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The LMU-DCOM inaugural class graduation procession fills Tex Turner Arena.

The LMU-DCOM inaugural class celebrated the completion of its osteopathic medical education at the school's first commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Dr. Karen Nichols, president of the American Osteopathic Association, delivered the commencement address. The event marked a milestone in the University's 114-year history as it graduated its first class of 130 osteopathic physicians.



LMU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Autry O.V. "Pete" DeBusk speaks during the LMU-DCOM inaugural class graduation.

During the ceremony **LMU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Autry O.V. "Pete" DeBusk** received the first LMU-DCOM Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who holds service to humanity close to his or her heart and who has had a significant impact on the health and wellness of those within both the Appalachian region and beyond.



(L-R) LMU-DCOM inaugural class graduates Myles Jen Kin, Stephanie Kang, Grace Kao and Sean Keyes recite the osteopathic oath following the hooding ceremony.

"The countless hours [DeBusk] has contributed to the University as a distinguished alum, board member and benefactor can be seen in the dynamic growth of this institution," said **Dean Ray Stowers** during the medal presentation. "[DeBusk] is a visionary who has changed the University, the region and the state of health care in America for the better."

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A Message from the Dean



We did it.

On May 14, 2011, our inaugural class of osteopathic medical school graduates crossed the commencement stage and joined me as colleagues in the osteopathic profession. The emotions surrounding that day were deep and heart-felt. It will certainly go down as one of the most memorable days of my life.

LMU-DCOM's first graduates have many reasons to celebrate. One of the most important is that they graduated from a fully-accredited medical school. The many long hours put in by LMU-DCOM's dedicated faculty and staff paid off, and we were granted accreditation status by AOA-COCA on May 1. It is impossible to say how much I appreciate the hard work and dedication that made our move to full accreditation possible.

On July 1 our graduates entered their respective residency programs across the country. Seventy-five percent of them are pursuing a primary care residency in the fields of family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN or emergency medicine. Many are doing so right here in Appalachia. As a result we are putting into practice LMU-DCOM's mission of preparing outstanding osteopathic physicians to serve the health and wellness needs of the people of the Appalachian region and beyond.

Much has been expected from our inaugural class. They have had to test the waters every step of the way, and they have not disappointed us. During their rotations we heard from our clinical partner hospitals – many of which had never had medical students before – that the students' clinical skills and rapport with patients were above and beyond what had been expected. Their Match results were outstanding. Now the Class of 2011 takes on a new task – to become ambassadors for LMU-DCOM in the professional world among their osteopathic and allopathic peers. I have no doubt they are up for this new challenge.

Our summer of celebration is not over yet. Our inaugural class of physician assistant students will celebrate their graduation on July 30. I know these 32 students will, like their DO counterparts, make a tremendous impact on the health care crisis facing our nation. As the population continues to age it will be impossible to satisfy the health care needs of the American people only with physicians. We must work as a team to supply the providers that are required and the quality of health care that is expected. I am excited to see what these PAs accomplish as they go forward.

More exciting things are on the horizon. LMU's Division of Health Sciences may welcome a new school into its ranks in the coming years. The University has notified the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools of its intent to initiate a College of Veterinary and Comparative Medicine (LMU-CVCM). The proposed College would be an integral part of LMU's Division of Health Sciences and as such, would share the experienced faculty and high-quality facilities available to the other disciplines within the Division in addition to its own veterinary faculty and facilities. In fact, the field of comparative medicine relies on this interdisciplinary study between human and animal medicine and involves physicians, veterinarians and basic scientists working together to make improvements in both human and animal health. As we grow the health sciences at LMU I look forward to the many opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. 🐾

Nida Named First LMU-DCOM Preceptor of the Year



Dr. Maurice Nida (R), director of medical education for the osteopathic family practice residency program at Wellmont Health System, receives the first LMU-DCOM Preceptor of the Year Award from **Dean Ray Stowers (L)**.

Dr. Maurice J. Nida, an osteopathic internal medicine physician and director of medical education for the osteopathic family practice residency program at Wellmont Health System, was awarded the first LMU-DCOM Preceptor of the Year award. The award was presented at

LMU-DCOM's first graduation week awards ceremony was held on May 12.

The Preceptor of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual who consistently provides outstanding clinical instruction to LMU-DCOM third- and fourth-year students. The award recognizes a preceptor who displays a passion for teaching, a commitment to service and a dedication to the highest ethical standards.

Nida also led the LMU-DCOM inaugural class graduates in the recitation of the osteopathic oath during the school's first commencement ceremony.


His leadership with osteopathic medicine students has been essential in the initial success of the LMU-DCOM/Wellmont Family Practice Residency Program, which will be able to enroll as many as 24 physicians. The first two physicians joined the program in 2010 and will have completed training at Wellmont's three hospitals in Southwest Virginia and Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport and Bristol Regional Medical Center in Bristol.

"We're thrilled that Dr. Nida has been

recognized by LMU-DCOM because he is a tremendous asset to the profession," said David Brash, vice president of Wellmont's Mountain Region. "As we continue to recruit physicians to Southwest Virginia, Dr. Nida is playing a key role in bettering the quality of life for our residents by taking a leadership role in our joint program with LMU-DCOM."

"Dr. Nida has set an outstanding example for our students," said **Dean Ray Stowers**. "Dr. Nida is well-known and well-respected in the region and has established the benchmark of what an osteopathic physician practicing in this area should be. We are grateful for all of the hard work he has put in to help educate our students."

Nida was appreciative of the honor LMU-DCOM bestowed on him but said he is not the only one who has played a positive role in the development of new physicians.

"I feel the award belongs to all of Wellmont Health System," Nida said. "If not for the teaching staff, support of our leaders and all involved in our program, we would not be as successful as we are. Our teaching faculty is among the best." 

LMU-DCOM Military Graduates Commissioned At Banquet



Ensign Ian Huff is pinned with his new rank insignia.
Photo credit: David Spencer.


The Military Health Professions Scholarship Program participants within the LMU-DCOM Class of 2011 received their military commissions at a banquet on May 13.

Commissioned into the United States Air Force were **2nd Lt. Anthony Cavalli**, **2nd Lt. Benjamin Goins**, **2nd Lt. Damien Morgan**, **2nd Lt. Rodney Sclater** and **2nd Lt. Jeremy Whiting**.

Commissioned into the United States Army were **2nd Lt. Brent Cook**, **2nd Lt. Stacy Fennell**, **2nd Lt. Aaron Fielden**, **2nd Lt. Deanne Grayson** and **2nd Lt. Joycelynn Woodley**.

Commissioned into the United States Navy were **Ensign Jason Croad**, **Ensign Thomas Edwards**, **Ensign Ian Huff** and

Ensign Amelia Wright.

The keynote address was provided by Colonel Brian C. Lein, command surgeon with the U.S. Army Forces Command. Lein graduated as a distinguished military cadet from the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., and earned his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Penn. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College and the U.S. Army Airborne School. Lein has served as Commander of Evans Army Community Hospital in Fort Carson, Colo., and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. 

LMU-DCOM Inaugural Class Honors Dean and Staff



(L-R) LMU-DCOM inaugural class Vice President James Kowalczyk, class President David Heath, LMU-DCOM Director of Financial Services Pat Peace, Dean Ray Stowers and LMU-DCOM Shuttle Driver Bob Jackson following the presentation of the Bob Jackson Service Award to Jackson and Peace.

Members of the LMU-DCOM inaugural class honored the school's dean and two staff members during the LMU-DCOM Awards ceremony on May 12.

The LMU-DCOM inaugural class established the **Bob Jackson Service Award** to recognize those whose life and community service clearly exemplify a true spirit of love and helpfulness to others. The Award is meant to recognize those who demonstrate qualities such as a significant contribution to public service, giving of themselves regardless of compensation, providing services without expectation of remuneration, going above and beyond a job description and giving a great service to LMU-DCOM.

The first recipients of the award were Jackson of Arthur, Tenn., who serves as a shuttle driver for LMU-DCOM, and **Pat Peace**, director of financial services at LMU-DCOM. Jackson has been associated with the medical school since LMU first announced it was pursuing a college of osteopathic medicine. Jackson volunteered his services early on in the school's history, and works as a shuttle driver for LMU-DCOM applicants when they visit campus for their personal interview. Jackson is one of the first people associated with LMU-DCOM that applicants meet in person when they arrive in the area.

Peace served as director of financial aid at LMU for approximately 20 years before accepting the position of director of financial aid at Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1993. Peace retired from that position in June 2006 but soon left retirement to become director of financial services for LMU-DCOM in August 2006.

On behalf of the inaugural class, **President David Heath** and **Vice President James Kowalczyk** presented **Dean Ray Stowers** with the LMU-DCOM chain of office. Chains of office are one of the oldest symbols of authority, and date back as early as the Roman Empire. Leaders throughout history have often been depicted in formal portraits wearing chains of office. In the 18th century American universities adopted the tradition of chains of office from European leaders and established the chain of office as part of the formal academic regalia seen during commencement ceremonies. The LMU-DCOM chain of office is a bronze medallion depicting the school seal on the front and engraved to Stowers, LMU-DCOM's founding dean, on the reverse. Stowers debuted the LMU-DCOM chain of office during the inaugural class graduation ceremony on May 14. ☸



LMU-DCOM inaugural class Vice President James Kowalczyk (L) places the LMU-DCOM chain of office around the neck of Dean Ray Stowers (center) while class President David Heath (R) looks on.

