

Buckeye Osteopathic Student

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OU-COM Students Observe Medical Board at Work



A new program which brings Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine students to Columbus to observe Ohio State Medical Board (OSMB) meetings is getting rave reviews from Medical Board members and students alike.

"My experience with the State Medical Board of Ohio was excellent," said one student. "Unequivocally, the Board works together with physicians to provide good care to the public, rather than working against physicians, which might be a common misunderstanding."

The Partners in Professionalism program is designed to enhance the relationship between the Board and future licensees by educating students about state laws and regulations. Visits to the Medical Board allow students to experience the disciplinary process first-hand along with the Board's efforts to rehabilitate physicians who have had substance abuse problems.

OSMB Executive Director Richard A. Whitehouse said the program could have long-lasting effects.

"I believe developing a relationship with the Medical Board now and instilling a sense of ethics and professionalism early in a student's medical education is key to avoiding disciplinary problems down the road," he said.

OU-COM is the only medical school in Ohio participating in Partners in Professionalism, though Whitehouse said the pilot program may become a model for other medical schools.

Beginning in September 2007, each student in the OU-COM class of 2011 is required to attend an introductory session given by Medical Board staff, followed by a videoconference before and after attending a Board meeting as part of their Clinical and Community Experiences (CCE) program.



Third-year medical students "tested" the project in August 2007 before the official launch the following month for OU-COM's first-year students. Pictured here are (front row, l-r) Sarah McGrew, manager of OU-COM's Clinical and Community Experiences; Katherine Kline, OMS III; Tanika Spidell, OMS III; (back row) Medical Board Executive Director Richard A. Whitehouse; Hector Herrera, OMS III; Medical Board President Deepak Kumar, MD; and Lauren Gutheil, OMS III.

OU-COM medical students travel to Columbus to observe a monthly meeting to learn about situations involving licensees that result in disciplinary action as well as policy guidelines discussed and established by the Medical Board.

Program objectives for the participating students include:

- Describe the structure and function of the State Medical Board of Ohio.
- Discuss what it means to be "professional."
- Outline the standards expected of a physician-in-training.
- Review lifestyle and other current social issues that impact those standards.

Comments Welcome

Let us know what you think of the *Buckeye Osteopathic Student*. If you have ideas for future issues, tell us that, too. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Students are Important Members of Ohio's Osteopathic Family

As an osteopathic medical student, you are the future of a proud profession. For that reason, OU-COM students are automatically enrolled as members of the Ohio Osteopathic Association -- free of charge. This means until you complete your residency (as long as you remain in Ohio), you receive the same services and benefits as physicians who are OOA members.

The white coat presented at Convocation was OOA's gift to you as you began your academic career and joined the osteopathic family. The Classes of 2009, 2010, and 2011 received an additional present. Through the generosity of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations, those students received a complimentary copy of *A Second Voice: A Century of Osteopathic Medicine in*

Ohio, a book commissioned by the OOA and written in conjunction with the organization's 100th anniversary.

Upon graduation, OU-COM students receive another memento from the OOA to mark the occasion.

These small gifts, as well as the OOA membership card, publications, and other member services, are meant to serve as visible reminders that students are an important part of the osteopathic profession. Students also have representation on the OOA Board of Trustees. In fact, the OOA was the first state osteopathic association in the nation to add a voting student representative to its Board.

Clearly, the OOA has a long history of valuing and encouraging student participation and involvement in the profession.

Nominate A Preceptor

Do you know a professor, a preceptor, a college administrator, or maybe a fellow student who has given his time, talent, and spirit to promote the osteopathic profession?

Nominate that person for the 2008 Osteopathic Spirit Award. The award, presented annually by the Advocates for the Ohio Osteopathic Association (AOOA) at the state Convention, recognizes an individual who exemplifies the osteopathic spirit. Next year the recipient will be honored at the 110th Ohio Osteopathic Convention, to be held June 19-22 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center.

For a nomination form, contact the OOA Central Office at 800-234-4848 or AOOA Awards Committee Chair Jane Routh at 614-277-0953.

Got Questions?

If you have issues to bring to the OOA Board of Trustees, get in touch with Dan Silbiger, OMS II. As OU-COM Student Council President, he serves as your voice on the OOA Board.



OU-COM Club Gets Grant

The Ohio State Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (Ohio ACOFP) awarded a \$1,500 grant to the Family Practice Club at OU-COM for the 2007-2008 academic year. The funding is to help the Club, a very active campus organization, meet its objectives of promoting excellence in osteopathic family medicine and providing a better understanding of family practice.

As Club president, Christopher Selinsky, OMS II, serves on the Ohio ACOFP Board.

OU-COM Students Judge Science Projects

Eight OU-COM students evaluated 48 medical, health, and behavioral research projects submitted by junior-high and high-school students as part of State Science Day 2007.

