FUNDING THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE
2003 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
As your dean, I have two major priorities in dealing with this crisis. First, we will do everything in our power not to compromise the quality of education offered by MSUCOM. We are producing professionals who will keep us vital. Two of Michigan’s definitions of “to develop” are particularly useful: “to work out the possibilities of” and “to make active or promote the growth of.” Those whose names are listed on our honor roll (pages 8-13) are providing economic lifeblood for our college, without which we would not be celebrating the successes we have today. As you know, the situation is fragile at the moment. With the deep cuts to higher education because of the state’s economy, Michigan’s public universities are bearing large reductions in their budgets. (This 6.5% cut, combined with the 3.5% already taken for this fiscal year, means a 10% reduction, more than $39 million for MSU.) Though we don’t yet know specifically how this will impact our college, there’s no doubt that it will be painful. But if we take the initiative, keep positive, work together, communicate precisely, plan carefully and remain flexible, we can minimize the damage.

As your dean, I have two major priorities in dealing with this crisis. First, we will do everything in our power not to compromise the quality of education offered by MSUCOM. We are producing professionals who will make life and death decisions each day, and we have a moral obligation to train the best physicians possible. Second, we will do all we can to minimize the human impact of these cuts among our faculty, staff and students. There’s much you can do to help. Please educate yourself as much as possible about Michigan’s budget problems, and keep abreast of news about higher education funding, especially for MSU. Consider a timely donation to MSUCOM, or augmenting your gift. Our development officer, Sharon Snyder, (517) 355-8555, will be happy to assist you. Thank you for all you are and for all you do. Thank you for your gifts — material and nonmaterial — to MSUCOM. Thank you for remaining active with us in creating a positive and healthy future.

William D. Strampel, D.O., Dean

MSUCOM was built and sustained by the gifts of those visionaries dedicated to preserving the future of the osteopathic profession. Many of these gifts are material. Many, however, cannot be deducted on a Schedule A, such as enthusiasm, advocacy and voluntarism for the college. All are important. All have brought us to today’s level of excellence, the most recent reminder of which is U.S. News & World Report’s recently ranking us as fourth among all primary care medical schools in the nation. This issue of Communiqué celebrates the role of development — the gifts and grants to MSUCOM that keep us vital. Two of Michigan-Webb’s definitions of “to develop” are particularly useful: “to work out the possibilities of” and “to make active or promote the growth of.” Those whose names are listed on our honor roll (pages 8-13) are providing economic lifeblood for our college, without which we would not be celebrating the successes we have today.
The Power of Giving

by Steven D. Bevier

The MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine was built on the contributions of the community it serves and the doctors it created. Development has always been a vital component of the college’s growth and maturity. The college would literally not exist were it not for the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation, which was established by donations from D.O.s across the state. (See page 16.) MSUCOM is a state-assisted school, but it relies on the generous donations of alumni, faculty, staff, students, doctors, patients and grateful members of the community. This issue of Communiqué highlights just some of the examples of development gifts that have enriched the college, improved the quality of education and promoted the osteopathic philosophy.

Students

Focusing on the Individual

The choice to earn a D.O. degree requires a tremendous commitment of time and energy. It is also expensive, with the cost of a four-year degree running well over $150,000. As part of the new Campaign for MSU, the College of Osteopathic Medicine has recently targeted several funding areas that would be of great benefit to the student population.

One goal is the establishment of more student scholarships to help with the growing cost of medical school. “We have many scholarships available,” says William Falls, Ph.D., associate dean for student services, “but none exceeds $5,000 and only one follows a student for four full years.” He adds that more scholarship money could serve as a recruitment tool for students who are worried the cost of medical school may be prohibitive. MSUCOM is committed to attracting the best and brightest. One program that does this is the Osteopathic Medical Scholars. The program identifies undergraduates who have a strong interest in osteopathic medicine, and offers them conditional acceptance to MSUCOM upon completion of the program. Norma Baptista, Ph.D., faculty adviser for the Scholars, says the program has been successful, but she would like to do more. “Part of the osteopathic philosophy is the focus on individuals,” she explains. “We want to be able to give the students more attention and really make them feel like a part of the college.” She agrees that scholarship opportunities would be an effective way to attract a larger pool of talented candidates.