Majority of Inaugural Class Entering into Primary Care

Following osteopathic Match Day on February 14 and the allopathic Match Day on March 17, members of the LMU-DCOM inaugural class learned where they will be going to pursue residency training in their chosen field. And for three-fourths of the class, that chosen field is in primary care.

Seventy-five percent of the Class of 2011 is pursuing a residency program in a primary care field, including family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN and emergency medicine. The graduates will be in 87 different residency programs in 29 states.

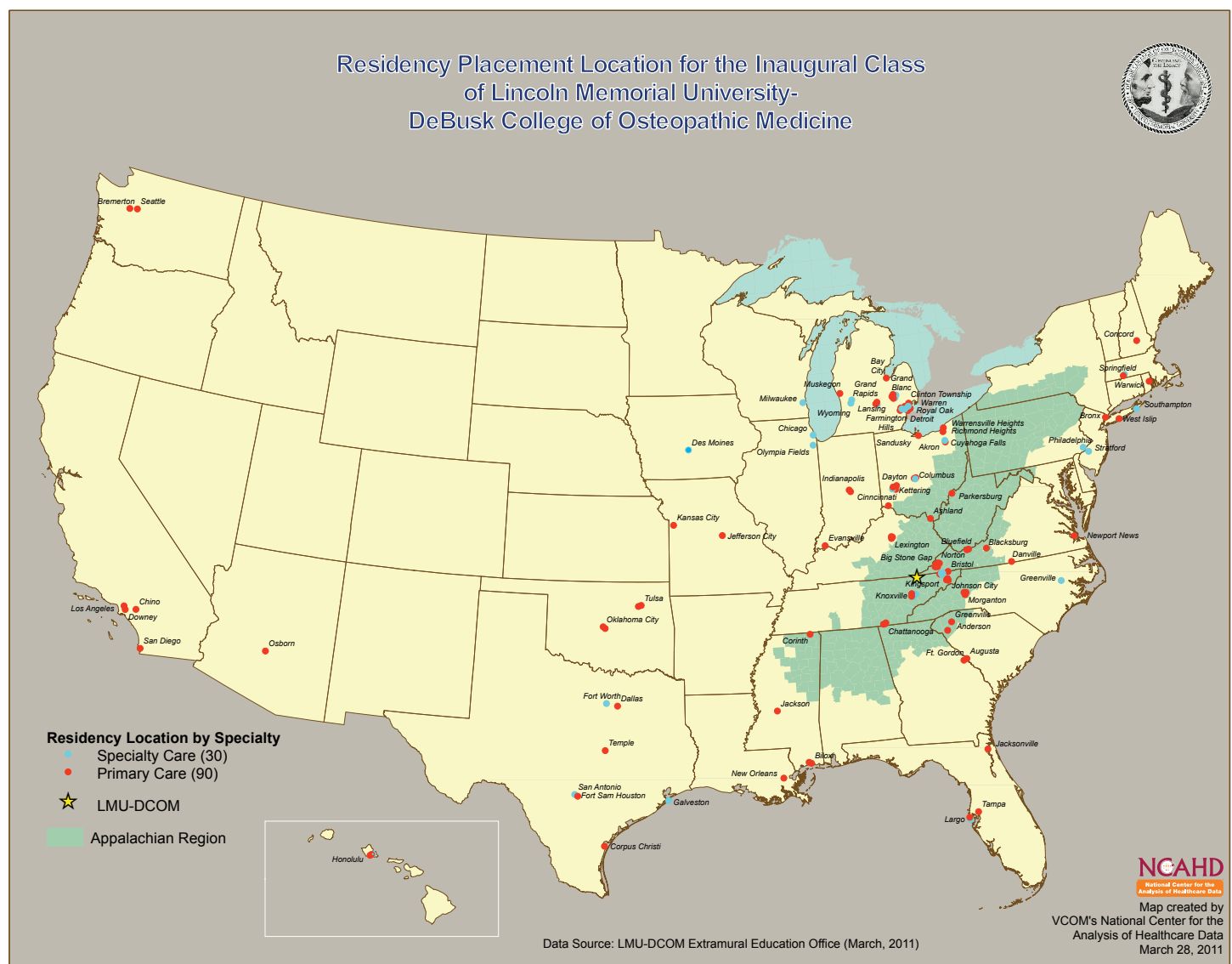
“We are exceedingly proud of the Class of 2011 and the results they received,” said **Dean Ray Stowers**. “We congratulate them on a job well done. We are an

institution with a strong mission of service and dedication to primary care, and our inaugural class has demonstrated a commitment to these principles with even greater passion than we could have expected.”

Once medical students graduate with their medical degree, they receive further training in their chosen medical specialty in residency programs. Prior to Match Day, medical students select a number of residency programs that they are interested in. They then have the opportunity to apply for these programs and be interviewed for potential acceptance. After that process is complete, both the medical students and the residency programs rank their choices with a central matching service. On Match Day, the

results of this process are announced. A Match Day is held in February specifically for osteopathic residency programs and another in March for allopathic residency programs. Osteopathic medical students are eligible to participate in either match. Medical students participating in the Military Health Professions Scholarship Program may participate in the military match, held in December each year.

In the osteopathic match, 4,228 osteopathic medical students from 26 osteopathic medical schools across the country entered the match. LMU-DCOM had the second highest osteopathic match rate in the country at 52.8%. Traditionally, approximately half of all DO students match in the osteopathic match and half match in the MD match. ^{10/10}



Inaugural Class Graduation





2011 AWARDS LISTING

The following awards were presented to members of the LMU-DCOM Inaugural Class at the Awards Day Ceremony on May 12, 2011.

Dean's Award
Ian P. Huff

LMU-DCOM Community Service Award
Jessica Nicole Chandler and Owen D. Vincent

Valedictorian Award
Scott M. Hughes

Salutatorian Award
Daniel Matthew Anderson

TOMA Spirit of Excellence Award
Gregory Joseph Nieckula

Outstanding Anatomy Student
Bryan Bradford Gibson

Outstanding Molecular Fundamentals of Medicine Student
Daniel Matthew Anderson

Outstanding OPP Student
Asim S. Ahmed

Family Medicine Award
Meredith Jane Potrzebowski

Internal Medicine Award
Amanda Kay Vanlandingham

The Scalpel Award for Excellence in Surgery
Daniel Matthew Anderson

Obstetrics/Gynecology Award
Jessica Nicole Chandler

Pediatrics Award
Henry Robert Knouse

Emergency Medicine Award
James R. Kowalczyk

LMU-DCOM Recognizes Outstanding Students and Faculty at Annual Spring Gala



Dr. Teresa Campbell, an associate professor of pathology, receives the Clinical Science Professor of the Year award from the LMU-DCOM Class of 2013 from outgoing Student Government Association President **Ed Wills**. Photo credit: Jamie Weiss Photography.

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

The Student of the Year Awards for the Class of 2013 went to **Ashley Dunn** of Mineral Wells, W. Va., and **Souleymane Diallo** of Fafaya, Guinea. Dunn received her undergraduate degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va. Diallo received his undergraduate degree from LMU.

The Student of the Year Awards for the Class of 2014 went to **Audrey Smith** of Dover, Tenn., and **Jason Greenhagen** of Dickson, Tenn. Smith and Greenhagen both received their undergraduate degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Student of the Year Awards were chosen by the student body of each class.

The Class of 2013 selected LMU-DCOM faculty members **Dr. James Foster** and **Dr. Teresa Campbell** as Professors of the Year. Foster, a professor of anatomy/histology, was named the Basic Medical Science Professor of the Year. Campbell, an associate professor of pathology, was named the Clinical Science Professor of the Year.

The Class of 2014 selected LMU-DCOM faculty members **Dr. Jonathan Leo**, **Dr. Howard S. Teitelbaum** and **Dr. Michael Wieting** 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 and Wieting, a professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation/osteopathic principles and practice, were named the

Clinical Science Professors of the Year. Wieting also serves as director of program development.

Melanie McClain, Class of 2012, of Memphis, Tenn., 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. ☸



Jason Greenhagen receives the male Student of the Year Award for the Class of 2014 from incoming Student Government Association President **Alan Aiken**. Photo credit: Jamie Weiss Photography.

LMU-DCOM Students Inducted Into Alpha Chi

A total of 75 LMU students were inducted into the Tennessee Epsilon 82 chapter of Alpha Chi, a national college honor society, during the 2010-2011 academic year. Thirty osteopathic medical students and one physician assistant student were included in the inductees.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to no more than 10 percent of the junior, senior and graduate classes. The ceremony marked the first time that graduate students have been inducted into the honor society at LMU. In 2007 the national Alpha Chi organization amended its constitution to allow the induction of graduate students.

LMU-DCOM osteopathic medical students inducted in November 2010 included **Allison Barton**, DO '11; **Darren Barton**, DO '11; **Justin Becker**, Class of 2012; **Daniel Carr**, Class of 2012; **Jason Croad**, DO '11; **Shey Ditto**, DO '11;

Ashley Dunn, Class of 2013; **Joel France**, DO '11; **Glen Goncharow**, Class of 2012; **Brittany Grady**, Class of 2013; **Hank Knouse**, DO '11; **Seth Lesch**, Class of 2012; **Scott MacDonald**, Class of 2012; **Melanie McClain**, Class of 2012; **Jennifer Ottino**, Class of 2012; **Phillip Penny**, Class of 2012; **Steven Rives**, Class of 2013; **Tim Scott**, DO '11; **Dylan Simmons**, Class of 2012; **David Spencer**, Class of 2013; **Zachary Taylor**, Class of 2013; **Kyle Toti**, Class of 2012 and **Kent Walker**, Class of 2012.

