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### OSU-CHS 2016 Commencement Speech

“Your hard work, self-discipline, and dedication have brought you to this threshold that marks the accomplishment of one goal and the stepping-off point for the next star on your horizon.”
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“I am honored and humbled to have been selected by my peers to help lead the osteopathic profession as a trustee for the American Osteopathic Association,” Dr. Ogle said. “Osteopathic medicine faces boundless opportunities and challenges in our quickly changing health care environment.”

The mission of the AOA, a national association representing more than 123,000 osteopathic physicians and medical students, is to advance the distinctive philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine.

“The AOA Board of Trustees provides proactive, bold leadership for the osteopathic family, and I look forward to doing all I can to continue this progress,” Dr. Ogle said. “I’d like to thank my Oklahoma colleagues and the entire AOA House of Delegates.”

A past president of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and trustee since 2006, Dr. Ogle is a board-certified internist, practicing emergency medicine. He earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree (DO) from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1986. He then completed an osteopathic rotating internship at Northeast Community Hospital in Bedford, Texas, followed by an internal medicine residency at the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In addition to his duties as medical director at INTEGRIS Bass Baptist Health Center, Dr. Ogle is president of Emergency Medical Services Inc. and CEO of Alacrity Healthcare LLC. At the OSU Center for Health Sciences, he serves as director of OSU Physicians Rural Clinics and clinical assistant professor for the departments of rural health and internal medicine.

In 1991, he was named Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Rookie Physician of the Year, and in 2007, he was selected Rural Physician of the Year by the Rural Health Association of Oklahoma. Dr. Ogle has served on the Oklahoma Board of Medico-Legal Investigation and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Medical Advisory Committee. He currently serves as a member of the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

“I look forward to this new opportunity for me and the state, and I hope to be able to inform you of things as they occur on a rapid basis,” Dr. Ogle said.
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The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) convened for the 2016 House of Delegates (HOD) at the Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile Hotel July 22-24, 2016. The House of Delegates, which meets every July, brought together osteopathic physicians from every state to discuss and formalize a wide range of organizational policies and approve national leadership.

The HOD also included several reference committee and bureau meetings that provided tremendous input on resolutions and governing policy for the profession.

The AOA House of Delegates included 508 delegates, including student delegates and representatives from each of the 35 osteopathic colleges. Divisional society representatives make up 473 of the entire delegation. Every state receives one delegate automatically. Other state delegate positions are allocated based on the state’s AOA members as a proportion of national AOA membership, which are calculated every year. The District of Columbia and members of the military are also considered divisional societies along with the 50 states. This year, Oklahoma was allocated 16 delegates, including one student delegate. This is a decrease of one delegate from our state from previous years, despite a near microscopic decrease in the proportion of AOA membership. Oklahoma has 1,635 dues-paying members of the American Osteopathic Association, effectively constituting just over 3.4% of the national delegation.

Only Michigan (55), Pennsylvania (48), Florida (41), Ohio (33), California (30), New York (25), New Jersey (23), and Texas (21) had more delegates, making Oklahoma the ninth largest contingent. All of these eight states have a population greater than that of Oklahoma, which speaks to the strong osteopathic makeup of our state. Oklahoma also had eight alternate delegates in attendance, including one student.

**THURSDAY, JULY 21**

The AOA Board of Trustees held its meetings on July 19 and 20 and the morning of July 21, followed by the AOA Credentials Committee and Bureau of State Government Affairs. I, Matt Harney, presented an update on the lawsuit challenging the 2014 Oklahoma bill (HB 1020) granting direct access to physical therapists for a period of 30 days. The lawsuit was funded by the Scope of Practice Partnership (SOPP) and includes the Oklahoma State Medical Association along with the OOA as plaintiffs. The SOPP was formed in 2006 to challenge inappropriate scope of practice expansions, such as those that are not commensurate with non-physician provider groups’ education and training. Next up was the Bureau on Socioeconomic Affairs, chaired by Oklahoma’s own David F. Hitze-
rector of National Drug Control Policy Michael Botticelli. Director Botticelli discussed federal efforts to crack down on opioid abuse at a town hall event. Following the town hall, AOA business concluded with the Committee on Rules & Order of Business meeting, which is also chaired by Dr. Hitzeman.

