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A group of 19 first- and second-year LMU-DCOM students spent their spring break working long hours providing medical care to individuals in the Dominican Republic and Haiti on the island of Hispaniola. Their trip came three months after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that devastated the region on January 12, 2010.

The medical mission trip was a collaborative effort between **Dr. John Williamson**, assistant professor and chair of OB/GYN, and local physician **Dr. Neil G. Barry, III**. Williamson serves as the faculty advisor to the LMU-DCOM Christian and Medical Dental Association (CMDA) chapter, and had been planning a medical mission trip to Haiti for some time after visiting Haiti in July 2009. At that time no one could have predicted how needed the spring break 2010 mission trip would be.

Last summer Williamson accompanied Barry and Barry's son **OMS-I Neil G. Barry, IV**, on a trip to Haiti, where Dr. Barry serves as vice chairman of the board of directors of The Jimani Project, a nonprofit organization founded by medical, business and clergy professionals. The group built a hospital on the Haitian border to provide medical assistance to the island of Hispaniola. Construction began on the project in 2004, and the hospital facility was completed in 2007.

The hospital facility is currently operated by Le Bon Samaritan (The Good Samaritan). Prior to the earthquake the hospital served as a training facility for Dominican and Haitian pastors and as a hospital and lodging facility for U.S. surgical teams. The organization is noted for performing the first carotid stent procedure and the first corneal transplant in the history...

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The Haiti group at the LMU-DCOM building before their departure.

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A Message From the Dean



As always it is an exciting time to be part of the vibrant institution that is LMU-DCOM. This summer we will be celebrating our inaugural class of physician assistant students with their first White Coat Ceremony in June. In July they will begin their clinical rotations, not only in our own Appalachian region but across the country. One of the most exciting aspects to our summer will be our PA students entering into clinical rotations in hospitals within the Yale University teaching system in Connecticut. There the PA students will have an educational experience like no other as they are mentored through their rotations by members of the Yale University School of Medicine teaching faculty.


On a similar note, this summer the members of our inaugural class of osteopathic medical

students begin their fourth year rotations and their last year of medical school. Last year these students were in their core rotations in the larger hospitals in our region; this year they will be learning in the smaller community hospitals and rural clinics throughout Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. Our goal is to give these students the kinds of experiences that many of us had in our own rural practices: the joy of treating multiple generations of the same family; the creativity needed to deal with a wide range of medical issues in a rural area with few health care resources; and the unique opportunity to see patients in a variety of settings, from the clinic to the hospital to the nursing home and even the patient's own home.

At the medical school we try to maintain a healthy balance between enjoying the present and looking ahead to the future. We revel in our current fourth-year students and welcome our incoming class, which will make LMU-DCOM complete with a full complement of four years' worth of students. But our thoughts are fixed on May 14, 2011, when we will celebrate the graduation of our first class of osteopathic physicians. Preparations are well under way for this momentous event. Less than two months later, we will celebrate again as our inaugural class of PA students graduates on July 30, 2011.

The University as a whole continues to look ahead, growing and expanding to meet the needs of our region and our nation. This summer LMU will break ground on a new math and science facility. We routinely say that the LMU-DCOM building rivals medical education facilities found at much larger institutions around the country. The new math and science building may very well rival the LMU-DCOM building. Slated to be approximately 30% larger than LMU-DCOM, the new building will house state-of-the-art classroom, laboratory and research space. The building will provide a new home for the Caylor School of Nursing (currently housed in the LMU-DCOM building), as well as provide additional space for the osteopathic medical students and other health professions students.

With the new facility also comes an opportunity to look at expanding our offerings at LMU. In March the University announced **Dr. B. James Dawson** as LMU's 20th President. In an interview given following his appointment, Dawson discussed pursuing Level VI accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in order to pursue more professional, doctoral-level programs. He specifically noted the potential addition of a pharmacy program within the LMU-DCOM structure.

In short, big things are on the horizon for LMU-DCOM and its students, faculty and staff. We are proud of our accomplishments so far and eager to tackle the bright future ahead of us. 

AOA President Visits LMU-DCOM

LMU-DCOM played host to Dr. Larry Wickless, president of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), in January.

Wickless, the 2009-2010 AOA president, is visiting osteopathic medical schools across the country during his tenure. While at LMU-DCOM, Wickless toured the facility, met with faculty and staff and spoke to first- and second-year osteopathic medical students about the AOA and the osteopathic profession.

Wickless, a fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Internists, practices at South Oakland Gastroenterology Associates, P.C., in Farmington Hills, Mich. He also serves as

clinical professor of medicine at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing and as associate director of the gastroenterology training program at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Wickless has served on the AOA Board of Directors in a number of capacities since 2000. He was also instrumental in the founding of the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA).



Dr. Larry Wickless (L), president of the AOA, looks on while Dean Ray Stowers (R) introduces him to LMU-DCOM faculty and staff.



(L-R) OMS-I Souleymane “YaYa” Diallo, OMS-II Lauren Ciolkevich, OMS-II Jennifer Ottino, OMS-II Patrick Craig, Dr. Larry Wickless, OMS-II David Feaker, OMS-II Melanie McClain, OMS-I Chelsea Nickolson, OMS-II Dan Carr, OMS-I Landon Krautkramer and OMS-II Lena Yi pose following the reception for Dr. Wickless. Photo courtesy Melanie McClain and Patrick Craig.

Routman Honored By ACOFP



Dr. Burt Routman, professor and chair of family medicine, was honored with the 2010 Distinguished Service Award by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) at its annual conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

The award was given in recognition of outstanding dedication and support for the profession of osteopathic family

medicine by Dr. Jan Zieran, outgoing president of ACOFP. ACOFP Distinguished Service Awards are selected by the ACOFP president to recognize significant volunteer

contributions during the previous year through committee service or other initiatives. Routman was previously honored with the Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

Routman has been a member of ACOFP for 35 years and has held committee and leadership positions in the organization for more than 20 years. During the annual convention, Routman was appointed chair of the program committee and board representative to the national student ACOFP. Routman is also a distinguished fellow in the ACOFP.

Routman received his undergraduate degree from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., and his osteopathic medical degree from Des Moines University-College of Osteopathic Medicine (DMU-COM). Before establishing a private family practice, Routman served in the U.S. Air Force as flight surgeon for the Thunderbirds. Routman taught at DMU-COM and Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif., before joining the LMU-DCOM faculty in 2006.

LMU-DCOM Recognizes Outstanding Students And Faculty

LMU-DCOM awarded its Student of the Year and Faculty Member of the Year awards at its recent Spring Gala in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Student of the Year Awards for the Class of 2012 went to **OMS-II Melanie McClain** of Memphis, Tenn., and **OMS-II Douglas Schiller** of Greenville, N.C. McClain received her bachelor of science degree in biology from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. Schiller received his bachelor of science degree in biology and his master's in public health from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

The Student of the Year Awards for the Class of 2013 went to **OMS-I Chelsea Nickolson** of Genoa, Ill., and **OMS-I Souleymane Diallo** of Fafaya, Guinea. Nickolson received her bachelor of science degree in molecular and cellular biology from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Diallo received his bachelor of science in medical technology degree from LMU. The Student of the Year Awards were chosen by the student body of each class.

The Class of 2012 selected LMU-DCOM faculty members **Dr. Mary Beth Babos** and **Dr. John Williamson** as Professors of the Year. Babos, an assistant professor of pharmacy, was named the Basic Medical Science Professor of the Year. Williamson, an assistant professor and chair of OB/GYN, was named the Clinical Science Professor of the Year.

The Class of 2013 selected LMU-DCOM faculty members **Dr. Jonathan Leo** and **Dr. Howard S. Teitelbaum** as Professors of the Year. Leo, a professor of neuroanatomy, was named Basic Medical Science Professor of the Year. Leo also serves as associate

dean of students. Teitelbaum, a professor of preventive medicine and chair of preventive and community medicine, was named the Clinical Science Professor of the Year.

The Class of 2012 also presented **Dr. Stephen Miller**, assistant professor of osteopathic principles and practice and family medicine, with the "Excellence in Education" award in recognition for his assistance in preparing the class for their upcoming clinical rotations.