LMU-DCOM students inducted in April 2011 included osteopathic medical students **Andrew Barlow**, Class of 2014; **Andrew Davenport**, Class of 2014; **Souleymane Diallo**, Class of 2013; **David Feaker, Jr.**, Class of 2012; **Kenneth Sands**, Class of 2014; **Edward Wills**, Class of 2013; **Marcus Winkler**, DO '11 and physician assistant student **Mark Smith**, PA Class of 2012. ☸

LMU-DCOM Dean Named President-Elect of American Osteopathic Association



Dean Ray Stowers was named president-elect of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). At the AOA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago in July 2011.

Representing more than 70,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) around the world, the AOA serves as the professional family for all DOs and osteopathic medical students. In addition to serving


as the primary certifying body for DOs, the AOA is the accrediting agency for all osteopathic medical colleges and health care facilities. The AOA leadership and executive office represent the best interests of all DOs, osteopathic medical students and other members of the osteopathic medical profession. Charged with implementing the vision and strategic plan developed by the AOA Board of Trustees, these leaders play an integral role in guiding the actions of the AOA on behalf of the osteopathic family.

Stowers received his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in 1973. Following his osteopathic rotating internship in 1974 at what was then Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital in Tulsa, Okla., Stowers moved to Medford, Okla., and set up his family practice clinic. Stowers eventually founded the first rural health clinics in the state of Oklahoma.

Stowers has served as a member of Oklahoma's delegation to the AOA House of Delegates since 1980 and was elected to the AOA Board of Trustees in 2000. He has held numerous leadership positions

within the AOA's Bureaus, Councils and Committees, with a particular emphasis in reimbursement and coding and postgraduate education.

Federally, Stowers served a three-year term on the Physician Payment Review Commission and then a six-year term on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). Stowers is the only osteopathic physician who has ever been appointed to serve in this capacity. It was during Stowers' service on MedPAC that he first met Chairman of the LMU Board of Trustees and fellow MedPAC Commissioner Autry O.V. "Pete" DeBusk. DeBusk, an LMU alumnus, shared his dream of a medical school at LMU with Stowers. After conducting a year-long feasibility study, LMU announced it was pursuing a college of osteopathic medicine. Stowers left his native Oklahoma in 2005 to serve as founding dean of LMU-DCOM.

Stowers and his wife Peggy have four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. 

LMU-DCOM Students Spend Holiday Break Serving the Underserved




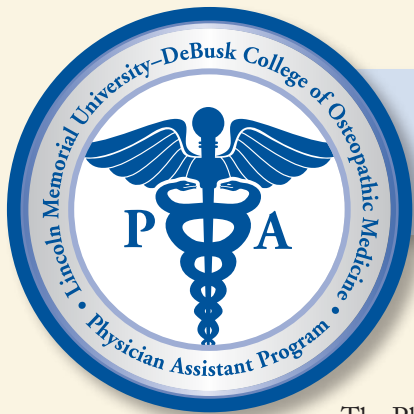
(L-R) Class of 2013 students Chelsea Nickolson, Brittany Grady, Brittany Flood and Melanie McClain, Class of 2012 pause during their work with the West Tallahatchie (Miss.) Habitat for Humanity Program as part of the American Osteopathic Foundation's inaugural Student Leadership Project.

Four LMU-DCOM students joined 14 other osteopathic medical students from across the country to help build Habitat for Humanity homes in Tutwiler, Miss., during the 2010-2011 holiday season.

As part of the American Osteopathic Foundation's inaugural Student Leadership Project, Class of 2013 students **Brittany Flood, Brittany Grady and Chelsea Nickolson** and **Melanie McClain, Class of 2012**, spent four days volunteering with the West Tallahatchie (Miss.) Habitat for Humanity Program to build homes in the underserved area of Tutwiler. Statistics show that the median household income in Tutwiler is considerably less than the United States poverty level. It is estimated that two-thirds of the local population have no public or private health insurance and many do not have adequate housing. During the project students built Habitat

homes and also had the opportunity to shadow Sister Anne Brooks, DO, an osteopathic physician who works at the Tutwiler Clinic. With four students participating in the Student Leadership Project, LMU-DCOM had the most representation of any osteopathic medical school in the country.

"It was really an incredible experience because we were able to help make a difference in a town that is very underserved," said McClain. "It was really encouraging to see how selflessly Sister Anne practiced medicine, and it was motivating to us as students. The trip was a great way to provide service to a town in need, to be reminded of the importance of practicing compassionate medicine as DOs and to meet students from other schools." 



LMU-DCOM PA Program

PA Program at LMU-DCOM Welcomes Class of 2013

The Physician Assistant Program at LMU-DCOM welcomed its third class of students on May 16.

The 80 students in the PA Class of 2013 will pursue a full-time, 27-month program that leads to the Master of Medical Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies. The program is housed and administered by LMU-DCOM. With a class size of 80 students, the PA Program at LMU-DCOM is now in the top 5% of PA programs in the nation in terms of class size.

The PA Class of 2013 is 73% female and 27% male. The average age is 26 and the average GPA is 3.4. Approximately 66% of the class hails from the Appalachian region, with the majority of those coming from Tennessee, Kentucky or Virginia.


Ten students in the PA Class of 2013 have been selected to receive a portion of a \$1.9 million federal grant awarded to LMU by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The grant was awarded under the "Affordable Care Act: Expansion of Physician Assistant Training Program" project, and will allow the 10 chosen students to receive a stipend to support them through the 27-month program. The recipients were chosen based on their commitment to becoming primary health care providers.

"We are all very excited about our third class starting and how the growth of the program is going to help in meeting the health care needs of the area," said **Assistant Dean and PA Program Director Rex Hobbs**. "We have been able to recruit a fantastic and diverse group of students from across the country who are eager to begin their educational journey. Great things are



The LMU-DCOM Physician Assistant Program Class of 2013.


happening here at LMU-DCOM!"

The PA Program is an integral part of the health professions education taking place in the LMU-DCOM building. Medical school faculty members teach many of the PA Program courses and the PA students have full use of the building's high quality learning labs. PA students at LMU-DCOM study cadaveric anatomy on-site in the Anatomy Lab and engage in medical scenario simulations in the building's Simulation Lab. As with the osteopathic medical school classes, all PA Program classes are digitally recorded and archived for students' use. All PA students are issued tablet PCs upon matriculation. Curricular materials are loaded directly onto the tablets or uploaded by the students from LMU's online e-learning portal. 

Physician Assistant Program Holds White Coat Ceremony




Members of the PA Program Class of 2012 recite the Physician Assistant Professional Oath after receiving their white coats.

The White Coat Ceremony for the Physician Assistant Program Class of 2012 was held on June 19. Charles Moxin, past president of the Association of Family Practice Physician Assistants, was the keynote speaker. The White Coat Ceremony is an important, public demonstration of a student's commitment to patient care and professionalism. The Ceremony is considered to be a rite of passage, in that an individual has demonstrated the qualities and abilities to provide competent care and can move on to the next phase of his or her training. 

LMU-DCOM PA Students Receive Scholarships



LMU-DCOM Physician Assistant Program students (L-R) **Jaime Steffey, Kristi Apple and Brooke Gusler** have received scholarships from the Tennessee Physician Assistant Foundation. 



LMU-DCOM PA Program Honors Graduates At Awards Banquet



***Rex Hobbs**, assistant dean and director of the physician assistant program, presents **Kristin Crabtree** with the Dean's Award.*

The faculty and administration of the LMU-DCOM PA Program handed out several awards to members of the inaugural graduating class at its awards banquet at Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Pineville, Ky., on July 29.

The Dean's Award went to **Kristin Crabtree** of Madisonville, Tenn. The Dean's Award is presented annually to a member of the graduating class who exemplifies the ideals of the physician assistant by displaying a strong commitment to excellence, showing compassion, maintaining personal integrity and professionalism and striving to provide the highest quality of patient care as part of the health care team.

The Professionalism Award was presented to **Wesley Pinto** of Fairfield, Ala. This award is presented to a student who exemplifies the ideals consistent with the physician assistant profession, including a dedication to excellent patient care and a strong commitment to cooperative work within the health care team.

The PA Profession Advocate Award was given to **Christopher Pivonka** of Nicholasville, Ky. The PA Profession Advocate Award is presented to a student who shows special interest in advancing the status of the physician assistant profession on a local, state and/or national level.

The Student Advocate Award went to **Danny Wester** of Newport, Tenn. This award is presented by the faculty to a student who exemplifies the ideals of a professional physician assistant and who has shown selflessness, unusual devotion to duty, sensitivity to the patient's comfort and needs and who has served classmates, patients and his or her school.

In addition to the institutional awards presented at the banquet, the Dr. George Stanley Thompson PA Student Society established its own award, the Danny Wester Best Supporting Classmate Award. The award was named for and presented to Wester. The award is given annually by the student society to the graduating PA student who has demonstrated a willingness to give of himself or herself in assisting fellow classmates and the student society. This person's caring attitude and selfless giving served to continually support the growth and morale of his or her peers throughout all endeavors. 🎵



***Kristin Crabtree**, president of the Dr. George Stanley Thompson PA Student Society for 2009-2010, presents **Danny Wester** with the Danny Wester Best Supporting Classmate Award.*



***David Metcalf**, assistant professor of PA studies and director of clinical education, presents **Christopher Pivonka** with the PA Profession Advocate Award.*



LMU-DCOM PA Program


LMU-DCOM Physician Assistant Program Celebrates Inaugural Class Graduation



The LMU-DCOM Physician Assistant Program inaugural class.