That evening, the Oklahoma delegation participated in a working dinner to discuss various resolutions and to provide a general overview for the following three days. Dr. Hitzeman, elected by his Oklahoma peers to serve as chief delegate, led the meeting. Many resolutions of interest were discussed, including topics such as modifying continuous certification, AOA membership requirements as it relates to continuing medical education, and a resolution that would allow flexibility regarding student representation at HOD through divisional societies.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Friday kicked off the first day of the full House of Delegates business, with Oklahoma delegates wearing matching orange and white bow ties and lapel pins. It is customary to allow the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association (OOA) president to select the delegation accessory every year. A delegate orientation was offered for new delegates at 8 a.m. The full House of Delegates convened at 9 a.m., where several reports were provided to delegates, alternate delegates and staff. One such report outlined the importance of the federal osteopathic political action committee, AOIA (American Osteopathic Information Association) PAC. The Oklahoma delegation was yet again proud to have 100% delegation participation (including alternate delegates) and submitted several thousand dollars in contributions to the AOIA PAC.

Every HOD resolution submitted is assigned and reviewed by a related reference committee. Committees include Educational Affairs, Professional Affairs, Public Affairs, Constitution & Bylaws, Resolutions, Ad Hoc, and the Joint/Board House Budget Review. Reference committees met Friday afternoon following the morning session.

That evening, the entire Oklahoma delegation and guests enjoyed dinner at Ruth’s Chris Steak House just a few short blocks from the hotel. Additional guests included Alex Smith, OMS-IV, national president of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA), and Sherri Wise, CPA, president/CEO of the Osteopathic Founders Foundation. The delegation was especially thankful to have Oklahoma’s student delegate, Calli Schardein, OMS-II, and Oklahoma’s alternate student delegate, Moeez Qureshi, OMS-II, attend as well. The evening kicked off with a short reception that transitioned to dinner where OOA President Gabriel M. Pitman, DO, provided welcoming remarks and then every attendee introduced themselves. Following dinner, delegates were encouraged to attend Oklahoma’s hospitality room, which enhances delegation camaraderie but also serves as an excellent networking opportunity with delegates from other states.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

On Saturday, the House of Delegates convened at 7:30 a.m. for the nominations to the AOA Board of Trustees and other leadership positions for the following year. Mark A. Baker, DO, of Texas was elected AOA president-elect. Next up was the A.T. Still Memorial Lecture by Martin S. Levine, DO. Dr. Levine spoke of the incredible advancement of osteopathic medicine throughout the last several decades and highlighted the pioneering nature of the profession. “The art of medicine is where the osteopathic professional is the generally accepted leader…the leader is defined as an organization as the most advanced or successful in a particular area. There is no debate about it, we are the leader in the art of medicine,” Dr. Levine said. He continued by discussing the dramatic health benefits of osteopathic manipulative medicine and encouraged delegates to “find your inner DO.”

Dr. Levine also shared some of Dr. Still’s own words—“The flag of scientific progress is accepted as truth and honored as such, not only in America but in other countries. I hope the faithful will rally around the osteopathic flag and we will build an international school that will offer no compromise unless it is the golden truth.” Dr. Levine is a past president of the AOA and practices in New Jersey.
At noon, the House adjourned for the House of Delegates Annual Awards Luncheon. At the luncheon, the “STAR” Strategic Planning Partnership Award, the Excellence in Journalism Award and the Northrup Award were presented. Additionally, the AOA presented the inaugural James M. Lally, DO, “Most Politically Active Student” Award. This scholarship went to Oklahoma’s own Owais Durrani, a third-year osteopathic medical student at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (OSU-COM).

Last year, Student Doctor Durrani represented OSU-COM on the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) and as Oklahoma’s alternate student delegate to the AOA House of Delegates. Durrani has served as a COSGP Mental Health Task Force member, as an OSU-COM Class of 2018 Student Affairs representative and as an orientation leader for the OSU-COM Class of 2019. A very active student on campus, he was chair of the OSU-COM Political Action Committee and is a member of Omega Beta Iota, the National Osteopathic Political Honor Society. Additionally, Student Doctor Durrani’s experience as an intern at the Baylor College of Medicine, as a Pickle Research Fellow and as a White House intern certainly made him stand out.

