneé Williams.

Remember, this is your alumni association and we are here to serve you. We welcome your comments or suggestions. Call me or email me at candytingdo@gmail.com.

Happy New Year and God Bless,

Candy Ting, D.O.’86
President of the OSU-COM Alumni Association Executive Board

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Campus Notes

CME receives accreditation with commendation from AOA

The OSU CHS Office of Continuing Medical Education passed the American Osteopathic Association’s document survey review and received Accreditation with Commendation. The CME office received a maximum score of 104 points and the AOA Council on Continuing Medical Education awarded OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine a three-year accreditation as a Category 1 CME Sponsor.

First OSU in Tulsa Research Day at CHS

OSU Center for Health Sciences will host the first OSU in Tulsa Research Day on Friday, Feb. 25 on the OSU-CHS campus. In the past, the annual event has been on Friday of the OSU Research Symposium week. The change is an effort to provide faculty and students in Tulsa greater opportunities for collaboration and help showcase research. The event offers the opportunity to share interests with colleagues and potential collaborators. Bavette Miller, director of Research Operations and Graduate Studies at OSU-CHS, will coordinate the event.

OKAHEC an award winner

Oklahoma Area Health Education Centers at OSU-CHS was the 2010 Community Health award recipient at the Champions of Health for a Cancer Survivorship Education Program funded by the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Champions of Health awards honor individuals and organizations working to improve Oklahoma’s health. OKAHEC also received the Rural Health Program of the Year award from the Rural Health Association of Oklahoma. The RHPO makes the award to an organization that has made a significant difference in the provision of services, quality improvement or training in rural Oklahoma.
Alumni Notes

Donnie Bowie, D.O. '08, has returned from a year deployment in medical operations in Afghanistan with 1st Battalion, 503rd, 173rd, Airborne Brigade Combat Team. He helped maintain force health protection for Airborne Infantry by providing preventive and behavioral health treatment, routine sick call and acute trauma management. He worked with a physician’s assistant and more than 30 combat medics he supervised and trained to meet medical standards. He also provided medical training and supervision to Afghan National Army doctors, physician’s assistants and combat medics to model their medical organization, supplies, training, scope of practice, and treatment guidelines after the army medical department.

Janell Cyrus, wife of Scott Cyrus, D.O. '91, has been elected and installed as president of the Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association.


Eric J. Freeh, D.O. ’78, practices orthopaedics at Alamogordo Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in New Mexico. He completed an orthopaedic surgery residency at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington, Mich., and specializes in trauma surgery, shoulder injury and osteoporosis. He is an examiner for the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery, a member of the International Society for Clinical Densitometry and a faculty member at the Association for the Study of Internal Fixation. He is a former team physician for the Phoenix Suns professional basketball team.

Michael Grandison, D.O. ’08, is a general practitioner and vice-chief of staff at Cavalier County Memorial Hospital in Langdon, N.D. He is also the local health officer for Langdon, and the coroner for Cavalier County.

D. Sean Smith, D.O. ’96, is physician president of St. John’s Clinic Joplin/Kansas Division, a Top 10 Integrated Multi-Specialty group that is part of the Mercy Health System. He was medical director for the Level-III Trauma/ Emergency department center at St. John’s Regional Medical Center in Joplin from 2007 until Feb. 2010. He is a regional EMS medical director and has been an emergency physician at the facility since 2001. He completed a residency at OSU-TRMC in 2000 and is board certified.