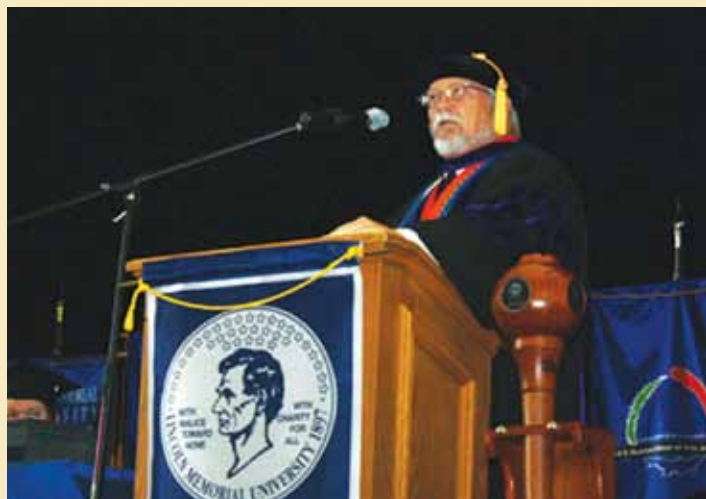
The inaugural class of the Physician Assistant Program at LMU-DCOM celebrated its commencement on Saturday, July 30, at the Sam and Sue Mars Performing Arts Center in the Duke Hall of Citizenship on the LMU main campus. Dr. J. Dennis Blessing, associate dean for South Texas Programs and chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, served as the keynote speaker.

The physician assistant profession is one of the fastest growing in the country and has been repeatedly named by Forbes magazine as

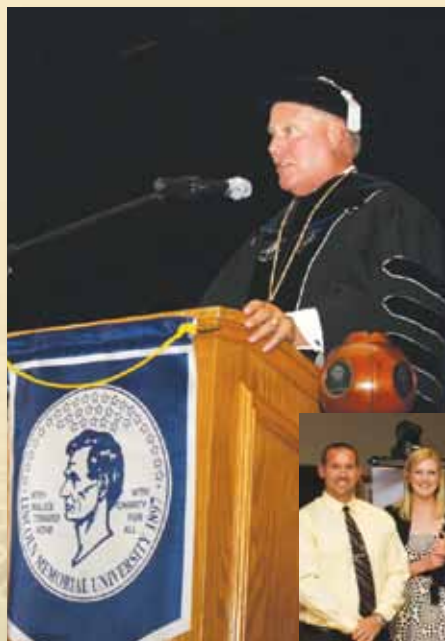
the best master's degree for jobs in the United States. A physician assistant is educated in the medical model. PAs are nationally certified and work side by side with both osteopathic and allopathic physicians in every medical specialty. PAs are licensed to diagnose illness, prescribe medications and assist in surgery. They conduct physical exams, order and interpret medical tests and provide counseling on preventive health care. A PA has at least six years of education: a four-year undergraduate degree and the physician assistant degree. PA students complete more than 2,400 hours of clinical rotations prior to graduation. 



The members of the graduating class recite the Physician Assistant Professional Oath at the close of their graduation ceremony.



Dr. Dennis Blessing delivers the keynote address at the LMU-DCOM PA Program inaugural class graduation.



Clinical Partner Spotlight

CORE ROTATION SPOTLIGHT: Cumberland Medical Center



On June 29, 2009, Cumberland Medical Center (CMC), in Crossville, Tenn., welcomed their first group of medical students to the facility when it began serving as a core rotation site for LMU-DCOM.

"I have a fundamental belief that every physician should give back to his or her profession in the form of educating the next generation of young physicians," said Dr. Barry Wagner, an osteopathic physician and CEO of CMC.

"At Cumberland

We are fortunate to be affiliated with Lincoln Memorial University's DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine and to provide a rotation site at our facility. It is very gratifying for me as CEO of this community hospital to know that we are contributing to the education of future physicians in such a positive manner."

CMC was founded as a 50-bed general hospital in 1950 by Dr. May Cravath Wharton. Today the not-for-profit regional medical center has 189 private patient rooms (including 12 ICU beds and 12 maternity suites) and 12 inpatient rehabilitation beds. The CMC family includes 95 physicians offering 28 specialties, over 800 employees and 157 caring volunteers.

Since June 2009, core and selective/elective rotations at CMC have continued to grow and evolve to better meet and exceed the expectations of the medical students. In an innovative move in December 2010, CMC announced that a chief medical student and assistant chief medical student position would be named from among current students rotating through the facility. This role provides opportunity for enrichment of the educational and training experience for students of LMU-DCOM. Tracy Ashby, Class of 2012, was selected to serve as the first ever chief medical student at CMC, with Patrick Craig, Class of 2012, serving in the position of assistant chief medical student.

In these leadership roles, the chief medical students worked alongside CMC On-Site Coordinator Vickie Schulze to enhance communication between students and hospital staff. Duties of these positions range from administrative tasks and encouraging

Dr. Amanda Grubb serves as the IM on-site physician director at Cumberland Medical Center. She works directly with the LMU-DCOM Class of 2013 students rotating at CMC. She mentors the students who are responsible for the weekly case presentation, monthly Journal Club presentations and bimonthly presentations to the members of the CMC medical staff at the M&M Conference- Interesting Cases meetings. Photos courtesy CMC.

Medical Center we have a number of committed physicians who are passionate about teaching and mentoring medical students.

student participation to promoting health to the local community.

"Their roles proved to be a valuable addition," said Schulze.

"They empowered students, built relationships and delivered quality results to the projects with which they were involved."

As chief medical student, Ashby organized student presentations for both the monthly Journal Club meetings and for bimonthly Morbidity & Mortality Conference meetings of the medical staff physicians. She also aided in infection control measures, alerting appropriate staff when upcoming students for rotations required sterile technique training.

In his role as assistant chief medical student, Craig submitted student articles for the CMC monthly newsletter and volunteered with Bread of Life Rescue Mission in Crossville.

Both Ashby and Craig represented LMU-DCOM at local community senior center meetings, giving presentations on current health topics including cardiovascular health, colon cancer awareness, folic acid awareness and skin cancer detection.

To conclude their term of service, Ashby and Craig eased the transition for incoming third-year medical students by speaking at a pre-orientation luncheon held at CMC.

CMC continues to enhance the rotations experience for LMU-DCOM students. "Beginning with the August 1, 2011, rotations, we have begun conducting noon Case Presentation meetings, anticipating that these conferences will better enhance our students' education," said Dr. Amanda Grubb, on-site physician director of internal medicine for CMC. "Our goal is to provide all the tools necessary for them to become excellent, well-rounded physicians."

"As an institution we are grateful for CMC's willingness to offer LMU-DCOM students an opportunity for leadership roles," said **Greg Smith**, senior associate dean and clinical medicine dean. "Naming a chief medical student is not something that many institutions do, and it allows our students rotating at CMC the chance to become a part of all aspects of patient care. This is an invaluable learning experience."

Deirdre Knobloch, Class of 2013 has been named Fall 2011 chief medical student. She will be assisted by **Mark Hartsfield** and **Miles Hartsfield**, both Class of 2013, who will serve as co-chief medical students for the Spring 2012 rotation.

Fall 2011 Chief Medical Student



*Deirdre Knobloch,
Class of 2013*

Spring 2012 Co-Chief Medical Student



*Mark Hartsfield,
Class of 2013*



*Miles Hartsfield,
Class of 2013*

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Annual Golden Scalpel Golf Tournament Raises Money for Make-A-Wish Foundation



The "Prescription Shop" team took first place in the annual Golden Scalpel Golf Tournament.

The Fourth Annual Golden Scalpel Golf Tournament was held April 9, 2011, at Woodlake Golf Club in Tazewell, Tenn. The tournament is presented by the LMU-DCOM Student Osteopathic Surgical Association.

Two teams tied at 56 and drew for the first and second place prizes. First place went to the "Prescription Shop" team of **Ben Iles, Class of 2014, Shey Ditto, DO '11, Mitch Bartley, DO '11 and Michael Boler, DO '11**. Second place went to the "Off in the Woods" team of **Brandon Chappell, Class of 2013, Chris Duval, Kendrith Beebe, Class of 2013 and Zach Spradlin, Class of 2013**.

This year's tournament was sponsored by DeRoyal Industries. The tournament raised \$4,600 to benefit the East Tennessee branch of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work. The Foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish experience has on children, families, referral sources, donors, sponsors and entire communities. The money raised through the tournament will be used to help grant the wish of a sixth grade student who has epidermolysis bullosa, a condition that causes the skin to be extremely fragile and to blister and tear easily. 💊



The "Off in the Woods" team took second place in the annual Golden Scalpel Golf Tournament.

LMU-DCOM Professor Receives Educator Of The Year Award



Dr. Howard S. Teitelbaum, professor of preventive medicine and chair of preventive and community medicine, has been selected as the George W. Northrup Educator of the Year by the national Student Osteopathic Medical Association

(SOMA).

Teitelbaum was nominated for the award by the LMU-DCOM chapter of SOMA. Students put together a nomination letter, as well as a video touting Teitelbaum's achievements as an educator. The award will be presented in October at the annual SOMA conference in Orlando, Fla.

"Dr. Teitelbaum is truly a hands-on educator," said **Dean Ray Stowers**. "He genuinely cares for his students and makes every effort to be available to them not just as a professor and mentor, but as a cheerleader and support system. He takes the time to know his students, and they in turn respond to the wealth of knowledge he can share."

Teitelbaum has received numerous teaching awards during his career as a medical educator. He has received a

Clinical Professor of the Year award from LMU-DCOM students for the past four years running and LMU's Houston Award for Teaching Excellence in 2010. In 1995 he was selected for the American Osteopathic Association's Mentor Hall of Fame and previously was a finalist for the Northrup Award in 2006.