Following the awards luncheon, the House continued discussion on a host of resolutions. At 4 p.m., incoming AOA President Boyd R. Buser, DO, was sworn in by outgoing President John W. Becher, DO, and gave his Inaugural Address. Dr. Buser is an AOA board-certified physician in osteopathic manipulative medicine and family medicine and serves as the vice president for health affairs and dean of the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (UP-KYCOM). Dr. Buser graduated from Des Moines (Iowa) University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his postdoctoral medical training at the former Cranston General Hospital in Cranston, Rhode Island.

Read Dr. Buser’s inaugural remarks in full on page 12. The day concluded with the Presidential Reception that evening to which all were invited.

**SUNDAY, JULY 24**

The House of Delegates convened Sunday morning at 8 a.m. to approve nominations to the AOA Board of Trustees and board leadership positions. Final action had been taken on all resolutions by the conclusion of business on Saturday. Oklahoma’s candidate for the AOA Board of Trustees, C. Michael Ogle, DO, was elected to the position of third vice president. Dr. Ogle is in his final year on the OOA Board of Trustees after serving as its president in 2015-2016. For additional information on Dr. Ogle, please see page 6. Many members of the Oklahoma osteopathic family sought the support of national leaders on Dr. Ogle’s behalf. The last Oklahoman to serve on the AOA Board was Ray E. Stowers, DO, who served as AOA president in 2012-2013. There are a total of 25 physicians on the AOA Board of Trustees.

The OOA is incredibly proud of all the physicians who served our state at the AOA House of Delegates and appreciates the contributions made to ensure osteopathic excellence. Oklahoma’s 2016 delegation was as follows:
More information on the AOA Annual Meeting and House of Delegates can be found online: http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/events/annual-business-meeting/Pages/default.aspx

2016 AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES
OKLAHOMA DELEGATION

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1. Gabriel M. Pitman, DO
2. C. Michael Ogle, DO
3. David F. Hitzeman, DO* 
4. Layne E. Subera, DO
5. Bret S. Langerman, DO
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7. Dennis J. Carter, DO
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9. Duane G. Koehler, DO
10. Kayse M. Shrum, DO
11. Kenneth E. Calabrese, DO
12. Melissa A. Castorf, DO
13. Timothy J. Moser, DO
14. Christopher A. Shearer, DO
15. Ray E. Stowers, DO
16. Calli Schardein, OMS-II

ALTERNATE DELEGATES
1. Jeffrey A. Castorf, DO
2. Richard W. Schafer, DO
3. Clayton H. Royder, DO
4. Dale Derby, DO
5. Jonathan K. Bushman, DO
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14. Stanley E. Crogg, DO
15. Vacant
16. Moeez Qureshi, OMS-II

*Dr. Hitzeman serves as Chief Delegate
Good afternoon, osteopathic family!

Before I begin, I want to acknowledge the vision and accomplishments of John Becher during his year as President. John, thanks to you, we all know what it means to be a proud DO.

You demonstrated your pride and passion each day in your words and in your actions. You challenged DOs and osteopathic medical students to tell our story so we could collectively reach over two million people in just one year. This grassroots movement has added a truly authentic voice to the “Doctors That DO” campaign.

From one educator to another, it’s been a pleasure to learn from you . . . to caddy for you . . . to carry your bag . . . to be there to support you during cocktail hour.

Your ability to give your full attention and leadership to every situation is a true testament to your 40-year career in osteopathic emergency medicine. Thank you for knowing just the right ways to motivate, engage and inspire us all. The entire profession owes a sincere debt of gratitude to you and all the physician leaders who’ve come before you for giving so generously of their time and talents to make the practice of osteopathic medicine what it is today.

I would be remiss if I didn’t recognize some of the people who have inspired me on this journey. First and foremost, my parents, whose values were demonstrated and lived out every day in their actions, far more so than in just their words. Next, my first DO mentor, Dr. Bernard TePoorten, from whom I learned what our hands can do. J. Gordon Zink, DO who helped me truly understand the real application of the principles of our profession.

There are so many more DOs who influenced me in so many ways—Tony Chila, Larry Jones, Edna Lay. And Bill Anderson, who helped me understand what it means to have a true depth of conviction (come to think of it, Bill actually was convicted). There are also people who helped me learn how not to be, but I won’t be mentioning their names here today.
And last but definitely not least, there’s the other half of me . . . my better half . . . my wife, Pam. Pam, please join me here. For 40 years, Pam has supported me at every turn, always agreeing to follow me around the country, even if she did think I was crazy (and she may be right about that). She kept our home, shepherded the kids, put up with a lot from me, and always put our family first. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you. I love you, dear.