Attracting the Best and the Brightest

Mario Alvarado was a student at the University of California-Berkeley when he began to think about his postgraduate plans. “I was always interested in science,” he says, “but I wanted to do something where I would have contact with real people.” He began researching and found that a D.O. program and the study of osteopathic manipulative medicine was just what he was seeking. That led to the decision to attend Michigan State.

One of the hardest challenges medical students face is simply finding a way to pay for their education. For out-of-state students like Mr. Alvarado, the challenge is even greater. In order to ease his burden, he chose to take a big risk. He delayed his admission to MSUCOM for one year and moved to Michigan to establish in-state residency. “I had just gotten married, but I came here by myself to find a job and a place to live,” he explains. “I didn’t know anyone. I didn’t even have a car. All I had was my bike to get around town.” It was a tough transition for him and his wife, but they found work, while he waited to begin medical school. Mr. Alvarado settled in and eventually joined the Class of 2004.

The move was a big gamble, and he had to delay the start of his education for a full year, but he says he would do it again. “It was a long process and I had to be very careful to make sure all the details were taken care of. But it was definitely worth the wait.” He has since advised other out-of-state students to follow the same path, but with one caution. “If you’re absolutely sure that this is the right place for you, then I would recommend it.”

Mr. Alvarado made the choice to attend MSUCOM no matter the sacrifice, but for others the choice is not as easy. “Cost is the number one thing,” says Dr. Falls. “It makes it difficult to recruit students, especially minority and out-of-state candidates.”

Scholarships have helped many students — including Mr. Alvarado — but the college is eager to encourage more opportunities. “Many of our scholarships are started by alumni,” Dr. Falls adds. “They know what students go through, because they’ve been through it themselves. It’s an excellent way for them to give back.”

Student scholarships also serve another goal of the college, which is increasing student diversity. MSUCOM already has several scholarships targeted to underrepresented minorities. But Dr. Baptista says the college needs more opportunities to avoid losing students to other schools. “We’ve had several qualified candidates that have unfortunately gone to other schools because of the cost. We need more financial incentives to attract the best students.”

Alumni

Giving Back to the Alma Mater

While a student at MSUCOM, Robert G.G. Piccinini, D.O., F.A.C.N., spent six weeks in Italy on an overseas study trip. The trip was a particularly meaningful one for him. “It really gave me an appreciation for how medicine can be practiced in other cultures,” he says. The trip was also special for another reason. He got to see a part of the world that is close to his family’s heart.

Dr. Piccinini, Class of 1992, had two grandparents who immigrated to the United States from Italy: his maternal grandmother, Ida Amici, in the 1920s, and his paternal grandfather, Amedeo Piccinini, in the 1960s.

Both grandparents greatly influenced Dr. Piccinini’s life. “They taught me an appreciation and respect for other cultures,” he says. “My grandfather used to remind me about a doctor he knew who spoke five languages. He was impressed that the doctor could treat patients in any of those languages.” A farmer in Italy before he came to the U.S., the grandfather taught himself to read and write in those languages.”

Mario Alvarado is entering his fourth year at MSUCOM and is currently doing rotations at Ingham Regional Medical Center.
Dr. Piccinini has planned two scholarships in honor of his grandparents Amedeo Piccinini and Ida Amici.

Honoring a Classmate

Stefan H. Kobiljak, D.O., was fresh out of medical school when a tragic car accident cut short his life. However, the Class of 1985 graduate will not be forgotten in the halls of MSUCOM.