Teitelbaum received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Mich. He also holds a Master of Public Health from Harvard University, a PhD and MA from Michigan State University and a BS from California State Polytechnic College in Pomona, Calif. His research interests are preventive medicine, public health and medical education. 💊

Student DO of the Month



Jessica Smith, Class of 2013, of Albany, Ohio, was named the Student DO for the month of December.

Smith received her Bachelor of Science in pre-professional biology at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Smith serves as president of the Sigma Sigma Phi osteopathic honor society chapter at LMU-DCOM and is the vice president

of the LMU-DCOM Integrative Medicine Club. She is the daughter of Larry and Janice Smith of Albany.



Kathleen Clark, Class of 2014, of Greeneville, Tenn., was named the Student DO for the month of January.

Clark received her Bachelor of Science in chemistry at Berea College in Berea, Ky. Prior to entering medical school she worked in Breckenridge, Colo., as an EMT, a children's ski instructor, a lifeguard and an American Red Cross

instructor. Clark has participated in numerous medical missions, including trips to Peru and the Philippines, and is scheduled to travel to Haiti with the LMU-DCOM Christian Medical and Dental Association during Spring Break 2011. She is a member of LMU-DCOM's SOMA chapter, the Wilderness Medicine Club and the Pediatrics Club, and serves on the Gala Committee and as a LMU-DCOM Ambassador. She is the daughter of Norm and Nancy Clark of Greeneville.



Taralyn Sowby, Class of 2013, of Mineral, Va., was named the Student DO for the month of February.

Sowby received her Bachelor of Science in integrated studies with emphases in music and biology from Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. Following her undergraduate degree she pursued a year of graduate studies at Virginia

Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va. Sowby serves as the national representative for LMU-DCOM's Undergraduate American Academy of Osteopathy (UAAO) chapter and has been selected as an anatomy/osteopathic principles and practice fellow at LMU-DCOM. She and her husband Craig have two children, Suede and Ellis.



Omair Sheikh, Class of 2014, of Wake Forest, N.C., was named the Student DO for the month of March.

Sheikh received his Bachelor of Science in biology and Bachelor of Arts in chemistry at North Carolina State University (NCSU) in Raleigh, N.C. At NCSU Sheikh served as president of the College of Physical and Mathematical

Sciences Council and worked as a teaching assistant, supplemental instructor and tutor for the Undergraduate Tutorial Center. Prior to entering medical school Sheikh was an active volunteer in the community, giving time to medical clinics, hospitals and the Boys and Girls Club of America. He also participated in a medical mission trip to Honduras in 2008. Sheikh is a member of LMU-DCOM's Student Osteopathic Medical Association and Student National Medical Association chapters, as well as the Internal Medicine Club and the International Medicine Club. He is the son of Richard and Ambreen Sheikh of Wake Forest.



Charles Mitchell, Class of 2014, of Memphis, Tenn., was named the Student DO for the month of April.


Mitchell received his bachelor's degree in chemistry summa cum laude from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Charles worked at the Feinstein Center for Genomic Research in Memphis and was an event coordinator for St.

Jude before entering LMU-DCOM. He is an Anatomy/OPP Fellow, helps teach the American Heart Association courses at LMU-DCOM and is a candidate for the national Sigma Sigma Phi honorary osteopathic service fraternity.



Heather Perry, Class of 2014, of Corryton, Tenn., was named the Student DO for the month of May.

Perry received her bachelor's degree in biology magna cum laude from LMU and her EMT and paramedic certificates from Roane State Community College. Perry worked as a paramedic for Rural/Metro Knox County before entering

LMU-DCOM. She teaches American Heart Association courses at LMU-DCOM and other health care agencies and is a member of the Alpha Chi academic honor society at LMU. She and her husband J.R. have one son, Tre. 

The Student DO of the Month is a program of the LMU-DCOM Student Government Association (SGA) and 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.

LMU-DCOM Student Club Updates

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

The American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians-Student Chapter held a general meeting on May 3. James M. Turner, DO, FACOF, FACOEP, the emergency medicine residency program director at Charleston Area Medical Center, gave a lecture on snake bite treatment and discussed emergency medicine residencies. The club also held a fundraiser in which members sold White Coat Clipboards.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSOCIATION (CMDA):

The Christian Medical and Dental Association hosted a talk by a medical missionary couple from Myanmar in April. The club also supported Operation Vitamins and Creams for Itchy Things, a fundraiser with partnership through Chadasha Foundation that was created to provide the underserved people in Haiti with basic necessities for their everyday health. Students collected children's, adult's and prenatal vitamins and antifungal, anti-itch, antibiotic and antiparasitic creams to be distributed in unreached areas of Haiti. The donation drive was the brainchild of Jessica Chandler, DO '11, who developed the idea after participating in the 2011 medical mission trip to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The club also continued its practice of holding weekly Bible studies.

HEALTH EQUITY CLUB:

In March the Health Equity Club sponsored a donation drive to benefit Knox Area Rescue Ministries. The group collected plastic silverware and toiletries as part of the donation drive. The club also hosted a talk on animal bite awareness by local veterinarian Dr. Kimberly Carney. The presentation discussed common animal bites and the health implications for people living in the Appalachian region and beyond. The club also hosted a loan repayment plan workshop with Pat Peace, director of financial services, in April. Peace spoke about the current state of loan repayment programs, what students might expect in the future and how to prepare for applying to such programs when the time comes. The club also held a bake sale fundraiser in which every treat sold also included one fact regarding the health inequities and disparities that currently plague our society.

INTERNAL MEDICINE CLUB:

In March the Internal Medicine Club hosted guest speaker Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI, who discussed the topic "Assessing the Risk and Benefit in Cardiovascular Procedures Today." The club offered a suture clinic in April. The clinic was taught by Dr. Chris Yonts, assistant professor of family

medicine and medical director of the University Medical Clinic. Also in April the club hosted guest speaker Asim Ahmed, DO '11, who spoke to the group about the process of applying to internal medicine residencies, COMLEX scores, internal medicine rotations, choosing a residency and other related topics.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE SOCIETY:

In March the International Medicine Society hosted a talk by Dawn Murrell, Class of 2015 and Anatomy/OPP Fellow. Murrell discussed her recent international rotation to New Zealand.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION:

The Orthopedic Surgical Association, in conjunction with the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians-Student Chapter, hosted several nutrition clinics at St. Julian Elementary School in Middlesboro, Ky., in April. Also in April the Orthopedic Surgical Association hosted guest speaker Jon Minter, DO. Minter is a board certified orthopedic surgeon in Kingsport, Tenn., and serves as the program director for the orthopedic surgery residency program at Wellmont Holston Valley.

PEDIATRICS CLUB:

In March the Pediatrics Club, in conjunction with the Student American Academy of Osteopathy, hosted a pediatrics OMT workshop for interested students. The Pediatrics Club held its annual Kid's Day at the Park on April 30 at Harrogate City Park.

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

The Student Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons hosted a talk by Chief Jeff Phillips from Knoxville, Tenn. Phillips gave a military medicine mentoring/training session to those interested in military practice. On March 1 SAMOPS hosted its annual Viking Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Participants eat spaghetti "Viking-style" with their hands or pay an additional charge to be allowed to use utensils. Also in March SAMOPS hosted Damien Morgan, DO '11, to discuss his experiences and answer questions regarding military service. In April the club held a Call of Duty, Black Ops and Rockband Tournament and BBQ entitled "Locked, Cocked and Ready to Rock." The event raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

The Student Government Association held elections for new SGA officers. Officers for 2011-2012 include Class of 2014 members President Alan Aiken, First Vice President Zackary Powers, Second Vice President Alicia Pazik, Treasurer Kevin Cope and Secretary Heather Denton.

STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SNMA):

The Student National Medical Association held its annual International Dinner in the spring. The best dish award went to **Souleymane Diallo, Class of 2013**, for his peanut butter sauce Guinean cuisine. The club held a general meeting in May to promote the club, which focuses on the needs and concerns of minority medical students and is dedicated to both ensuring that medical education and services are culturally sensitive to the needs of diverse populations and to increasing awareness to health issues that disproportionately affect underrepresented groups, with a focus on the health needs of underserved communities.

STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SOMA):

Members of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) hosted the Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry from Knoxville, Tenn., on April 2. The mobile pantry gave away 15,378 pounds of food to 823 members of the community. SOMA held its annual "Penny Wars" fundraiser to raise the \$800 needed to pay for the transportation costs associated with the mobile pantry. More than 40 student volunteers were on hand to help distribute the food. The Student Osteopathic Medical Association hosted a presentation by the Graduate Loan Advisor program on May 12. The GL Advisor program is designed to help professional graduates and students navigate financial issues and make the best decisions regarding debt. They provide solutions to the critical issues facing new graduates by assisting with: minimizing the cost of student loan debt, increasing liquidity through payment relief and saving time so you can focus on your career.



STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY PHYSICIANS (SAACOFFP):

The Student Association of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians participated in the annual Bell County Repair Affair event on April 30. Repair Affair is Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency's annual spring home maintenance event. During the event elderly and disabled homeowners have minor home repairs and maintenance done utilizing volunteer labor and donated materials. Also in April **Dr. Greg Smith**, senior associate dean and clinical medicine dean, spoke to the group about family medicine on a national level. The SAACOFFP also sponsored a film festival to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The filmmaking team of **Class of 2014 members Daniel Snyder, Glenn Quarles and Brandon Sammons** won the film festival and earned a pizza party. The event raised \$357 for Make-A-Wish.