All right . . . We are all creating our future; a future that is in our hands! The amazing healing power of human touch, which is in every one of us, applied in the context of ultra-modern medicine. Osteopathic medicine is what our patients want, what they deserve, and what we are all here to provide. We all have that DO within us, and we must let our DO out!

To help you understand where I’m coming from and what brings me to this moment, I’d like to tell you about my three homes. My first home was in Iowa, growing up on the farm and learning life values . . . then, going to medical school and learning how enormously valuable osteopathic care is. I remember when I was a first year medical student, sitting in Dr. TePoorten’s office while he was seeing patients. Whenever he would get called out of the office, the patients would invariably begin telling me about how the care they received from him had changed their lives—made life worth living again, because he took away their pain, with his hands.

This had a profound effect on me. It was never illustrated more clearly. This . . . is what we all hoped to do when we chose to go into medicine—experience the joy of helping people recover their health and sense of well-being; having a better, happier life. What could possibly be a better or more fulfilling contribution for any person to make to our fellow human beings? This is the DO within us. I went into practice in Iowa, and it was during that time that I realized that I had to do more; that I could never take care of enough patients by myself; that I needed to teach more people to do what we do, so they could multiply the reach of osteopathic care.

This realization soon led me to the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Maine. That’s my second home. That’s where I became a teacher of osteopathic manipulative medicine. And I loved it! Not only did I teach more than 3,000 future DOs, but I also taught more teachers, and that makes me very proud. During that time, I also began to get involved in the leadership of our osteopathic organizations because I knew those institutions would be integral to maintaining the distinctiveness of the osteopathic profession and helping assure that more patients could receive osteopathic care.

My third home is in Kentucky, in the heart of central Appalachia, as dean of the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. Leading an institution whose mission is to produce primary care physicians, and is making a significant difference in healthcare in an area of such great need, is incredibly, personally, and professionally fulfilling. I can’t believe how fortunate I am to be able to be a part of that story. While serving as dean, I have also been able to continue to serve our profession, to advocate for payment for OMT, to exert influence on osteopathic medical education through the Blue Ribbon Commission, and to help construct a framework for the growth of osteopathic GME through the development of the single accreditation system for GME.

Those are my three homes (and incidentally, I will be taking you to all of them tonight at the party). That is the pathway that has brought me here, to this stage tonight as your 120th President of the American Osteopathic Association. It’s a great honor to lead our profession at a time when our nation . . . and the entire world for that matter . . . faces unprecedented challenges to building healthy communities.

We’re facing a growing physician shortage, we’re struggling with preventing and managing chronic diseases and how to address access disparities that prevent people from getting the health care they need, where and when they need it. I firmly believe the key to solving these problems and improving the health of all Americans is increasing access to high-quality, community-based care.

And who is better prepared to lead the way on this front than osteopathic physicians? This is our opportunity. This is who we are. We can influence change, and we must embrace the challenge. The osteopathic profession and the distinctive care we provide must not only survive but it must thrive!!

You know, as a profession, we’ve faced some difficult challenges over the years, and we’ve always emerged stronger on the other side. Today’s challenges—which include a rapidly changing and increasingly difficult regulatory and reimbursement environment—are impacting us in very real ways. And while we’ve accomplished a great deal as a profession, the level playing field we’ve achieved means we must work even harder to advance the profession in this highly competitive landscape.

The good news is that osteopathic medicine is in high demand. Patients value our approach, and how we partner with them to promote their health and well-being. DOs value the relationship between physician and patient, we seek health in our patients and we recognize that a person’s state of health depends on the body, mind and spirit. Our association is working hard to foster even more demand for our unique philosophy of care, and to create an environment that will allow our profession—and the next generation of DOs—to thrive.

How? We’ve invested in a multi-year, multi-million dollar public awareness campaign that is educating millions of Americans about who we are and what we do. We’re funding more osteopathic-focused research to demonstrate that osteopathic principles and practices improve patient outcomes in a meaningful and measurable way. We’re strengthening our capacity to influence public policy at all levels of government. And we’re opening new markets for osteopathic graduate medical education and board certification.
Looking ahead, the AOA will work to strengthen our international presence, advancing partnerships with those outside the U.S. who are interested in training and employing DOs to care for their citizens. We’ll work to better align AOA with our affiliate organizations to ensure we are advancing on common goals and positioning all of us for future success. And we will look to evolve our governance structure so we can be more nimble in response to opportunities and challenges while creating a structure that engages the younger members of our profession in volunteer leadership roles earlier in their careers.

