Don’t miss our Alumni Weekend

We have many activities planned for our inaugural Alumni Weekend. Check out the schedule below and we hope to see you there!

May 15
OSU-CHS Awards Banquet
6:30 p.m. Reception, 7 p.m. Dinner
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tulsa Warren Place

May 16
OSU-CHS Graduation
7 p.m.
Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center
For additional information, contact Angela Bacon at 918-561-8312.

May 16-17
28th Annual OSU-COM Alumni Association Spring Fling CME
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tulsa Downtown
http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/college/cme/events.cfm

May 17
Alumni Reception
OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine
Open to alumni of all years.
For additional information, contact Ryan Miller at 918-561-8226.

May 18
OSU-COM Alumni Association Summer Golf Classic
Cherokee Hills Golf Club – Hard Rock Casino Tulsa
For more information or to register, contact Bria Taylor at 918-561-1219 or visit http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/alumni/golf.php.

OSU-COM Calendar of Events

April 24-27
OOA Spring CME
Oklahoma City

May 14
Senior Breakfast
Tulsa

May 15
Awards Banquet
Tulsa

May 16
Graduation
Tulsa

May 16-17
Spring Fling CME
Tulsa

May 17
Alumni Weekend Reception
Tulsa

May 18
Summer Golf Classic
Tulsa

Hello Alumni,

As the planning for this year’s Spring Fling enters the home stretch, you are invited to join colleagues for continuing medical education, which will span a patient’s lifetime. The 28th Annual CME Spring Fling will take place on May 16-17, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tulsa Downtown.

Presenters will discuss everything from common childhood ENT issues to end of life care. There will also be discussions about childhood obesity, maintenance checks and new health recommendations. The faculty includes distinguished alumni and other outstanding medical professionals. This year, we are pleased to have the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Board of Osteopathic Examiners speaking about proper prescribing.

Brochures have been mailed out and online registration is now open. The CME Spring Fling takes place during our first Alumni Weekend. The weekend will include an Alumni Reception that will take place on Saturday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the OSU College of Medicine.

The OSU-COM Office of Continuing Medical Education has requested that the AOA Council on Continuing Medical Education approve this program for 16 AOA Category 1A CME Credits. A roster of participants will be submitted to the AOA CME Office and to the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners for re-licensure requirements.

We hope you are having a great year and look forward to seeing you at Spring Fling and the Alumni Weekend events.

Duane Koehler, D.O., ’90
Vice President of the OSU-COM Alumni Association and 2014 CME Program Chair
OSU-COM alumnus working to combat childhood obesity

While it may take a village to raise a child, Colony Fugate, D.O., '00, and Teri Bourdeau, Ph.D., know it takes an even greater commitment to raise a healthy child.

"It really takes an entire community to address the many underlying issues, such as poverty, lack of nutrition knowledge and even the number of sidewalks in a city that impact our state’s obesity level," says Fugate, a pediatrician at OSU-CHS and medical director of the OSU Family Health and Nutrition Clinic.

"Addressing these issues can be challenging work because there are so many factors that contribute to the development of obesity."

Fugate and Bourdeau, a clinical psychologist at OSU-CHS, are using an evidence-based approach to combat childhood obesity through the Tulsa-based clinic.

Working with Sara Malone, a licensed dietitian, and Kerry Morgan, the clinic’s certified health education specialist and a clinical instructor in the School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology, OSU-CHS has developed a program to support children who are overweight or obese and their families. They have also built community partnerships with other local and state organizations to extend the clinic’s reach and developed new curricula to provide OSU students with the skills to address weight issues in Oklahoma’s communities.

The Family Health and Nutrition Clinic was launched in 2009 to provide individualized and comprehensive support for overweight and obese children and their families. It was the first clinic in the state to develop a multidisciplinary obesity treatment program for overweight and obese children, or those with a body mass index greater than 85 percent.


OSU-COM hosting medical school summer camps across the state

OSU-CHS will host the camps June 4 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, June 6 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, June 10 at Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah, June 11 at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and June 12 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Participants test their suturing skills, study human anatomy with a heart, lungs and brain, practice intubation and listen to a simulation of a patient’s heart and lungs. The camps are free and open to Oklahoma high school students. If you know a high school student interested in medicine, tell them to visit www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/admissions/operationorange.php to reserve a spot. For more information, call 918-561-8277 or email operationorange@okstate.edu.

OSU-CHS to offer international rotations in Uganda

OSU-CHS is launching a global partnership with Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe and St. Monica’s Girls Vocational School by offering international clinical rotations in Gulu, Uganda.

Sister Rosemary is the head of the school, which was founded to help young women and girls in the war-torn nation. For the past 30 years, Sister Rosemary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, has helped to work with young women and girls from the epicenter of the violent civil war that has decimated northern Uganda and South Sudan. She has helped more than 2,000 girls who had been abducted by the Lord’s Resistance Army or abandoned by their families during the bloody conflict.

St. Monica’s helps these young women learn to be self-reliant and be agents of peace and prosperity. They learn skills like sewing their own clothes, growing their own food and developing a valuable trade. In 2007, Sister Rosemary received the prestigious CNN Hero Award.

President Kayse Shrum has organized a group of OSU-CHS faculty to travel to Uganda this summer to assist with medical care and service learning. The clinic in Uganda is in desperate need of new or gently used stethoscopes and otoscopes.

If you would like to donate a tax-deductible item, please contact Ashley Milton at ashley.milton@okstate.edu or 918-561-8292 to make arrangements for pick-up or drop-off.

Have news to share?
Send to ryan.miller@okstate.edu

Physicians wanted
Visit career opportunities at www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/alumni/career.cfm

Alumni notes

Michael Wieting, D.O., ’90, was appointed to the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination. The board determines standards of practice, issues licenses to qualified physicians, investigates alleged rule violations and disciplines licensees found guilty of violations.

Lisa Crawford, D.O., ’96, received her MBA from OSU in December.

Drew Crawford, D.O., ’96, received his MBA from OSU in December.

Tom Hamilton, D.O., ’98, received the Outstanding Physician of the Year award from the Osteopathic Founders Foundation at Winters 2014 in February.

In memoriam

Sandy Overack, wife of former OSU-COM Professor Emeritus Daniel E. Overack, Ph.D., passed away in February. The Overacks have remained strong supporters of OSU-COM.

Joanna Reusser, D.O., ’11, passed away on Feb. 22. Her family is requesting that donations be made in her memory to Hope in Vine, an orphanage in Africa for children suffering from HIV. www.hopeinvine.org.

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Professor Emeritus Daniel E. Overack, Ph.D.

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