Rex Hobbs, assistant dean and director of the Physician Assistant Program, serves as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Queensland (Australia) Physician Assistant Program. As a result the two programs have an agreement to promote student rotation exchanges. The first exchange occurred in November 2010 in Cleveland, Tenn. Pictured L-R are **Shaki Jacques, Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies Stephanie Hull, UQ student Niri Pandit, Sheryl Hill, PA Class of 2011, Andrew McDonnell, Sharon Ross, PA Class of 2011 and UQ student Louise Croft.**

LMU-DCOM Student Club Updates

LMU-DCOM STUDENT NAMED NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF OMEGA BETA IOTA

Christopher M. Perry, Class of 2012, has been named national director for 2011-2012 of Omega Beta Iota, the national osteopathic political action honor society.

Perry succeeds **Owen Vincent, DO '11**, in the position. Perry's appointment became official during the honor society's meeting in conjunction with the annual DO Day on the Hill event in Washington, D.C., in April. During the meeting **Seger Morris, Class of 2012**, was inducted into Omega Beta Iota.

Perry is currently an Ensign in the United States Navy with ten years of military service to his credit. A native of Columbia, Tenn., Perry graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in history and later obtained his Master of Science in psychology from Walden University in 2006. He attended naval flight school and received his "Wings of Gold" in 2001. Perry was elected class president his first year of medical school and was chosen a Student of the Year by his peers in 2009.



(L-R): Class of 2012 students **Seger Morris** and **Christopher Perry** with **Owen Vincent, DO '11**, at the Omega Beta Iota meeting in Washington, D.C., in April. Perry succeeds Vincent as national director of Omega Beta Iota.

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STUDENT AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OSTEOPATHY (SAAO):

The Student American Academy of Osteopathy hosted Bret Ripley, DO, who conducted a half-day seminar on the Still technique on May 7. Still technique is in the same general category of OMT techniques as functional methods and FPR – gentle and very fast indirect techniques that focus more on functional component of the structure-function relationship. **Asim Ahmed, DO '11**, also gave a talk for the SAAO on performing OMT while on clinical rotations.

WILDERNESS MEDICINE CLUB:

In February the Wilderness Medicine Club hosted a talk by **Ryan Rose, Class of 2012**, on the wilderness medicine rotation he recently experienced. The club hosted a roadside clean-up in April in cooperation with adopt-a-highway.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND OB/GYN CLUB:

The Women's Health and OB/GYN Club sponsored a fundraiser for the Pump Springs Baptist Church Pregnancy Crisis Center in the spring. Students were given permission to wear sweats for the day in exchange for a donation to the Center. The club raised almost \$150 through its efforts. The club also sponsored a workshop on OMT in pregnancy and hosted a talk on residency/rotations and women's health/OB/GYN issues by Dr. Karen Florio.

DR. GEORGE STANLEY THOMPSON PA STUDENT SOCIETY:

The Dr. George Stanley Thompson PA Student Society hosted a "Fun in the Sun" welcome event for the PA Class of 2013 in May. The students enjoyed a potluck picnic at the University Inn Apartments pool and pavilion. On May 18 the PA Class of 2012 and the American Red Cross hosted a blood drive at the LMU-DCOM building. Thirty-seven productive units of blood were collected during the drive. According to the Red Cross, for every unit of blood given, three lives can be saved. Therefore the blood drive will help to save approximately 111 people in need. In June the Student Society held elections for officers. New student officers include PA Class of 2013 members President **Kaitlin Jasmon**, Vice President **Ryan Connor**, Secretary **Katie Cole**, Treasurer **Olivia Neeley**, Historian **Amanda Warden**, External Affairs Chair **Juli Ray**, Social Chair **Katie Tarpy**, TAPA Representative **Carrie Lewey**, HOD Representative **Courtney Abernathy**, AOR **Alisha Hicks** and Student Diversity Chair **Brittany Gusler**. Also in June the PA Classes of 2012 and 2013 enjoyed a potluck lunch before the Class of 2012 left to begin clinical rotations.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS:

The intramural basketball season came to a close with a one-point victory by the “Natural Killers” over runner-up “Team 11.” Members of the “Natural Killers” include Class of 2014 members **Zeeshan Shaikh** (captain), **Nida Rauf**, **Chris Heberer**, **Daniel Grabarek**, **Driscoll Augustine** and **Jarrell Nesmith**. Members of “Team 11” include Class of 2014 members **Jared Pack** (captain), **Andrew Elliott**, **Brandon Sammons** and **Anne Wills**.

In intramural soccer play the “REAL Harrogate” team defeated the “HVLA Galaxy” team 2-1 to take home the 2011 LMU-DCOM Intramural Soccer Championship. Team members of “REAL Harrogate” include **Joe Jones**, **Class of 2012 and Anatomy/OPP Fellow** (captain), **Grant Stone**, **Class of 2013**; **Dan Pickett**, **Class of 2013**; **Nathan Hartgrove**, **Class of 2012 and Anatomy/OPP Fellow**; **Bekah Jones**; **Amber Halverson**, **Class of 2013 and Anatomy/OPP Fellow**; **Ian Richardson**; **Brittany Lower**, **Class of 2013 and Anatomy/OPP Fellow**; **Rebecca Ranz**, **Class of 2013 and Anatomy/OPP Fellow**; **Brennan Boettcher**, **Class of 2013**; **Taylor Sandin**, **Ed Wills**, **Class of 2013** with **Luke Allen**, **Class of 2014** and **Stephen Juma** on special loan. Team members of “HVLA Galaxy” include **Miguel Montoya**, **Class of 2013** (captain); **Adolfo Nava**, **Class of 2014**; **Evans Manu**; **Hamza Sikander**; **Jemal K. Talore**; **Khizer Sikander**, **Class of 2013**; **Luis Marcelo**; **Mekdes Ditamo**, **Class of 2013**; **Monsur Ali**, **Class of 2013**; **Ranje Mohamadameen**, **Class of 2013**; **Souleymane Diallo**, **Class of 2013**; **Steven Do**, **Class of 2013** and **William A. Moura**. **Blake Rabe**, **Class of 2014**, served as head referee with officiating provided by **Sam Waling**, **Post Bac ‘11** and **Scott Taylor**, **Class of 2014**.

The LMU-DCOM summer golf league began its inaugural season in May. The league alternates play each week between Wasioto Winds in Pineville, Ky., and Woodlake in Tazewell, Tenn. The inaugural tennis league enjoyed its first season of both singles and doubles play in April.

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SIGMA SIGMA PHI, HONORARY OSTEOPATHIC SERVICE FRATERNITY, PHI CHAPTER:

Sigma Sigma Phi hosted weekly volunteer opportunities doing blood pressure screenings at the Harrogate Senior Citizen's Center. In April Sigma Sigma Phi held its annual induction ceremony. Chapter inductees included **Abdul Ahmad**, **Class of 2012**; **Kelsey Allen**, **Class of 2013**; **Paige Altom**, **Class of 2013**; **Hayley Barbato**, **Class of 2014**; **Craig Barnette**, **Class of 2014**; **Kate Beckham**, **Class of 2013**; **Hillary Chace**, **Class of 2012**; **Kathleen Clark**, **Class of 2014**; **Donna Cota**, **Class of 2013**; **Kaitlin V. Dewhirst**, **Class of 2014**; **Souleymane Diallo**, **Class of 2013**; **Aaron Gilson**, **Class of 2013**; **Grayson Goldman**, **Class of 2014**; **Jason Greenhagen**, **Class of 2014**; **Justin Head**, **Class of 2013**; **Ryan Hill**, **Class of 2013**; **Torey Killom**, **Class of 2013**; **Collier King**, **Class of 2013**; **Landon Krautkramer**, **Class of 2013**; **Randall Mansell**, **Class of 2013**; **Amna G. Mehdi**, **Class of 2014**; **Jaime Morris**, **Class of 2014**; **Justin Nepa**, **Class of 2014**; **Chelsea Nickolson**, **Class of 2013**; **Diana O Young**, **Class of 2014**; **Alicia Pazik**, **Class of 2014**; **Phillip Penny**, **Class of 2012**; **Katie Rebillot**, **Class of 2013**; **Brenton Rogers**, **Class of 2013**; **Khizer Ahmed Sikander**, **Class of 2013**; **Audrey Smith**, **Class of 2014**; **Grant Stone**, **Class of 2013**; **Zachary Taylor**, **Class of 2013** and **Drew Triplett**, **Class of 2013**.



Many LMU-DCOM students spent the summer of 2011 in other parts of the world. **Angelina Hall**, **Class of 2015**, worked in Nicaragua and **Katie Clark**, **Class of 2014**, spent the summer in Guatemala and Peru.

LMU Students Bring Health Care to Haiti and Dominican Republic



Students from LMU-DCOM and LMU's Caylor School of Nursing pose with the health care professionals they accompanied on a recent mission trip to Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

For the second consecutive year the LMU-DCOM student chapter of the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) traveled to the island of Hispaniola to provide medical, surgical and dental services to the people of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Thirty-five osteopathic medical students from LMU-DCOM and three nurse anesthesia students from LMU's Caylor School of Nursing participated in the mission. The group provided several hundred patient encounters and performed over 30 surgical procedures during the week of spring break. Several

students described the mission as “life-changing” and have expressed intentions to pursue medical mission work in the future as a result of the experience.