I do recognize that not everyone in our profession shares my optimism about our future. And that may include some of you in this room. I get that. But it troubles me and it makes me sad. I have never been more optimistic about our future. In fact, I believe the osteopathic medical profession has arrived at a nexus; a convergence of three key developments—the astounding growth of our profession . . . the increased public awareness of osteopathic medicine . . . and the opportunities created by the transition to a single accreditation system for graduate medical education.

First, growth . . . The number of DOs has quadrupled in the past 30 years. There are now more than 123,000 DOs and osteopathic medical students, and we now represent more than 10% of all physicians in the U.S., and approximately 20% of family physicians. There are now 33 accredited colleges of osteopathic medicine on 48 campuses in 31 states. And there are more in the pipeline. Do you know, one in four medical students in the U.S. today is enrolled in a college of osteopathic medicine! Can you believe it?

Second, public awareness . . . As I mentioned earlier, our public awareness campaign is reaching consumers through national print, digital, social and outdoor advertising, and a new website—DoctorsThatDO.org. Is your practice information up to date with the AOA? You should make sure that it is because patients are looking for you! We’ve had more than half a million visits to the Doctors That DO website and more than 300,000 “Find Your DO” searches since its launch at OMED last fall.

And third, the single accreditation system for GME . . . From the beginning, unifying the GME accreditation system has been built to assure perpetuation of the distinctive elements of osteopathic GME and increasing those opportunities for all physicians in training—MDs as well as DOs.

The future of OGME lies in ACGME accredited programs with Osteopathic Recognition. In fact, Osteopathic Recognition represents an opportunity for growth of OGME beyond the creation of de novo programs in virgin hospitals. This is what our new generation of students want. We know that more than 70% of DO students today would prefer to enter GME programs that have Osteopathic Recognition. "Osteopathic medicine is what our patients want, what they deserve, and what we are all here to provide. We all have that DO within us, and we must let our DO out!"
Recognition. We are optimistic about the progress of the transition after this first year.

As we expected, programs that were previously accredited only by ACGME are already seeking and have received Osteopathic Recognition. With the transition to the single accreditation system for GME, MDs will now be able to train in osteopathic-focused programs for the first time and, ultimately, those physicians will be eligible for AOA board certification. Our AOA board certification will continue, and we’re working to strengthen its value so it will grow and thrive in a competitive market. We’ve changed the way we accredit GME in a manner that will perpetuate the distinctive elements of osteopathic medical education. We’ve created a new market to meet the growing demand.

And to use a little Iowa farming lingo, think of our integration into ACGME governance and administration as “hybrid vigor” (that is, the offspring being superior to either of the parents). As I said to you at last year’s House, we are a virulent strain, injected into the host, for the good of all—students, residents, and most of all, patients. Our profession’s growth … the increased public awareness and demand for our approach to medicine … combined with the opportunities created by the single accreditation system … are converging in a way that places osteopathic medicine and osteopathic physicians in a unique position to lead and influence action and change in health care. This is why I’m optimistic . . . This is why I see opportunity . . . This is why I’m excited!

I told you about my three homes and how I got here. Now, I want you to think back to why you chose to become a physician, what it means to you to practice osteopathically. Let your DO out. It works every time it’s done. Every time, it opens doors. And the profession’s future depends on it.

To quote the original Ghostbusters . . . We have the tools . . . and we have the talent. And that talent is what will bring us forward . . . to ensure the future of the osteopathic profession and the quality care we provide. Every single one of us, must make it our personal responsibility to approach our future with optimism . . . and to seize our opportunities at every turn. To let our DO out!

The work is hard, and there are many challenges. But if you believe in our profession like I do, it is your job as leaders to make . . . it . . . happen!! There has never been a better time or a brighter future for our profession. It’s in our hands—literally as well as figuratively.

I invite you all to join us as we create our future, a future where more and more patients get osteopathic care; what they want, what they deserve, and what we provide when we let our DO out!