OMS-III Owen Vincent was recognized for being selected as Student Doctor of the Year (SDOY) for LMU-DCOM. SDOY is a program of the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP). The primary focus of the award is to acknowledge students' commitment to their school, their community and the osteopathic profession.

Awards were presented by OMS-II and outgoing SGA President **Patrick Craig**, OMS-I and incoming SGA President **Edward Wills** and **OMS-II Melanie McClain**.

Photos courtesy Jamie Weiss Photography.



Dr. Stephen Miller



OMS-III Owen Vincent



OMS-II Melanie McClain



OMS-II Douglas Schiller



OMS-I Chelsea Nickolson



OMS-I Souleymane Diallo



Dr. Mary Beth Babos



Dr. John Williamson



Dr. Jonathan Leo



Dr. Howard S. Teitelbaum

PA Students To Train In Yale University Teaching System

PA students will be training in two hospitals within the Yale University School of Medicine teaching system beginning this summer.


Griffin Hospital in Derby, Conn., and Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Conn., will both serve as clinical rotation sites for the inaugural class of PA students. The LMU-DCOM PA students will experience internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, OB/GYN and emergency medicine rotations at Griffin Hospital and general surgery, orthopedic surgery, OB/GYN and pediatrics rotations at Norwalk Hospital. PA students will be mentored through their rotations by teaching faculty from Yale.

"Abraham Lincoln once said, 'I will prepare, and some day my chance will come.' This is an opportunity or 'chance' of a lifetime," said David Metcalf, director of clinical education for the PA Program. "Our students will get to train within the Yale School of Medicine hospital system, alongside PA and MD/DO residents and faculty."

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PA and MD/DO residents and faculty."*

A 160 bed acute care community hospital in the heart of the lower Naugatuck Valley, Griffin Hospital has over 200 active and courtesy physicians who have admitting privileges. Griffin is also a Planetree Affiliate hospital. Planetree is a consumer health care organization dedicated to humanizing health care. The plane tree, or sycamore tree, is the tree under which Hippocrates, the founder of modern medicine, sat when he began teaching his medical students many centuries ago. With this same commitment to education, Planetree at Griffin Hospital was created in 1992 to support individuals who wish to learn more about health care and medicine in order to become active participants in their own care.

Norwalk Hospital is a 328-bed, not-for-profit, acute care community hospital that serves a population of 250,000 in lower Fairfield County, Conn. In addition to serving as a teaching facility for the Yale University School of Medicine, Norwalk Hospital also provides advanced fellowship programs for physicians in gastroenterology, pulmonary medicine and sleep medicine. Many of the Norwalk's physicians engage in research designed to provide patients with new treatments.

The PA students will begin their clinical rotations on July 26, 2010. 

STUDENT DO OF THE MONTH

This spring the LMU-DCOM Student Government Association (SGA) instituted a new program to recognize outstanding members of the student body. The Student DO of the Month is designed to recognize an outstanding first- or second-year student. Among the criteria examined for the honor are: involvement in LMU-DCOM, leadership skills, community service, class attendance, initiative, attitude and professionalism. Nominations are made to the SGA and voted on by the officers.




OMS-II Douglas Schiller of Greenville, N.C., was named Student DO for the month of March, the first recipient of the honor. Schiller is the president of the LMU-DCOM Emergency Medicine Club and a member of the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the Student Osteopathic Medical Association

and Sigma Sigma Phi National Osteopathic Honor Society. He has served as an instructor for Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support courses. Schiller plays intramural sports and is a member of the LMU-DCOM basketball team. Schiller received his undergraduate degree from East Carolina University. His wife **Allison** is also a second-year osteopathic medical student at LMU-DCOM.

OMS-I Stanley Marlowe of Evarts, Ky., was named the Student DO for the month of April. Marlowe is a volunteer Basic Life Support instructor, a member of the LMU-DCOM honors code and ethics committee and leads tours for prospective LMU-DCOM students as a student ambassador. He also serves as the clinical skills coordinator for the LMU-DCOM Emergency Medicine Club. Marlowe received his undergraduate degree from LMU. He and his wife Renee have two children, daughter Marissa and son Taylor.



OMS-II Meredith Corzine was named the Student DO for the month of May. Corzine has served as vice president of the Phi chapter of the Sigma Sigma Phi national osteopathic honor society and as treasurer for the LMU-DCOM Military Medicine Club. She has participated on the student handbook committee and the LMU-DCOM Spring Gala committee. Her volunteer activities include working with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Knoxville. She was recognized by the Translating Osteopathic Understanding into Community Health (TOUCH) Program with a silver TOUCH pin for her community service during the 2009-2010 academic year. Corzine received her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama. 



LMU-DCOM Students Touch Local Community With Their Service

More than 50 LMU-DCOM students were recently recognized for contributing more than 4,300 hours of community service during the past year.


LMU-DCOM is the latest osteopathic medical school to participate in the Translating Osteopathic Understanding into Community Health (TOUCH) Program. TOUCH is a national program developed by the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents to encourage medical students to preserve one of the basic tenets of osteopathic philosophy: a commitment to improving the health of their communities through service. TOUCH fulfills its mission by recognizing the service commitment of osteopathic medical students and their

colleges on the local and national level. Individuals with 50 or more hours of TOUCH service in their communities receive a TOUCH pin, national recognition and a letter of commendation sent to the dean of their osteopathic medical school.

"The TOUCH Program is an ideal fit for LMU-DCOM, whose institutional mission is built around service to humanity," said **Dean Ray Stowers**. "I am exceedingly proud of our students and their commitment to serving others."

Fifty-six LMU-DCOM students contributed 4,368.5 hours of community service. Community service events included LMU's annual Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic; volunteer

work with Ronald McDonald House, Adventure Amputee Camp and the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and organizing the annual Kid's Health Fair in Harrogate City Park sponsored by the LMU-DCOM Pediatrics Club. Most recently, students accumulated volunteer hours on a medical mission trip to Haiti and the Dominican Republic during Spring Break.

"I consider this a huge success for our school and our students, especially because this is our first year with the TOUCH Initiative," said **OMS-II Patrick Craig**, president of the LMU-DCOM Student Government Association. "Moreover, I believe that we have significantly improved the health and well being of our community". 



LMU-DCOM students who participated in the TOUCH program collectively contributed more than 4,300 hours of community service during their first year of participation in the program.

Front row (L-R): OMS-II Matt Tipton, OMS-I Melanie McClain, Stephanie Dalton, OMS-I Lindsey Presley, OMS-II Jenny Smith, OMS-II Kristen Pomeroy, OMS-II Claudia Montenegro, OMS-II Monica Mormon, OMS-II Ryan Rose, OMS-I Meghan Young and OMS-I Susan Kingerski.

Second row (L-R): OMS-II Meredith Graves, OMS-II Dina Wilson, OMS-II Rachel Goerzen, OMS-II Christopher Perry, OMS-II Lena Yi, OMS-II Courtney Walsh, OMS-II April Morrison, OMS-II Jennifer Ottino, OMS-II Lauren Wright, OMS-II Cassandra Edwards, OMS-II Robert Cromley, OMS-I Katherine McMurray, OMS-II Kent Walker and OMS-I Neil Barry, IV.

Third Row (L-R): OMS-II Patrick Craig, OMS-II Lauren Ciolkevich, OMS-II Charles Fisher, OMS-I Jeffrey Walters, OMS-I Tracy Thompson, OMS-II Kyle Toti, OMS-II Patrick Matt, OMS-II David Feaker, OMS-II Andrew Goins, OMS-II Justin Hare, OMS-I Brenton Rogers, OMS-I Deirdre Knobloch, OMS-I Adam Bainey, OMS-II Stephanie Gorman, OMS-II Jacquelynn Hatch, OMS-II Allison Schiller and OMS-II Douglas Schiller.

Not pictured: OMS-II Hillary Chace, OMS-III Deanne Grayson, OMS-III Joseph Jones, OMS-II Jenney Qin, OMS-II John Venditti, OMS-I Edward Wills, OMS-II Joanna Younker, OMS-II Lori Staudenmaier, OMS-II Heather Stooksbury and OMS-II Michael Wilson.