The mission was planned and organized by CMDA student officers and Class of 2013 members **Keith Mahin** (president), **Jeff Walters** (vice-president), **Glenn Halke** (treasurer) and **Breanne Miller** (secretary). The medical team was supervised by Dr. Neil Barry, III, of Middlesboro, Ky. The surgical team was led by **Dr. John Williamson**, assistant professor and chair of OB/GYN. Anesthesia services were supervised by Robert Hughes of Middlesboro, Ky. Dr. Bruce Wilson of Barbourville, Ky., performed oral surgery services and Dr. Charles Tompkins of Harrogate, Tenn., provided dental services.

There was tremendous support for the mission from the local community. Corporate sponsors included Coca-Cola Bottling of Middlesboro, DeRoyal Industries, Middlesboro ARH Hospital and Pharmacy, Pineville Community Hospital, Heartland Pharmacy, Jeff's Pharmacy, Mikel's Pharmacy, People's Choice Pharmacy, Village Shops Pharmacy and Walter's Pharmacy. Pump Springs Baptist Church, the Harrogate Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and several individuals also provided financial and/or material support. Accommodations, transportation and logistical support were provided through Chadasha, a Christian relief organization founded by Dr. Clint Doiron of Knoxville, Tenn.

The students wished to give special thanks to “mothering” services provided by Jane Barry, Pam Tompkins, Carrie Williamson and Deanne Wilson. 🏥

Health Literacy Expert Speaks at LMU-DCOM



Dr. Michael S. Wolf, a nationally- and internationally-known health literacy expert, visited LMU-DCOM this spring as part of the Pfizer Visiting Professor Program. Wolf, who is associate professor of medicine and associate division chief of research in

the Feinberg School of Medicine Division of General Internal Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill., delivered lectures to the osteopathic medical students, made presentations to local hospitals and gave two talks for community members and health care leaders.

In addition to his medical school appointment, Wolf also serves as associate professor of learning sciences in the Northwestern University School of Education and Policy. Wolf's areas of research include health literacy, adult learning, health promotion and medication safety. In his roles at Northwestern he leads university-wide efforts to develop a research agenda in health literacy, communication and behavior.

Wolf earned his PhD in social welfare from the University of Illinois, Chicago, in 2000. He also holds a master's in public health and MA in cognitive and learning sciences from Northwestern University, a MSW from Loyola University of Chicago and a BS in psychology and English from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. 🏥

Student Achievements



Chelsea Nickolson

Chelsea Nickolson, Class of 2013, has been named Medical Education Representative for the Council of Student Government Presidents (COSGP).



Christopher Perry

Christopher Perry, Class of 2012, had his paper "Non-Contact Vital Sign Monitoring via Ultra-Wideband Radar, Infrared Video, and Remote Photoplethysmography: Viable

Options for Space Exploration Missions" published by NASA's National Technical Information Service. Perry completed the research during his aerospace medicine research clerkship at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, last fall. Perry was also named the National Director of Omega Beta Iota, the national osteopathic political action honorary society (see page 20).



Anne Kroman

Anne Kroman, Class of 2012 and an Anatomy/OPP Fellow, had her article "Fracture propagation in the human cranium: A re-testing of popular theories" published in

the April edition of the journal *Clinical Anatomy*.



Class of 2013 members Nicole Pisapia, Phil Singer, Brenton Rogers, Justin Jenkins, Jared Kaminsky, Breanne

Miller and Jessica Orick volunteered at the Tennessee Special Olympics Winter Games at Ober Gatlinburg on February 1. The students spent the day working at different "courses" based on age and skill level. They manned skiing and snowboarding courses and made sure the participants stayed within the boundaries and followed the course properly.



Brennan Boettcher



Amir Mahajer

Several LMU-DCOM students were selected for national positions with the American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AOCPMR) Student Association. **Jaime Morris, Class of 2014**, was selected as Website Committee Representative for the AOCPMR Student Association; **Angela Vrooman, Class of 2012**, will serve as National Student Conference Chair; **Brennan Boettcher, Class of 2013**, was selected as co-chair of the Student Research Committee; **Grant Stone, Class of 2013**, was named Membership Committee Representative for region 1; and **Amir Mahajer, Class of 2012**, was named Membership Committee Representative for region 2.



Karen LaLonde

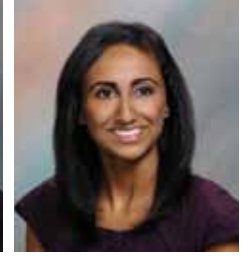


Jaime Morrison

Class of 2014 members **Karen LaLonde** and **Jaime Morrison** have been selected to attend the summer course at the University of Groningen School of Medicine in the Netherlands. 2011 marks the third year that LMU-DCOM has had representation in the program.



Paul Swafford



Nida Rauf

Class of 2014 members **Paul Swafford** and **Nida Rauf** will be attending the summer course at the University of Ghent School of Medicine in Belgium.



Sean Kelly


Sean Kelly, Class of 2013, has been asked by the Narcolepsy Network, Inc., to work under a physician to update and rewrite their new member informational

packet. He will also help head a literature research into narcolepsy medications and pregnancy.



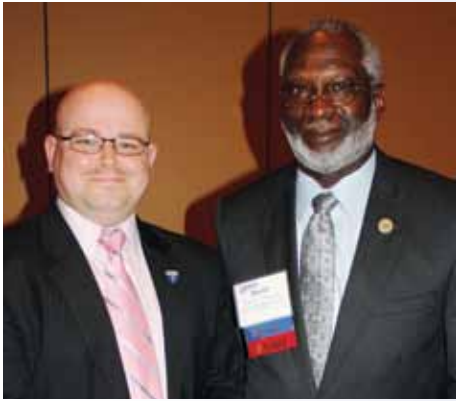
Stanley Marlowe

Stanley Marlowe, Class of 2013, has been selected as a Paul Ambrose Scholar for 2011. The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program introduces health professions students to influential

public health professionals and prepares them to be leaders in addressing public health challenges. Marlowe attended the annual symposium in Washington, D.C., in June as one of 46 graduate students chosen for the program. At the symposium the scholars discussed various aspects of public health and preventive medicine. Following the symposium each scholar pursues a public health project within his or her community. Marlowe's proposed project is intended to educate patients on common asthma triggers and prevention using a pamphlet/booklet with vocabulary understandable to a 5th grade student. The focus will be on triggers more common to Appalachia; for instance coal heating, smoking and high pollen counts. Marlowe is the first LMU-DCOM student chosen to be a Paul Ambrose Scholar. 

Alumni Notes

Victoria Sharp, DO '11, is a listed author for the *Radiographic Atlas of Skeletal Maturation* published by Thieme Medical Publications.



Owen Vincent, DO '11, had his article "Natural Chemopreventive Therapy: Curcumin" published in the March 2011 edition of the journal *Osteopathic Family Physician*. He also attended the

American College of Preventive Medicine annual conference as the Secretary General of the Medical Student Section of the organization. While there he met David Satcher, MD, PhD FACPM, former Centers for Disease Control director and former U.S. Surgeon General (1998–2002).

Dena Krishnan, DO '11, and **Shawn Wilson, DO '11**, are featured in the Summer/Fall 2011 issue of *Enchanted Brides* magazine, a bridal magazine published and distributed in

middle Tennessee. The article "A Fusion of Cultures" describes Krishnan and Wilson's May 28 wedding at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, which was a combination of Indian, Catholic and Cajun influences.



LMU-DCOM students hosted a Mini Medical School at the Creative Discovery Museum in Chattanooga, Tenn., in conjunction with the 2011 annual Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) convention. Approximately 80 children attended the Mini Medical School. Those participating included (L-R): Tyler Stone, Class of 2014; Morgan Stone, Class of 2014; Tyler Duncan, Class of 2014; Aileen Hollins, Class of 2014; Nick Litwin, Class of 2014; Kaitlin Dewhirst, Class of 2014; Stephanie England, Class of 2012 and an Anatomy/OPP Fellow; and Katie Clark, Class of 2014.

New Arrivals



Mark Moran, director of didactic education for the PA Program and assistant professor of physician assistant studies, and his wife Kelly welcomed daughter Virginia Joy on May 18, 2011. Virginia was 7 lbs., 13 oz., and 19 inches long.



Brent Passey, Class of 2014, and his wife Amber welcomed son Scott Allon Passey on January 1, 2011. Scott weighed in at 8 lbs., 6.7 oz., and was 21 inches long. Scott had the distinction of being the first baby born at Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital in 2011, and he was delivered by **Dr. John Williamson**, assistant professor and chair of OB/GYN.



Erin Lenz, director of alumni and development and husband **Craig Lenz, Class of 2013**, welcomed Julia Elizabeth on July 10. Julia weighed in at 8 lbs., and was 20.5 inches long.



Joshua Shepherd, PA '11, and his wife Shannon welcomed son Joshua Alexander Shepherd "Zander." Joshua was 6 lbs., 13 oz., and 18.5 inches long.

Faculty/Staff Happenings



Amy Allen, assistant professor of physician assistant studies, has been elected as a representative to the American Academy of Physician

Assistants (AAPA) House of Delegates. She will represent Tennessee at the AAPA national meeting in Toronto in 2012.



Dr. Tiffany Alley, assistant professor of immunology/microbiology, has been appointed as chair of the department of Basic Molecular Sciences.



Amy Arnold, assistant director of financial services, received her MBA from LMU in May.



Dr. Mary Beth Babos, assistant professor of pharmacy, presented two topics at the annual Tennessee Osteopathic Medical

Association (TOMA) conference in Chattanooga, Tenn. The presentations were: "When the Tocsin Tolls: a case based review of common toxidromes" and "When Drugs Collide: a review of clinically relevant drug interactions."