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Thank you, Dean Shrum. This is the first time I haven’t had to correct someone for calling me Dr. Else instead of Student Doctor Else. I can’t believe it!

I am extremely honored to be given the opportunity to deliver the commencement address on behalf of the Class of 2016. I’m not quite sure how I was given this opportunity. Honestly, I think I was the only one willing to do it. And believe it or not, they put me at the very end, when everyone is ready to leave . . . sooo sorry! In all seriousness, it’s a huge privilege to be here amongst some of the smartest, most caring, and best looking doctors out there, and I am proud to call them part of my OSU family!

We are all here tonight to celebrate the mental torture . . . no, sorry . . . the hard work we have put into our schooling for the past four years. And while I normally love to focus on myself, it’s the family, friends and significant others I would like to thank first. Without all of you, there wouldn’t be a single one of us here today. You were with us from the very beginning—when we still had that glimpse of happiness as we started our first day of school. You were also there when we realized how completely naïve we had been about what it is really like to go through medical school. Some of you probably received phone calls at 4 a.m. from a bawling medical student who just isn’t ready for that four-hour neuroanatomy test.
at 8 a.m. . . . sorry Mom and Dad!! But it is because of your love and support that we have been able to endure one of the toughest moments of our lives. We wouldn’t want anything else than to have all of you here with us today to celebrate our first moments as physicians. So thank you!

I sincerely wish you could have been in the room for some of our most embarrassing moments these past few years. I personally spent hours practicing medical techniques . . . such as how to say “student” as fast as possible for my introduction as “Student Doctor Else.” Some of the funniest moments were when we performed our first gynecological exam—luckily, the patient couldn’t see the expressions on our faces as we did it. Or the moment we were delivering our first baby. We were taught a whole routine for how the delivery should proceed, and all we could think of was “do not drop the baby.”

Little by little, our confidence grew stronger . . . mainly because we learned a piece of wisdom called “fake it ‘til you make it.” And I’m sure we all used the “I’m sorry, I’m just a student . . . the doctor will be in shortly” excuse when patients started asking the tough questions! Unfortunately, that’s not really going to work anymore. But it was those moments of confusion and uncertainty that have led to us finding the confidence that we might actually know something! Now, we will continue to grow as we approach our residencies. We will continue to have those panic moments, but remember that we are here for each other, just as we were in the past, and we will get through it!

I’d like to finish my time up here by asking for a promise from my fellow doctors. I ask that you will take this time to reevaluate why you are here and where you want to go in the future. It is during this time that we will begin to form the habits we will keep the rest of our careers. To help me with this task, Dr. Michael David told me his “3 C’s for Success” and I would like to share them with you now.

The first, and most important, “C” is for compassion. You need to continually care for your patients but also for your health care team. Every patient is a person. Take the time to put yourself in their shoes, earn their trust, and try to understand the struggle that they are going through. The same goes for your nurses, clinic staff and hospital workers. After all, they’re the ones taking care of your patients while you are away. They all deserve just as much respect as the title “doctor” does.

The next “C” is for consistency. Each patient deserves the best care possible, and we cannot let outside forces affect our decisions or morals.

The last “C” is for competence. We should be striving every day to further our knowledge and understanding of the world around us. Whether that is the subject of the Zika virus or the importance of providing medical care to the LGBT community, we cannot give in to complacency. We have been blessed with the opportunity to love and heal our patients, and we need not take that for granted.

I’m also asking for a promise from our friends and family—that you will continue to push us to be our best, to challenge us to expand our perspectives of the world, to keep us humble, and to continually remind us that we are simply here to serve our communities.

Fellow doctors . . . Doctors! . . . I don’t think I can say that word enough . . . Your hard work, self-discipline, and dedication have brought you to this threshold that marks the accomplishment of one goal and the stepping-off point for the next star on your horizon. I wish the absolute best for you as you find the reward and the blessings that make the struggle and study worth the sacrifice. May you continue to find satisfaction and a sense of calling in the path that lies ahead.

Thank you all for being here to celebrate with us, and congratulations Class of 2016!
Submit your nominations

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association is now accepting nominations for the Doctor of the Year Award, A.T. Still Award of Excellence, Rookie Physician of the Year, Outstanding & Distinguished Service Award, and Award of Appreciation. These awards will be presented at the OOA’s 117th Annual Convention April 27-30, 2017, and represent the highest honor the OOA can bestow in recognition of outstanding service and contributions to the osteopathic profession in Oklahoma. Be sure to return the nomination form found on page 21 to the OOA office by Nov. 17 for consideration by the OOA’s Bureau on Awards.