Many thanks to Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine students Robert Baker; Joe Bushek; Meghan Drayton; LaTeya Foxx; Hodon Mohamed; Amy Miyoshi; Joshua Raines; and Daniel Silbiger who volunteered to serve as judges. This was the third consecutive year of judging for Bushek.

They were recruited by the OOA, which presented Osteopathic Medical Awards to six students in two grade categories (7th-9th; 10th-12th).

Ohio's State Science Day, held at The Ohio State University, is the largest of its kind in the nation with more than 1,100 students competing for scholarships and awards valued at nearly \$1.75 million.

Interested in judging at the 2008 State Science Day on May 10? Contact the OOA Central Office at 800-234-4848.



OU-COM students served as judges at State Science Day, held May 12, 2007, at The Ohio State University. The volunteer judges awarded six Osteopathic Medical Awards to junior high and high-school students.

Volunteer

Medical students who volunteer with the Ohio Citizen Corps can receive training in emergency disaster preparedness while at the same time provide a valuable service to their community.

Ohio Citizen Corps is a community-based initiative that engages citizens in hometown security through public education and training.

To volunteer for the Citizen Corps, go to www.serveohio.org or call toll-free 888-767-OHIO.



AOA Institutes New Internship Format for July 2008

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Board of Trustees approved a resolution supporting a more precise definition of the AOA internship. The traditional rotating internship as a free standing independent year, currently required by the AOA, is felt by the Council on Postdoctoral Training (COPT) to no longer be the only pathway for all osteopathic trainees. In fact, 41 percent of all osteopathic students over the last few years have successfully matched into programs with residency tracks and linkages.

For July 1, 2008, the internship year has evolved into three distinct types:

OPTION 1

The first postdoctoral year will be the first year of residency. This is the same as the current specialty track model. All trainees will receive residency credit for this first year of training. These positions will be known as OGME-1 Resident

OPTION 2

The first postdoctoral year is not included in the residency, but is a specific preliminary entrance requirement into the specialty to produce an enhanced educational opportunity for that specialty. The trainee will have been accepted into the OGME-2 specialty while a senior in osteopathic medical school. These

FPs, Advocates Offer Student Awards

Each year the Ohio State Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (Ohio ACOFP) sponsors Student Awards that are presented at the OU-COM Awards Night in the spring. Recipients are selected by the OU-COM Family Practice Department and receive a family practice textbook, plaque, and \$75. Congratulations to the 2007 winners Abby Lader, OMS III, and Meghan Mehl, OMS II.

The Advocates for the Ohio Osteopathic Association bestow its Achievement Award annually to an OU-COM student whose spouse is an active SAA member. Recipients receive a certificate and cash scholarship.

In addition, the OOA and the Centers for Osteopathic Research & Education (CORE) jointly sponsor an annual poster exhibition which includes a student category. Congratulations to Rachel Holt, OMS III, who was awarded first place for her poster, *Diabetes Care in Extended Care Facilities: Appropriate Intensity of Care?* at the 2007 event.

positions will be recorded by the AOA as preliminary interns and be known as OGME-1 Preliminary.

OPTION 3

This first postdoctoral year is not included in the residency, but is available in the format of a Traditional Rotating Internship. It may be utilized by any osteopathic graduate uncertain of residency plans or those who want a single year program. These positions will be recorded by the AOA as OGME-1 Traditional.

To download a document from the Council on Postdoctoral Training, visit www.DO-Online.org.

Planning on Moving?

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) offers a discount moving service program.

The program is available to all osteopathic affiliated faculty, staff, students and family members. To learn more about the program, visit www.aacom.org/moving.html, e-mail Tom.Graver@premier-transfer.com, or call 800-634-8571.

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Welcome!

Osteopathic medicine in Ohio is a complete health-care education and delivery system consisting of 5,400 licensed physicians (DOs), 18 health-care facilities accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, and the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens.

DOs represent 23 percent of the total physicians practicing in Ohio and 26 percent of the state's family physicians.

Advocacy

Continuing Program

FIND A PHYSICIAN

Annual Convention

Aug. 29-Oct. 2, 2008
110th Annual Ohio Osteopathy Meeting & Scientific Session
The Hill at Exeter
Columbus, OH

Upcoming Events

Aug. 25-26, 2007
OOA Board Meeting
Lucasville, OH

Sept. 19-21, 2007
Family Medicine Past, Present, Future
CME Event
Columbus, OH

September 26, 2007
10th Annual West Side Scientist Symposium
Columbus, OH

Sept. 17-18, 2007
Human Health Information Technology Conference
Integrating Digital Medicine Into Ohio
Ohio University, Athens, OH

Latest News

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- Ohio DOs Receive Awards During the OOA Convention
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