Dr. Gina DeFranco, assistant professor of family medicine, presented a Faculty Development Workshop entitled "Teaching Excellence: It's

All Up to You" with Barry Doublestein, PhD and Dr. Burt Routman, professor and chair of family medicine, at the annual Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) conference in Chattanooga, Tenn. She has also been appointed to the Women's Initiative Committee of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP).



Jamie Duncan, standardized patient/patient model program coordinator, received her MBA from LMU in May.



Dr. Douglas Fitzovitch, professor of physiology, has just been appointed to the Editorial Board of *The Frontiers of Integrative Physiology*, a

recently launched member of the *Frontier Journal Series*. The *Frontier Series* is an open-access, interdisciplinary series of online journals that has become a highly-cited reference source since its first journal, *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, was introduced in 2007.



Dr. James Foster, professor of anatomy/histology, was invited to become a member of the Review Board of the *Journal of the International Association of*

Medical Science Educators (JAMSE). He also received a Certificate of Recognition from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) for National Board questions submitted for 2010 and submitted 10 questions for consideration for the 2011 question cycle.



Dr. Stan Kunigelis, associate professor of physiology, has been appointed chair of the new department of Pharmacology and Physiology. He and J. Frank

White Academy instructor Christopher Stotts received a grant from the American Physiology Society Frontiers in Physiology for Research Teacher Professional Development Program.



Dr. Jonathan Leo, professor of neuroanatomy and associate dean of students, had a paper of his cited in a December 2010 editorial in the journal *Nature*.

His article "Knowledge of ghostwriting and financial conflicts-of-interest reduces the perceived credibility of biomedical research" was published on www.biomed.com. The article is co-authored by Leo's research partner, Dr. Jeffrey R. Lacasse. The research entailed the use of statistics concerning the impact of conflicts-of-interest (COI) in academic medicine. There has been very little research performed on the reaction of practicing clinicians to the disclosure of such conflicts. Leo and Lacasse developed two research vignettes presenting a fictional antidepressant medication study, one in which the principal investigator had no COI and another in which there were multiple COI disclosed. They confirmed the face validity of the COI vignette through consultation with experts.

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Hospital-based clinicians were randomly assigned to read one of these two vignettes and then administered a credibility scale. Using a Mann-Whitney U test, the researchers found a 95% confidence interval between 6.99 and 15.00 points, with a p-value less than .001. These were very significant results and thus they were able to conclude in their study that increased disclosure of COI resulted in lower credibility ratings.



Donna Palazzolo, extramural education coordinator, attended the Tennessee Primary Care Association 2011 Clinical Conference in Franklin, Tenn., in March.



Dr. Burt Routman, professor and chair of family medicine, spoke on the topic "So, I'm Old, Doc... Now What?" at the annual Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) convention in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was reappointed to the Case Development Committee of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) and Chair of the Program Committee for the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP). He is an Ex-Officio member of the ACOFP's Committee on Education and Evaluation of and is the Steering Committee representative from ACOFP to the Primary Care Organizations Consortium.



Dr. Natalie Shirley, assistant professor of anatomy, participated as project director for a data collection workshop sponsored by the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program of the United States Department of Justice. The workshop was held in Bogota, Colombia from January 31-February 5, 2011. During the workshop, data was collected on the Colombian Modern Skeletal Collection curated at Legal Medicine. The purpose of the data collection was to develop Colombian standards for estimating age, sex, ancestry and stature from skeletal remains to assist in identifying the victims of the armed conflict and in forensic anthropology casework. Shirley also attended the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 63rd Annual Meeting in Chicago, Ill., from February 21-26, 2011, and presented a podium paper on her post-doctoral research entitled "Improving Sex Estimation from the Cranium using 3-Dimensional Modeling from CT Scans." Additional contributors to the research article include Emam E.A. Fatah, Richard L. Jantz, and Mohamed R. Mahfouz. Also, Shirley has an article in the July issue of the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*. The article is "Spheno-Occipital Synchondrosis Fusion in Modern Americans" by Natalie R. Shirley and Richard L. Jantz. She was invited to an oral presentation at a Platform Session at the American Association of Anatomists Annual Meetings held in Washington, D.C., from April 9-13, 2011. The presentation was entitled "The Medial Clavicular Epiphysis: Evidence for Secular Change in Skeletal Maturation." It was given as part of the Biological Anthropology Platform Session. Shirley presented a poster at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meetings held in Minneapolis, Minn., from April 13-16, 2011. The poster was entitled "Secular Change in Clavicle Length in the American Population (1840-1970)". The poster was developed by Natalie Shirley and Sandra Cridlin as part of the Human Biology/

Growth and Development session. The abstract is published in *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, Volume 52, Supplement, p. 273. She also had an article published in *Clinical Anatomy* 24(3): 372-80, which was co-authored by Shirley NR, Wilson RJ, and Meadows Jantz L. and entitled "Cadaver Use at the University of Tennessee's Anthropological Research Facility."



Dr. Greg Smith, associate dean of clinical medicine, coauthored the article "Getting to Know Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and the HPV Vaccines" with **Medical Librarian Lisa Travis**. The article appeared in the *Journal of American Osteopathic Association* (JAOA).



Dean Ray Stowers has been selected President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) (see page 9.) He also received the Paul Grayson Smith, Sr. Physician of the Year Award from the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) at their annual conference in Chattanooga, Tenn., in April. The award is presented in recognition of the physician's outstanding dedication to serving the needs of the public and of the physician's exemplary contributions to osteopathic medicine. It was established by TOMA in 1987 in honor of Smith, the award's first recipient.



Dr. Howard S. Teitelbaum, professor and chair of community and preventive medicine, was selected as the George W. Northrup Educator of the Year by the national Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) (see page 16.).


Faculty/Staff Happenings



Dr. Greg Thompson, assistant professor of OMM/family medicine and chair of OPP, appeared in the March 2011 Heartland Series special “Hands” produced by WBIR-TV in Knoxville, Tenn. The one-hour special examined professions in the modern area that still rely on the use of hands to accomplish the work. Thompson spoke about the history and practice of osteopathic medicine. Also interviewed for the special were Class of 2014 members **Aileen Hollins** and **Nick Litwin**.



Lisa Travis, medical librarian, has been named the co-convenor for the Osteopathic Libraries Special Interest Group (OLSIG) within the Medical Library Association (MLA). She received Outstanding Research Project for the research paper she coauthored with **Donna Palazzolo**, extramural education coordinator, as part of the LMU Educational Specialist (EdS) program. She coauthored the article “Getting to know human papillomavirus (HPV) and the HPV vaccines” with **Greg Smith**, associate dean of clinical education, for *JAOA: The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*, 111 (3,

Suppl 2), S29-S34. She also was a contributor for TEL lesson plans, 64-66 for mathematics and authored “One of many free survey tools: Google Docs,” in *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*. She gave a presentation on “Games, tutorials, and more: Partner to provide helpful links for the curriculum” at the Tennessee Library Association Conference in Murfreesboro, Tenn., in March and had a poster presentation on “Tips for the creation and transformations of new medical libraries” with F. Ames, E. Powers and S. Warwick at the SC/MLA Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla., in November 2010. 



2011-2012 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2011

Orientation

July 26 - July 29, (until noon), 2011

OMS I Classes Begin

July 29, 2011 (1p.m.)

OMS II Classes Begin

August 1, 2011

Labor Day Break

September 5, 2011

White Coat Ceremony

September 24, 2011

Fall Break (AOA Convention)

October 31 and November 1, 2011

Thanksgiving Break

November 24-25, 2011

Christmas Break

December 15, 2011 - January 1, 2012

Spring Semester 2012

Classes Begin

January 3, 2012

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Break

January 16, 2012

Spring Break

March 19-23, 2012

Good Friday Break

April 6, 2012

End of Semester

May 18, 2012

COMLEX Review

May 19 - June 8, 2012

OMS II Remediation Exams

June 21 and June 22, 2012



A group from LMU-DCOM completed the Knoxville Half-Marathon in April. Those running the race included **Megan Mars**, administrative assistant for the office of admissions and Class of 2014 members **Philip Ross**, **Kent Russell**, **Donald Chapman**, **Daniel Omire-Mayor**, **Emily Dehority**, **Matthew Nealeigh**, **Cass Cherry**, **Sara Boyd**, **Anastasia Kurta**, **Ben Iles**, **Chris Heberer** and **Tyler Stone**.

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LMU-DCOM Students Raise \$3,200 For Claiborne Animal Shelter

In March LMU-DCOM students raised \$3,200 at the first Doggy Dash 5K to benefit the Claiborne (Tenn.) Animal Shelter.

Approximately 150 participants and their pets raced in the 5K and enjoyed a doggy talent show, face painting and music. The first place male was Maxwell Freytag of Tazewell, Tenn. The first place female was Nicole Howe of Knoxville, Tenn. Awards given during the doggy talent show included “best bark,” “cutest pup,” “best trick,” “best tail wag” and “best spirit.”

A number of student clubs at LMU-DCOM joined forces to host the event. The Student Osteopathic Medical Association, the Student Osteopathic Surgical Association, the Health Equity Club, the Student Association of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the Neuro/Psych Club, the Pediatrics Club and the International Medicine Club all contributed to the event.

The proceeds from the race benefited the Claiborne Animal Shelter, a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to building and operating an animal shelter in Claiborne County, Tenn. The shelter is under construction, being built entirely from donations, fundraisers and volunteers. The money raised by the Doggy Dash 5K will fund half of a proposed low-cost spay and neuter clinic planned by the Shelter.



*LMU-DCOM Doggy Dash participants
walk with their pets during the 5K event.*