Virginia Dignitaries Visit LMU-DCOM

A group of dignitaries including Virginia delegate Clarence E. “Bud” Phillips, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Chancellor David Prior, Regional Vice President for Southwest Virginia Hospitals for Wellmont Health System David Brash and Lee Regional Medical Center President Ron Prewitt, visited LMU-DCOM in May.

Phillips and Prior arrived via the WellmontOne Air Transport helicopter. Strategically based in Sullivan County, Tenn., at Bristol Motor Speedway, WellmontOne is positioned to respond swiftly to motor vehicle accidents and other emergencies across the region, as well as transport patients from rural areas to Wellmont trauma centers.

The group was greeted by LMU officials and LMU-DCOM students from Virginia. During the visit the group received a tour of LMU-DCOM led by **Dean Ray Stowers** and met with Stowers, **Senior Associate Dean Craig Lenz**, **LMU President B. James Dawson** and **Chairman of the LMU Board of Trustees Autry O.V. “Pete” DeBusk**.



Virginia delegate Clarence E. “Bud” Phillips (L) and The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Chancellor David Prior (R) exit WellmontOne.



WellmontOne lands at LMU.



Virginia delegate Clarence E. “Bud” Phillips is greeted by LMU-DCOM students while LMU-DCOM Senior Associate Dean Craig Lenz looks on.



*Congratulations to the LMU-DCOM foursome of **OMS-II Patrick Craig**, **Senior Associate Dean Craig Lenz**, **Peggy Stowers**, and **OMS-II Patrick Matt** for winning the Congeniality Award at the Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association (AAOA) Fore You Golf Tournament held during the annual AOA Conference in November. The LMU-DCOM team also earned fourth place among the Collegiate Teams at the tournament. Photo courtesy Patrick Craig.*



(L-R) OMS-II students Courtney Walsh, Tracy Thompson and Melanie McClain participated in the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association’s (TOMA) Doctor of the Day program this spring. The Doctor of the Day program provides one osteopathic physician a week to serve as the official doctor for the Tennessee State Legislature in Nashville. LMU-DCOM students routinely travel to Nashville to shadow TOMA’s Doctor of the Day while the state legislature is in session. Photo courtesy Melanie McClain.

LMU Hosts Fifth RAM Clinic



OMS-II Joseph Starke assists a patient in the dental area. Photo courtesy Danielle Violet.


Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) and Remote Area Medical (RAM) joined together in May to hold the fifth annual RAM Health Expedition at LMU. The expedition provided free medical, dental and optical care to 842 individuals in just two days. Additionally, 264 animals were spayed and neutered at the veterinary clinic held at the Phillips Veterinary Technology Center on the LMU campus.

During the expedition, more patients than ever received a range of free medical,

dental and vision care. These individuals accounted for a total of 1,306 patient contacts, as patients were able to receive services in all three clinic areas if they so desired. These 1,306 patient contacts equaled \$237,045.00 in free medical services rendered.

In general medicine, LMU-DCOM physicians supervised osteopathic medical students as they provided service to 472 individuals. Middlesboro's Downtown Radiology performed 21 mammograms, and the St. Mary's Women's Health Wagon administered 33 pap smear tests. LMU-DCOM will also facilitate follow-up care for any abnormal results found in the scans. The dental area saw eight children and 367 adults over the course of the weekend. The volunteer dentists performed 37 dental cleanings, 170 dental fillings and 731 dental extractions. In the optical area, the expedition saw 438 patients and provided glasses to 433 individuals, including two children. The glasses were made on-site in a mobile optical truck provided by RAM. Students and recent graduates from LMU's Caylor School of Nursing assisted in triage, and students and faculty from the Physician

Assistant Program at LMU assisted in the medical area. Chest x-rays and lung function testing were conducted in a mobile unit provided by Dr. Joseph F. Smiddy, a Kingsport pulmonologist and member of the LMU Board of Trustees.

Over 400 volunteers made the clinic possible. Among the volunteers were LMU-DCOM faculty members **Dr. Steve Miller**, assistant professor of OPP/family medicine; **Dr. Gerald Osborn**, professor and chair of psychiatry and associate dean for community and international medicine; **Dr. Burt Routman**, professor and chair of family medicine; **Dr. Michael Seaman**, assistant professor of emergency medicine/family medicine and director of the simulation lab; **Dean Ray Stowers**; **Dr. Howard Teitelbaum**, professor of preventive medicine and chair of preventive and community medicine; **Amy Allen**, assistant professor of physician assistant studies; and **Paula DeMaro**, assistant professor of physician assistant studies. Approximately 50 osteopathic medical students and 20 physician assistant students volunteered during the clinic. 

Rotations Roundup



LMU-DCOM students participating in the CMC Journal Club include OMS-III students (Front Row L-R) **Nathan Hartgrove**, **Martin Clemmons**, **Lauren DeLoach**, **Gina Miller**, **Dena Krishnan**, **Walter Saba**; (Back Row L-R) **Kyle Gonzales**, **Michael Boler** and **Shawn Wilson**.

Students not pictured that also participated in the monthly meetings are OMS-II students **Chris McMullin**, **Courtney Carrico**, **Greg Nieckula**, **John Lewis**, **Anthony McRaven**, **Darren Barton**, **Elizabeth Brewer**, **Karen Banks**, **Lindsey Dierlam**, **Faustina Donkor**, **Charlie Leider**, **Megan Bina**, **Andy Lovell** and **Lauren Frazier**. Photo courtesy Cumberland Medical Center.

LMU-DCOM students in rotations at Cumberland Medical Center (CMC) in Crossville, Tenn., have been involved in a student-run Journal Club. Meetings take place once a month, and attendees enjoy dinner while two students present a current journal article. Hospital physicians may attend as well. In May the LMU-DCOM students began presenting "Interesting Cases and Reviews" every other month to members of the CMC Medical Staff. This event is a dinner meeting with typically 50 physicians in attendance. Dr. David McKinney, president of the Medical Staff, and Dr. Stephen Clark, on-site preceptor for the LMU-DCOM internal medicine rotations, serve as moderators for the meetings. These case presentations give the students valuable opportunities to present to other physicians and to hone their skills.

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OMS-III Ian Huff poses with the first two babies he delivered solo at Indian Path Medical Center. Photo courtesy Ian Huff.

Rotations Roundup Continued

OMS-III Ben Goins is currently serving on the planning committee for the Cooper Green Community Garden at Cooper Green Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. The purpose of the garden is to provide a rehabilitation service to the patient base, to provide nutritious, whole food to the community, and to foster a sense of community in an urban environment. The food will be grown organically and includes raised beds. The garden is funded by a federal grant. Goins is in charge of publicity for the garden.

Planting Day at the Cooper Green Community Garden. Photo courtesy Ben Goins.



LMU-DCOM Family Continues to Grow



OMS-II Angela Vrooman and her husband Josh welcomed Zachary Tiberius Vrooman at 8:03 a.m. on December 10, 2009. Zach weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 18 inches long.



OMS-II Mitch Bartley and his wife Shannon welcomed Riley James Bartley on March 24, 2010. Riley weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

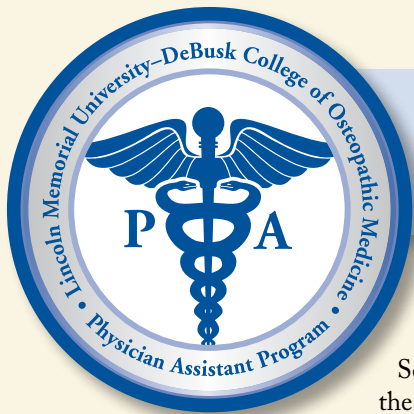


Dean Ray Stowers and his wife Peggy welcomed grandson Justin "J.J." Davis, Jr., on December 15, 2009. J.J. weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.



(Clockwise) Melvin, Heather and Dale Bayless. Photo courtesy Canine Companions for Independence.