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OOA Awards Nomination Form

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DOCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
The OOA Doctor of the Year Award is the most prestigious honor within the OOA. Nominees must:
- Has been in practice for at least 10 years
- Provides his/her community with compassionate, comprehensive and caring medical service on a continuing basis
- Directly and effectively involved in community affairs
- Supports his/her state and professional associations and humanitarian programs

Nominee Name:__________________________________________________________
Supporting Information:________________________________________________
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A.T. STILL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Honors a physician who has contributed significantly to the advancement of osteopathic medical education in Oklahoma

Nominee Name:__________________________________________________________
Supporting Information:________________________________________________
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ROOKIE PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
Honors a physician in his/her second year of practice who has exemplified significant contributions and service to his/her school, community and Association

Nominee Name:__________________________________________________________
Supporting Information:________________________________________________
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OUTSTANDING & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Honors a physician who has significantly contributed to improving the community and promoting osteopathic medicine

Nominee Name:__________________________________________________________
Supporting Information:________________________________________________
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AWARD OF APPRECIATION
Honors an OOA Member or friend of the osteopathic profession in Oklahoma who has donated his/her time and efforts to improve mankind

Nominee Name:__________________________________________________________
Supporting Information:________________________________________________
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OOA Member Name:_______________________________________________________
Date:________________________

Please return this form to the OOA Office by Nov. 17, 2016, by mail to 4848 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, by email to marie@okosteo.org or by fax to 405-528-6102.
Oklahoma Osteopathic Association trustee Dale Derby, DO, of Owasso, has launched his candidacy for state representative for House District 74. District 74 encompasses portions of northeastern Tulsa County and western Rogers County, taking in much of the town of Owasso.

A graduate of the University of Tulsa and the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Derby interned at Normandy Osteopathic Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. After 12 years running a busy family practice in Farmington, Missouri, he completed an anesthesiology residency at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. He also spent four years in the Navy as a general medical officer and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant commander. An OOA trustee since 2012, Dr. Derby currently serves on the Bureau on Legislation and as vice chair of the Bureau on Member Services.

“I am a Christian, conservative Republican who is seeking this position because many of the bills passed each session deal with areas of medicine,” Derby said. “As you may be aware, there is a constant meddling or intrusion by different groups who want to extend the scope of practice by reducing the scope of practice of physicians. We must defend our profession and maintain its legitimacy.”

He lists his guiding principles to be passionate conservatism, principles first, family values and freedom. District 74 is being vacated by his son Rep. David Derby after 10 years in the state legislature. More information on Dr. Derby’s campaign can be found at www.dalederby74.com. The general election is Nov. 8.
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Jennifer A. McKissick, DO, 52, of Bartlesville, passed away May 6, 2016. In 1993, she earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and began her postgraduate education in surgery and family medicine in Louisiana before completing an anesthesiology residency at the University of Oklahoma. A member of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association since 2002, she practiced anesthesiology in Tulsa and Bartlesville. As a cancer survivor, she founded Hopestone Wellness and Cancer Support Center in 2012, and, in 2013, she was named Bartlesville Citizen of the Year for her efforts. Dr. McKissick’s service also included time in the Peace Corp in the Marshall Islands.
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OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
OEFOM Board of Trustees Meeting
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Sept. 16-20, 2016
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Anaheim, CA

Sept. 21-25, 2016
OOA Post Convention Trip
Riviera Maya, Mexico

Oct. 6, 2016
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting
Oklahoma City, OK

Nov. 3, 2016
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
Tulsa, OK

Dec. 1, 2016
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting
OEFOM Board of Trustees Meeting
Oklahoma City, OK

Jan. 5, 2017
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
Oklahoma City, OK

Jan. 27-29, 2017
2017 Winter CME Seminar
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Catoosa, OK

Feb. 2, 2017
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting
Oklahoma City, OK

March 2, 2017
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
OEFOM Board of Trustees Meeting
Oklahoma City, OK

March 29, 2017
Osteopathic Medicine Day at the Capitol
Oklahoma City, OK

April 6, 2017
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting
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