Administrative Assistant for Academic Services/Building Coordinator **Heather Bayless** and her family welcomed dog **Rya** into their family in February. Rya, a two-year-old Golden Retriever/Labrador mix, is a skilled companion dog provided by Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), a non-profit organization that breeds, trains and places assistance dogs for people with disabilities. Rya, who responds to more than 50 commands, will assist Heather's son **Dale**, who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Rya is able to open doors, retrieve dropped items and perform other tasks that help Dale to lead a more independent life. Rya also offers emotional support and daily companionship. CCI assistance dogs are provided free of charge, though costs to CCI exceed \$45,000 to breed, raise, train and provide ongoing support. Charitable contributions, grants, special events and corporate support fund the substantial costs involved with this process.



LMU-DCOM PA Program

PA Program Students Make Capitol Connection

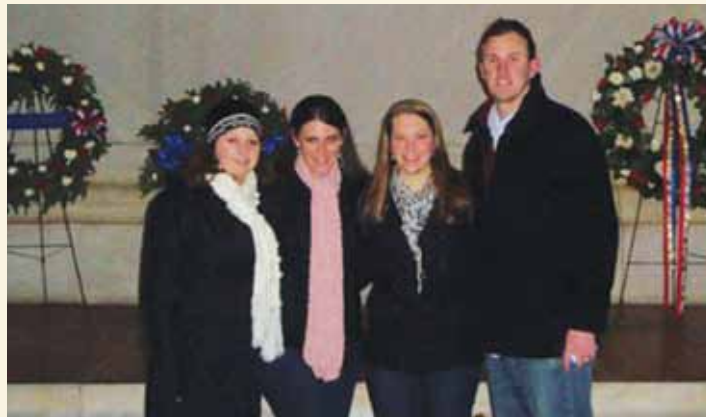
Seven PA students traveled to the nation's capitol in February to participate in the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) "Capitol Connection" program.

The PA students met with legislative staff members for Senators Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), as well as staff members for Tennessee Congressmen Zach Wamp (R-Tenn. 3rd) and Lincoln Davis (D-Tenn. 4th). During the four-day event, the students also heard from U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, who was presented with the 2010 AAPA President's Award.

PA students participating in the trip included **Emily Burke, Robin Campbell, Kristi Crabtree, Megan Lawson, Ryan Maynard, Chris Pivonka** and **Ursula Treadway**. The students were accompanied by Paula DeMaro, assistant professor of physician assistant studies. The delegation was part of more than 250 physician assistants and PA students who participated in Capitol Connection.

"The trip was an incredible legislative learning experience," said Pivonka. "I believe our initiatives to expand PA practicing rights via legislation were well received. Being on Capitol Hill really opened my eyes that despite who you are or where you come from, every U.S. citizen has the ability to participate in our nation's government, and it's easier than any of us ever realized."

A special highlight of the trip was the students' visit to the Lincoln Memorial. Their trip came on the heels of the University's annual trip to the nation's capitol to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial on Lincoln's birthday.



PA students Emily Burke, Robin Campbell, Kristi Crabtree and Ryan Maynard did some sight-seeing at the Lincoln Memorial during their recent trip to Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy Chris Pivonka.

LMU is one of a select few institutions, and the only university, invited to participate in the ceremony each year. The students were able to see the LMU wreath at the monument first-hand.

"I am proud that our students and a faculty member represented LMU-DCOM's PA Program at the Capitol Connection and learned about the political process," said **Dr. Michelle Heinan**, director of the Physician Assistant Program. "Not enough physician assistants are involved in legislation related to the profession. This event gave them the opportunity to assist in making things happen. The LMU-DCOM PA students were the only students representing the state of Tennessee at this event."

PA Program Welcomes Second Class



The 64 students in the PA Class of 2012 matriculated on May 17, 2010, with their first day of orientation. The PA Class of 2012 is comprised of 13 males and 51 females. The average age is 28.5. Approximately 75 percent of the class hails from the Appalachian region, with the majority of those coming from Tennessee or Kentucky.

"We are looking forward to having the second class of physician assistant students begin at LMU-DCOM," said Dr. Michelle Heinan, director of the PA Program. "The class is made up of a diverse group of students mainly from this region but also throughout the United States, with the mission of helping the medically underserved areas by providing high quality health care. This will mark another milestone for the LMU-DCOM Physician Assistant Program."

PA-S Olivia Shumake introduces herself to her fellow members of the PA Program Class of 2012 during the first day of orientation.



PA Faculty Member Teaches on Two Continents



Rex Hobbs, assistant professor of physician assistant studies and director of didactic education for the Physician Assistant Program, currently is on adjunct faculty with the University of Queensland School of Medicine in Brisbane and

Ipswich, Australia. This spring Hobbs travelled Down Under to assume his role as Senior Lecturer in the Physician Assistant Program there, which is the first of its kind in the country. While in Australia he delivered several lectures and aided in physical exam instruction, grading practicals and evaluating objective structured clinical exams (OSCE).

“This is especially exciting as this is the first PA program and PA class in Australia,” Hobbs said. “Similar to the original classes in the States, the students are a mixture of paramedics, nurses, pharmacists, military medics, physical therapists and even two podiatrists with varying years of experience.”

While in Australia Hobbs spent his free time touring the Gold Coast and the Lone Pine Preserve and soaking in the Australian cultural climate. “Though I was busy most days, I was able to get out and see the surrounding area and explore Brisbane,” said Hobbs. “It is a remarkable place with very energetic and friendly people. Football, basketball and baseball are an afterthought while cricket, soccer and rugby rule.” During his stay Hobbs saw first-hand that both the U.S. and Australia are facing similar issues with regards to health care and laid the foundation for future partnerships. “[Australia is] also dealing with health care funding issues as their system is overburdened. The hope in the future is that the PA Program here and there endeavor to develop stronger affiliations including the possibility of student and faculty exchange.”

Photos courtesy of Rex Hobbs.



The University of Queensland.



Hobbs (far back row, far right) with his Australian colleagues.



Hobbs delivers a lecture to University of Queensland students.

Mission Trip to Haiti

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of Hispaniola. After the Haitian earthquake over 1,600 patients were treated and nearly 800 surgeries were performed at Le Bon Samaritan facilities.

Haiti, a country of almost 10 million people, is the poorest nation in the Americas. More than 80% of the population is estimated to live in poverty. Most Haitians work in agriculture and the average wage is approximately \$2 per day. The January 2010 earthquake's epicenter was just outside the country's capital of Port-au-Prince. The capital city is home to Cite Soleil, the country's largest slum and an area that has been called "the most dangerous place on Earth" by the United Nations. It is estimated that just 40% of Haitians have access to basic medical care. Drs. Barry and Williamson both traveled to Haiti immediately after the earthquake and spent much of the month of January there providing medical care.

LMU-DCOM students participating in the trip included OMS-I students **Adam Bainey, Barry, Deidre Knobloch, Keith Mahin, Katherine McMurray, Miguel Montoya, Monica Morman, Lindsey Presley, Brenton Rogers, Kent Walker, Jeffrey Walters and Edward Wills**, and OMS-II students **Patrick Craig, Stephanie Dalton, Justin Hare, Johan Koo, Jenney Qin, Jenny Smith and Joanna Younker**.

The LMU-DCOM contingent, joined by Dr. Barry and **Dr. Bruce Wilson**, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon practicing in Middleboro and Barbourville, Ky., departed for their long journey on Friday, March 12. The group met at the LMU-DCOM building to load luggage and supplies before being treated to a complimentary pizza dinner at Haymaker Farms Restaurant in Harrogate. "The community was wonderfully supportive of our trip," said Wills. "Many of the medicines we brought with us were donated from local hospitals and clinics. We also received two sets of free scrubs from Scrub World [in Middlesboro, Ky.] for each student going on the trip. I think

this is a testament to how accepting the community has been to LMU-DCOM and its students."

In true LMU fashion, the entire campus and local communities came together to provide support to a mission trip that pledged to serve the underserved. In addition to donations made by Scrub World, both Middlesboro ARH and Pineville Community Hospitals in Kentucky donated medical supplies to the mission. LMU's Caylor School of Nursing also sponsored an on-campus donation



OMS-I Katherine McMurray treats a young patient.

drive for needed supplies. Transportation to and from the Atlanta airport was made possible by Pump Springs Baptist Church in Harrogate, Tenn., Church of God of Barbourville, Ky., Hawk Creek Baptist Church of London, Ky., and Middlesboro Coca-Cola Bottling Works.

The group spent the night in Atlanta, Ga., following a five-hour bus ride. The next morning the travelers flew to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where they again boarded buses for another five-hour drive from Santo Domingo to Jimani. "The roads were in bad shape, the traffic was chaotic and lawless for the most part, and some of the drive was through curvy, mountainous areas," said Wills.

During their trip LMU-DCOM students treated an estimated 1,500 patients by offering assistance in minor surgeries, dental procedures, osteopathic manipulative treatments and general medical care. The students

treated wounds, acute infections and parasitic infections and assisted with vitamin supplementation and other chronic conditions like hypertension and diabetes. Students were also able to care for a malnourished HIV-positive child that was staying as a patient in Le Bon Samaritan.

"Throughout all of the years that I've worked in Haiti, this was by far my favorite trip," said student doctor Barry. "To have the opportunity to serve and learn with my fellow LMU-DCOM

classmates made the week a memorable experience. To see the bonding and relationships formed while working in the poorest country in our hemisphere really makes you appreciate just how special our LMU-DCOM family is. Having the support of LMU in terms of supplies donated and all of the student interest in the trip after our return is really inspiring to see. Our university will produce globally-minded physicians with true altruism for the underserved."

"Even though it was 98 degrees, I didn't even think about the heat because I was too busy

having a great time treating patients," said Koo. "We get so busy in the classrooms studying for tests or the boards, we forget why we're studying. This trip helped me to remember who we're studying for - our patients. It made me realize that the most sophisticated piece of medical equipment we can take down there is a caring physician. Dr. Williamson, Dr. Barry and Dr. Wilson did a fantastic job talking us through certain diagnoses we encountered. By utilizing every opportunity to teach, they enriched our experience."

"In my medical education, I never got the opportunity to have hands-on clinical exposure until my third year of medical school," said Dr. Barry. "To observe those students treating patients in a third world setting was truly inspirational. I was amazed at their history-taking skills, their diagnostic skills and their use of osteopathy. They truly provided a service that we've never had the

opportunity to offer prior to this trip.”

“You can imagine the types of musculoskeletal injuries that occur after a massive earthquake, and having the students treat so many patients using OMM was really a big help. I’m confident these students will give LMU-DCOM a reputation as one of the premier colleges of osteopathic medicine in the country. I’m so thankful to both the LMU-DCOM and larger LMU communities for all of their support, and I’m hopeful that we can continue to work together to better the lives of people in the Appalachian region and those who are underserved throughout the world.”

“The patients were very receptive to OMT, and at one point we had so many OMT patients we assigned an OMT specialist for the day,” said Koo. “We would bring with us two thin, twin-sized mattresses to wherever our treatment centers (a church, or designated clinics) were and do OMT on the patients. As osteopathic medical students we had something more to offer the Haitians.”¹

Special thanks to OMS-I students Neil G. Barry, IV and Edward Wills and OMS-II Johan Koo for their contributions to this article. Photos courtesy OMS-I Brenton Rogers.



OMS-I Brenton Rogers with a new friend.



OMS-I Justin Hare performs OMT on a patient.



OMS-II Johan Koo takes a patient history.



OMS-II Stephanie Dalton stitches up a patient.



The aftermath of the Haitian earthquake.



LMU-DCOM Student Club Updates



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION (AOCPMR):

The LMU-DCOM chapter of AOCPMR traveled to Annapolis, Md., this spring to attend the organization's annual mid-year conference. The LMU-DCOM contingent was the largest student group at the conference. *Photo courtesy Robert Cromley.*

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS-STUDENT CHAPTER (ACOEP-SC):

The LMU-DCOM chapter of ACOEP-SC welcomed Peter Allen Bell, DO, MBA, HPF, FACOEP, FACEP, to the school in March. He gave a short presentation on the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP) followed by a lecture on pediatric fractures. Bell is currently the assistant dean for the Ohio University CORE System, and is also currently a professor of emergency medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

ENT AND PLASTIC SURGERY CLUB:

The ENT and Plastic Surgery Club sponsored a community service project in May to benefit the Harrogate (Tenn.) Book Station. Students collected donations for a yard sale. All proceeds were used for a week-long children's reading program that took place this summer.

HEALTH EQUITY CLUB:

The Health Equity Club, the Integrative Medicine Club and the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) hosted a screening of the documentary "Food Inc." in April. Nominated for an Academy Award*, Food Inc. explores our national food system, from field to plate and its effects on our diet, our environment, our society and our health. Chronicling the industry's stunning achievements and harrowing failures, the film questions, challenges and, ultimately, provides hope that we can make changes for the better.

INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE CLUB:

The Integrative Medical Club collected clothes for CEASE, a shelter in New Tazewell, Tenn., for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. The club collected approximately 10 bins worth of clothes for the shelter residents. The group also collected donations for the University's Haiti relief efforts.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION:

The Orthopedic Surgical Association teamed up with Soles 4 Soles this spring to collect gently used shoes. Soles 4 Soles is a Tennessee-based charity that has given nearly nine million pairs of shoes to men, women and children worldwide since 2004. Recipients are typically either individuals who have never owned a pair of shoes due to extreme poverty or individuals who are victims of natural disasters who have lost everything.



OMEGA BETA IOTA:

OMS-II students **Jessica Barnes**, **Chris Perry** and **Amanda Stephens** were inducted into Omega Beta Iota national osteopathic political action honor society in May. Osteopathic medical students and osteopathic physicians are eligible to apply to Omega Beta Iota, and applicants must fulfill a variety of different criteria demonstrating their political involvement. *Photo courtesy Amanda Stephens.*



SIGMA SIGMA PHI:

Members of the Phi Chapter of Sigma Sigma Phi volunteered at the annual Make-a-Wish Gala in Knoxville, Tenn., this spring. Students assisted with registration, worked the silent auction and helped sell raffle tickets.

Students participating included **OMS-II Jessica Barnes**, **OMS-III Brent Boettcher**, **OMS-II Hillary Chace**, **OMS-I Donna Cota**, **OMS-I Berna Dutson**, **OMS-I Brittany Grady**, **OMS-II Rachael Hollifield**, **OMS-I Jennifer Jaynes**, **OMS-I Landon Krautkramer**, **OMS-II Chelsea Nickolson**, **OMS-II Becca Ranz**, **OMS-I Michelle Schmitz**, **OMS-II Karen Selk**, **OMS-II Jenny Smith**, **OMS-I Grant Stone**, **OMS-II John Venditti**, **OMS-I Demareo Webb** and **OMS-II Ahmad Yassin**.

Sigma Sigma Phi also provided volunteers to the Harrogate (Tenn.) Senior Citizens Center for several events, including a yard sale, health fair and Easter egg hunt.

In April Sigma Sigma Phi welcomed their newest inductees into the Phi Chapter. Inductees included OMS-I students **Derek Ayers**, **Adam Bainey**, **Ted Boler**, **Berna Dutson**, **Brittany Grady**, **Eugene Jalbert**, **Keith Mahin**, **Katherine McMurray**, **Charles Mitchell**, **Hope Mullins**, **Leigh Smith**, **David Spencer**, **Jeffrey Walter** and **Edward Wills**; OMS-II students **Cassandra Edwards**, **Charles Fisher**, **Susan Kingerski**, **Lori Staudenmaier**, **Jennifer Susoreny-Velgos**, **Tracy Thompson**, **Kyle Toti**, **Courtney Walsh**, **Dina Wilson**, **Michael Wilson** and **Lauren Wright**; and OMS-III students **Darren Barton**, **Jordan Bohinc**, **Lindsey Dierlam**, **Shey Ditto**, **Kyle Gonzales**, **Nathan Hartgrove**, **Heath Thompson** and **Marcus Winkler**.



The 2010 Sigma Sigma Phi inductees. Photo courtesy David Spencer.

SAACOFPP:

The LMU-DCOM Chapter of SAACOFPP sponsored an 8-Ball Pool Tournament this spring. The tournament was set up as a bracket with the number of rounds to be played and the winnings dependent upon the number of entries. The championship round was held in May and was won by LMU graduate student in education **Ian Richardson**. The group also organized volunteers to participate in the annual Bell County Repair Affair. The annual event brings volunteers into the community to work on properties in need of repair. An LMU-DCOM contingent attended the annual ACOFP meeting in Las Vegas in March. Students attending included **OMS-II Rachael Hollifield**, **OMS-I Bob McDonald**, **OMS-I Charles Mitchell** and **OMS-I Drew Triplett**, along with LMU-DCOM faculty members **Dean Ray Stowers**, **Dr. Burt Routman**, professor and chair of family medicine, **Dr. Greg Smith**, associate dean of clinical medicine, **Dr. Steve Miller**, assistant professor of OPP/family medicine and **Dr. Gina DeFranco**, assistant professor of family medicine. *Photos courtesy Drew Triplett.*

LMU-DCOM Student Club Updates

STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SOMA):

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association held its second annual Penny Wars competition this spring. The competition is a fundraiser for Second Harvest Food Bank and pits faculty facilitators of the Essentials of Patient Care (EPC) course against one another in the “war” to raise money for charity. SOMA placed jars representing each EPC facilitator outside the auditoriums to collect money, or votes, for each professor. Change equaled positive votes and dollar bills equaled negative votes. Dr. Michael Wieting, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation/OPP, received the most “votes” in the competition, while Dr. Michael Seaman, assistant professor of emergency medicine/family medicine and simulation lab director, had the largest total amount of money in his jar. Members of their EPC groups were treated to an ice cream party following the fundraiser. SOMA members also attended the annual SOMA conference in Washington, DC. The group also organized “What’s in a Doctor’s Bag?” visits to Midway Elementary in New Tazewell, Tenn., and Rutledge Elementary in Rutledge, Tenn., and a “Mini-Medical School” for Powell Valley Elementary in Speedwell, Tenn.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS (SAMOPS):

In April, SAMOPS organized LMU-DCOM student volunteers to help out with the local veteran’s association annual community fish fry. Members also participated in the MACH (Martin Army Community Hospital) Medical Student Day at Ft. Benning, Ga. LMU-DCOM students in attendance were OMS-II students **Nathan Jansen**, **Meredith Corzine** and **Ahmad Yassin** from the Army Health Professions Scholarship Program, and OMS-II students **Jenny Smith**, **Laurie Skaggs** and **Hillary Chace** from the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program. While there the LMU-DCOM students spent the night with Army physicians and spent the following day meeting with military physicians, residents and rotating third and fourth year medical students.



Photo courtesy of Hillary Chace.



OMS-II Amanda Stephens, OMS-II Chris Perry, OMS-III Andrea Wenner and OMS-II Jessica Barnes attended the annual SOMA conference as voting delegates, and OMS-II Jessica Barnes, OMS-III Nick Perkins and OMS-III Crystal Lenz attended the annual SOMA conference as board of trustees members. Pictured L-R are Barnes, Lenz, Wenner, Stephens, Perry and Perkins. Photo courtesy Amanda Stephens.



(L-R) OMS-I Justin Head, OMS-II Brooke Taylor and OMS-II Kristen Pomeroy talk to Powell Valley Elementary students at the organ station of mini medical school.

UNDERGRADUATE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OSTEOPATHY (UAAO):

Fifteen students attended the annual American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) Convocation in Colorado Springs, Colo. The theme of this year's Convocation was "Pelvis and Sacrum: Where it All Comes Together." At Convocation **OMS-III Dawn Murrell** was elected Regional Coordinator for UAAO's Region 4. Throughout the year the UAAO has provided teaching assistants to the PA Program for their manual medicine labs.

WILDERNESS MEDICINE CLUB:

Four teams of LMU-DCOM students participated in the MedWAR race in Norfolk, Va., on March 27. Students participating included: Team Laurie and the Haploids - **Laurie Skaggs, Ryan Rose** and **Steve Gallop**; Team Obi Gyn Kenobi - **Steve Hosack, Marak Banas** and **Jenny Smith**; Team Fatter Than Last Year - **Dan Carr, Robert Cromley** and **Nate Morin**; and Team Neapolitan - **Lena Yi, Jacquie Hatch** and **Amber Halverson**. The group also held its annual spring Yard Clean Up Day in April.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND MEDICAL SOCIETY:

The Women's Health and Medical Society raised over \$300 for the American Heart Association in February. The group collected donations and sold t-shirts and pins in observation of Go Red for Women day.

STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SNMA):



Members of the Student National Medical Association volunteered their time to the Salvation Army Youth Center in Middlesboro, Ky., to assist with renovations at the facility. *Photo courtesy Souleymane Diallo.*

LMU ORGANIC GARDENING PROJECT:

Members of the LMU-DCOM family are discovering their green thumbs by participating in the LMU Organic Gardening Project. The LMU-DCOM Integrative Medicine Club and the LMU-DCOM Women's Health/OBGYN Club, along with several individual students, faculty and staff, have joined together with the University and local communities to work in the garden. The garden consists of 30 individually tended raised beds and a communally managed garden. Apples, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, elderberries, raspberries, blackberries, potatoes, onions, wheat and tomatoes have already been planted. It is hoped that this project will have a positive impact on the health of the LMU community and the community at large by providing a source of fresh, whole foods as well as teaching organic sustainable gardening, food storage and food preparation skills. The LMU Organic Gardening Project is directed by Pat Biggerstaff, local gardening expert, author, television personality and newspaper columnist.



*OMS-I students **Liz Hills** and **Jessica Smith** work with Jacob Hone in the LMU Organic Gardening Project.*



*OMS-I **Amelia Sybenga** (L) works in the LMU Organic Gardening Project with **Penelope Vanderpool** and **Happy the Dog**. *Photos courtesy Jessica Smith.**

LMU-DCOM Student Club Updates

STUDENT TACTICAL OPERATIONS RESCUE MEDICINE (STORM):

LMU-DCOM students have formed a new extra-curricular club this spring: Student Tactical Operational Rescue Medicine (STORM.) The club's primary mission is to save lives and improve the health of casualties in tactical, disaster, dignitary, maritime, aviation, large scale event and other austere out-of-hospital environments through education, training, research, clinical exposure and care. This is a new and rapidly growing field of medicine that is in need of doctors and is growing in organizations all over the country, including but not limited to the FBI, DEA and Army Special Forces.

STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION (SOSA):

The Student Osteopathic Association hosted the third annual Golden Scalpel Golf Tournament in April. The tournament raised approximately \$4,500 for the annual RAM clinic at LMU (see page 8). The winning team was "Second Opinion" (Michael Collins, Joe Carroll, Ken Collins and Jack McCann). Second place went to the Indian Path Medical Center team (Monty McLaurin, Frank Lauro, Chris Wynn and Rick Stapleton). Third place went to "Madisonville Disposal" (**OMS-I Brandon Chappell**, **OMS-I Zackary Spradlin**, **OMS-I Carlin Tighe** and Chris Duvall). The DCOM prize went to "Golf is our Malpractice" (Eric Wagner, Brandon Wagner, **OMS-II Allison Schiller** and **OMS-II Doug Schiller**). Tighe won the Longest Drive contest and **OMS-I Miles Hartsfield** won the Closest to the Pin contest. SOSA also hosted a Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5 in the second floor student lounge in the LMU-DCOM building. The group also held a suture clinic with **OMS-III Joe Sullivan** as the guest presenter.

PEDIATRICS CLUB:

The LMU-DCOM Pediatrics Club held its second annual Kid's Health Fair in May. Events included kids' yoga, face painting and a variety of other activities geared toward fitness and good nutrition. *Photos courtesy of Katherine McMurray.*



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Bobby Abernathy

OMS-II Bobby Abernathy has been awarded a scholarship from the Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine Endowed Student

Scholarship Program. The scholarship was presented to Abernathy during the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association 100th Annual Convention Alumni Luncheon in May in Oklahoma City.

consider careers in anesthesiology research and perioperative medicine.



Jessica Chandler

OMS-III Jessica Chandler spoke to a group of high school students at AP Fatherree Vocational Technical Center in Laurel, Miss., in November.

Chandler spoke to the allied health class about medical school and financial aid considerations.



Claudia Montenegro

“Children facing such dire circumstances should still be able to be kids – smiling and happy,” said Cromley. “We had 50 osteopathic medical students from across the

country working together to help provide a ‘week off’ for the children’s families. It was very memorable. I was humbled by this experience once again.”

The Unity Project began in 2005. In the past, Unity volunteers have helped victims of Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi and worked at homeless shelters in New York City. The 2009 Unity Project marked the third time the group has participated in Give Kids the World. The Unity Project is funded by the American Osteopathic Association.



Craig Best

OMS-III Craig Best received second place at the American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation student research competition. His

presentation was entitled “Comparison of Three Hand Held Dynamometry Measurement Techniques.”



Patrick Craig

OMS-II Patrick Craig has had his master’s work published in the journal *Toxicological Sciences*. The paper, entitled “Mechanism for Prevention of Alcohol-Induced

Liver injury by Dietary Methyl Donors,” examines how a combination of methyl donors (dietary) can prevent alcohol-induced liver damage. Craig also had an opinion piece entitled “Reflections on our Health and Healthcare Reform” published in the *The Stokes News*.



Brent Boettcher

OMS-III Brent Boettcher received a Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (FAER) Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship

(MSARF). Boettcher spent eight weeks with Dr. Matthew Weinger and Dr. Jason Slagle in the Center for Perioperative Research in Quality at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. This was the first time Vanderbilt’s Anesthesiology Department had been provided a medical student through the program. Boettcher presented his poster “Validation of a new tool to study clinician workload and quality of intraoperative care” at the FAER symposium for poster presentations for the 60 medical students nationwide who participated in the program. The MSARF was created to encourage talented medical students to



Robert Cromley

OMS-II students **Robert Cromley** and **Claudia Montenegro** joined osteopathic medical students from across the country to help make the holiday season a little more special

for children at Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Fla.

As part of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association’s (SOMA) annual Unity Project, the students spent three days volunteering at Give Kids the World, a non-profit organization that gives children with life-threatening illnesses a chance to escape the reality of their illness for a short time.



Crystal Lenz

OMS-III Crystal Lenz has been elected president of the national Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA).



Nick Perkins



Jessica Barnes

OMS-III Nick Perkins has been elected Vice President/Speaker of the House for SOMA, and **OMS-II Jessica Barnes** was elected Region II trustee. LMU-DCOM students hold three of 11 total Board of Trustees positions in the national SOMA organization.

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Student Laurels

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Myles Jun Kim

OMS-III Myles Jen Kim has been elected the regional representative to the South for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine

(AAEM) Student Council. In that role he will coordinate AAEM/RSA student initiatives, communicate with student liaisons at each school in the region and manage Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG) listings and Emergency Medicine Select residency information. He also attended the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP) Spring Seminar in Scottsdale, Ariz., in April.



Alex Phillips

OMS-III Alex Phillips was the only osteopathic medical student asked to be a voting board member of the American Osteopathic Association

Association of Medical Informatics (AOAMI) and is currently working with the Center for Medicare Services and specialty groups in the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) on electronic medical record (EMR) integration. Phillips was asked to vote on the AOAMI's behalf at the last AOA House of Delegates and was also asked to be a lecturer at the AOA National last November. Phillips was the only osteopathic medical student to have CME credits awarded for attendance at his lecture. Most recently Phillips demonstrated the DaVinci robotic surgery system for Mercy Healthcare at the Women's Expo in Knoxville, Tenn.



Zachary Taylor

OMS-I Zachary Taylor spoke about osteopathic medicine to a nursing class at Walters State Community College in Morristown, Tenn., in March.



Student Doctor Of The Year



OMS-III Owen Vincent has been selected as the LMU-DCOM Student Doctor of the Year (SDOY). SDOY is a program of the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP). The primary focus of the award is to acknowledge students' commitment to their school, their community, and the osteopathic profession. Vincent attended the Preventive Medicine 2010 annual conference for the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) in February, for which he was one of ten students nationally to receive the Future Leaders in Preventive Medicine

(FLPM) travel grant. Also in February, Vincent co-authored and published two articles - "Preventive Measures: Who needs the meningococcal vaccine?" and "DO Corner: Just in time information—vaccinations" - in the journal *The Whole Patient*. In March he attended the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFPP) annual conference where he received the Namey/Burnett Preventive Medicine Writing Award for his article titled "Natural Chemopreventive Therapy: Curcumin," which is currently being published in the journal *Osteopathic Family Physician*. In April he attended the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Spring Quarterly Meeting of the COSGP, at which he was elected National Treasurer on the COSGP Executive Board for the 2010-2011 academic year. Also in April Vincent was elected the national Secretary General for the Medical Student Section of the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM-MSS). In May he was appointed Director of Omega Beta Iota, the National Osteopathic Political Action Honor Society of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association. This summer his clinical rotations will include an ambulatory family medicine clerkship at the Maine Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency (MDFMR) program in Augusta, Maine.

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Faculty/Staff Happenings

Dr. Mary Beth Babos, assistant professor of pharmacy, passed her Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS certification). BCPS is a certification exam administered through the American Pharmaceutical Association. The certification is awarded after the individual has met the eligibility requirements and achieved a passing score on the exam. Certification in Pharmacotherapy demonstrates that the specialist has expertise to ensure the safe, appropriate and economical use of medications in patient care. Babos also successfully passed the examination for recertification as a Certified Diabetes Educator in May. She completed her MS in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Florida in June 2009. Babos is currently enrolled in the University of Florida's MS Pharmaceutical Chemistry program.



Dr. Neal Cross, professor and chair of anatomy, gave three talks at the American Association of Orthopedic Medicine meeting in Amelia Island, Fla., at the end of April.



Dr. Gina DeFranco, assistant professor of family medicine, attended the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) meeting

in Las Vegas, Nev., in March. In April she attended the annual DO Day on the Hill event in Washington, D.C. She presented "An Outpatient Approach to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault" at the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn., in May.

The public education campaign "Healthy LMU and U," developed in conjunction with LMU's H1N1 committee, earned a third prize in the AACOM Excellence in



Communication Awards for 2010. The campaign included pocket cards, posters and flyers and was developed by **Amy Dritler**, associate director of marketing and public relations. On a similar note, the **University Medical Clinic** received a Certificate of Appreciation from the State of Tennessee for the University's efforts in partnering with the Tennessee Department of Health 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Distribution Network for the Vaccination Campaign against the 2009 influenza pandemic virus.



Dr. Douglas Fitzovich, professor of physiology, and **Dr. Chris Yonts**, assistant professor of family medicine, have an abstract in press for the annual

meeting of the Federation of Societies for Experimental Biology, in Anaheim, Calif., in April entitled "Teaching pathophysiology in a systems-based curriculum: use of a Student Auscultation Manikin (SAM)." Fitzovich is also a contributing author to *MedEssentials for the USMLE Step 1*, 3rd edition, Manley, M. and Manley, L., Kaplan Publishing, 2009. Fitzovich attended the annual Federation of American Societies meeting at the end of April.



Dr. Michelle Heinan, director of the Physician Assistant Program, had a poster presentation accepted for the Physician Assistant Education Association Annual Meeting held in November 2009. She is a co-author of *The Potential Impact of the Patient-Centered Medical Home on Physician*

Communication Awards for 2010. The campaign included pocket cards, posters and flyers and was developed by **Amy Dritler**, associate director

Assistant Education. Heinan co-authored "Clinical Watch: The PCMH: A model for primary care," "Clinical Watch: Autistic Disorder: Early interventions can improve outcomes," "Clinical Watch: Pain management: Opioid use in chronic noncancer pain," and "Clinical Watch: MCI and Dementia: Diagnosis and Treatment," for the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*.



Rex Hobbs, assistant professor of physician assistant studies and director of didactic education for the Physician Assistant Program, presented several

lectures to students at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, in March where he is an adjunct faculty member (see page 11). The title of his presentations were "Practical Approach to the HENT Exam," "Avoiding Pitfalls in the Ocular Exam, and "Oral and Pharyngeal Disorders and Evaluation of Hearing Loss and Vertigo."



Dr. Dennis Kiick, associate dean of academic affairs and basic medical sciences, attended the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic

Medicine (AACOM) annual meeting in Bethesda, Md., in April.



JooHee Kim, executive director of academic services, attended the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

(AACOM) annual meeting in Bethesda, Md., in April.

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Erin Lenz, director of development and alumni, attended the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

(AACOM) annual meeting in Bethesda, Md., in April.



Dr. Craig Lenz, senior associate dean, attended the Annual Osteopathic Medical Education Leadership Conference in Newport Beach,

Calif., in January. Also in January he participated in an American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOA COCA) site visit to A.T. Still University in Mesa, Ariz. In February he attended the Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) Board of Trustees meeting in Lexington, Ky. In March he participated in the Tennessee Medical Foundation board of directors meeting and the AOA COCA Standards Forum in Chicago, Ill. In April he attended the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) annual meeting in Bethesda, Md. Also in April he attended the 2010 Joint Conference of the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators/Association for Hospital Medical Education (AODME/AHME) held in San Antonio, Texas. In May he attended the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and participated in the ARH Board of Directors meeting hosted by LMU-DCOM.



Dr. Jonathan Leo, professor of neuroanatomy and associate dean of students, coauthored the paper "A systematic review of the effects of

antipsychotic drugs on brain volume" with J. Moncrieff of the Department of Mental Health Sciences at University College, London. The article appeared in *Psychological Medicine*.

Dr. Steve Miller, assistant professor of OPP/family medicine, attended the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., in March. He presented "Review of Sacral Mechanics and Techniques" lecture and lab at the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn., in May.



Dr. Gerald Osborne, professor and chair of psychiatry and associate dean for community and international medicine, has been elected

Distinguished Life Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association, the highest level the organization bestows. Osborne presented "Medical Illnesses Associated with Mood Disorders: a putative common pathway," at the Midyear meeting of the American College of Neuropsychiatrists meeting held in March in St. Petersburg, Fla. He has also been placed on the Subject Exam Committee for Psychiatry and Behavioral Science of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME).

Donna Palazzolo, extramural education coordinator, attended the American Academy of Osteopathy meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn.



Dr. Burt Routman, professor and chair of family medicine, attended the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., in March. He presented "I'm a Geriatric, Doc...Now What?" at the Tennessee Osteopathic Association annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn., in May.



Dr. Greg Smith, associate dean of clinical medicine, attended the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) meeting in Las Vegas,

Nev., in March. He attended the 2010 Joint Conference of the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators/Association for Hospital Medical Education (AODME/AHME) held in April in San Antonio, Texas. Also in April he attended the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) annual meeting in Bethesda, Md.



Dean Ray Stowers attended the Annual Osteopathic Medical Education Leadership Conference in Newport Beach, Calif., in January.

In March he participated in the American Osteopathic Association Commission on

Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOA COCA) Standards Forum in Chicago, Ill. Also in March he attended the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. In April he attended the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) annual meeting in Bethesda, Md. Also in April he attended the annual DO Day on the Hill event in Washington, D.C. In May he attended the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association (OOA) annual convention in Oklahoma City and the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Throughout the spring Stowers participated in multiple board and committee meetings for the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).



Dr. Howard S. Teitelbaum, professor and chair of community and preventive medicine, was awarded the Houston Award at LMU

Commencement in May. The Houston Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented annually to a member of the faculty who exemplifies professional teaching achievement. This achievement is characterized by clear, abundant, persistent demonstration of truly high standards of teaching that contribute to the development of the LMU community. Teitelbaum also spoke to students at Cumberland Gap High School in Cumberland Gap, Tenn., about osteopathic medicine.



Dr. Greg Thompson, assistant professor of OMM/family medicine and chair of OPP, attended the American Academy of Osteopathy meeting in

Colorado Springs, Colo., in March. He presented "Review of Sacral

Mechanics and Techniques" lecture and lab at the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn., in May.

Lisa Travis, medical librarian, contributed to a revision of "Tennessee Electronic Library, TENN-SHARE, & Thomson Gale. (2003). Teacher's manual: Curriculum integration with Tennessee Department of Education standards." Her article "One of many free survey tools: Google Docs," was accepted for publication in *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*, 7. She attended the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, in May and the Knoxville Area Health Sciences Library Consortium (KAHSLC) meeting in November.



Dr. Michael Wieting, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation/OPP and director of program development, was awarded the Lincoln Award

at LMU Commencement in May. The Lincoln Award recognizes outstanding scholarship and professional achievement accomplished during employment at LMU. He also conducted a Board Certification Item Writing Seminar for subject matter experts on behalf of the American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AOBPMR) and led a panel discussion on "Applying for PM&R Residency: The Program Director's Perspective" at the AOBPMR Mid-Year Meeting. He presented "Management of Pain in Arthritic Disease" and "Fibromyalgia: Pathophysiology and Management" at the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn., in May.



2010-2011 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2010

Orientation

July 27 - July 30 (until noon), 2010

OMS I Classes Begin

July 30, 2010 (1 pm)

OMS II Classes Begin

August 2, 2010

Labor Day Break

September 6, 2010

White Coat Ceremony

September 25, 2010

Fall Break (AOA Convention)

October 25 and 26, 2010

Thanksgiving Break

November 25-26, 2010

Christmas Break

December 16, 2010 - January 2, 2011

Spring Semester 2011

Classes Begin

January 3, 2011

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Break

January 17, 2011

Spring Break

March 21-25, 2011

Good Friday Break

April 22, 2011

End of Semester

May 20, 2011

COMLEX Review

May 21 - June 7, 2011

OMS II Remediation Exams

June 20 and June 24

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Grants Update

By Marca Cenatiempo, Director of Health Sciences Research and Grants

The LMU-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Physician Assistant Program are responding to eight out of 21 new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants through Health Resources and Services Administration. The grants are for training and equipment monies to support high quality education for Osteopathic Medical and Physician Assistant Students. These ARRA grants are part of the federal response to increasing access to health care professionals. Based on current national forecasts by the Association of American Medical Colleges and others, the growth in demand for primary care physicians and physician assistants will increase by more than 15 percent over the next decade. LMU-DCOM is training graduates to meet this need and is involved in long-term plans to strengthen medical education within regional hospitals that have the ability to integrate and begin new residencies in primary care medicine and physician assistant programs. These grants will assist LMU-DCOM in the continuing effort to meet this national need. Congratulations to the following LMU-DCOM grant contributors:

Training in Primary Care medicine and Dentistry:

- Academic Administrative Unit
Dr. Greg Smith/ Dr. Burt Routman
- Pre-Doctoral Training Dr. Greg Smith/ Dr. Burt Routman
- Physician Faculty Development
Ms. JooHee Kim
- Physician Assistant Training
Dr. Michelle Heinan

Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals –ARRA Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry

- Academic Administrative Unit Dr. Greg Smith/ Dr. Burt Routman
- Pre-Doctoral Training Dr. Chris Yonts
- Physician Faculty Development
Ms. JooHee Kim
- Physician Assistant Training
Dr. Michelle Heinan
- Pfizer Visiting Professorships, Medical and Academic Partnership Awards
- Dr. Howard Teitelbaum/
Ms. Lisa Travis

Accreditation Update

A site visit team from the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOA COCA) visited LMU-DCOM in February for the school's annual site visit as part of the continued Provisional Accreditation process. During the Exit Interview, the team reported no deficiencies, three commendations and four recommendations. The team took their report to the AOA COCA committee and a final report was issued by May 2010. The Full Accreditation site visit is already being planned for February 2011.