In fact, the Kobiljak name has become ubiquitous to MSUCOM students; thanks to two rooms – the Kobiljak Computer Center and the Kobiljak Resource Center – that have become entwined with the students’ daily lives. The centers were established in 1991 by a substantial gift from the Kobiljak family. The facilities provide computers for student use, high-speed Internet connections for mobile computing, software, required readings and a host of other resources that are a vital part of MSUCOM students’ education. They also serve as hubs of student social and study activity, providing both quiet areas and collaborative group spaces for student interaction.

The centers recently received another gift and, once again, the Class of 1985 was a part of it. When the class graduated, there was a small amount of funds left over from various class activities. The Class of 1985 was a part of it. When the class graduated, there was a small amount of funds left over from various class activities.

The funds were put into a money market account and it was basically forgotten about,” he explains. “Several years later, I was still getting the statements, and I realized it had become quite a significant amount.” In the 17 years since the class had graduated, a couple hundred dollars had grown into $7,500.

Dr. Kage, who has a family practice in Flint, ran into a few of his classmates at alumni functions and mentioned the money to them. However, no one was sure what should be done with it. Finally, Dr. Kage decided that best thing to do was give the money back to the alma mater. It was a memorial to one of our former students and is such an integral part of daily life at MSUCOM,” says Ms. Porter. “I feel a lot of pride of working here.”

Community

Devoted to Supporting Osteopathic Medicine

The osteopathic profession has a rich tradition of helping the community. The majority of graduates from MSUCOM go on to work in primary care and community medicine.

That’s one reason why it is especially rewarding when the community gives back to the profession.

There are several local foundations in Michigan that are devoted to supporting osteopathic medicine. These foundations have become important partners with MSUCOM and have helped to fund various programs and scholarships. Their generosity helps encourage osteopathic students and fosters cooperation between the college and the community.

Some recent gifts include the Riverside Osteopathic Hospital Guild Endowed Scholarship and the Riverside Medical Staff Endowed Scholarship. Another scholarship was established by the Sinai Medical Staff Foundation, which is associated with Sinai-Grace Hospital in Southfield.

Another partner is the Muskegon General Osteopathic Foundation. The foundation provides funding for Muskegon-area students who participate in OsteoCHAMPS, a program designed to give high school students an introduction to medicine and the osteopathic philosophy.

OsteoCHAMPS explore the anatomy lab
Dynamic Dual

Medical Scientist Training Program

by Steven D. Bevier

In the 1970s, the College of Osteopathic Medicine was a young organization. The college’s first dean, Myron S. Magen, D.O., was charting a course for this new academic institution. He recognized that the osteopathic profession needed more D.O.s who could add to the body of scientific knowledge.

It was that idea that led to the creation of the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP), a unique dual-degree program in which graduates receive both a D.O. and a Ph.D. in their chosen field of biomedical science. The goal is to create a new generation of physician-researchers, who can combine the research skills of a scientist with the knowledge of a fully trained osteopathic doctor.

With the support of Dean Magen, MSTP was officially launched in 1979 under the leadership of Philipp Gerhardt, Ph.D., the associate dean for research and graduate studies in the college, who led the program through its formative years. He recruited the first students and helped to develop their courses of study.

Veronica Maher, Ph.D., current associate dean for graduate studies and director of the college, who led the program through its formative years. He recruited the first students and helped to develop their courses of study.

MSTP says that today medical schools are trained for more physician-scientists. “These persons are in a unique position to focus on the basic mechanisms of disease,” she says. “The more a physician knows about how disease affects the human body, the better he or she is able to treat the patient.”

This marks the 25th year of MSTP, and a dinner was held in May to honor the occasion. MSTP students past and present were invited back to campus for a trip down memory lane. Dr. Gerhardt presented a history of the program, and several faculty members, students, staff and alumni were recognized for their contributions. Since MSTP began, 25 people have earned both a Ph.D. and a D.O. degree within the program.

The number of graduates may seem small, but MSTP is very demanding. It generally takes students seven to eight years to complete the requirements. Not only do they undergo the full complement of osteopathic medical education, but they also take graduate courses required for the Ph.D. degree and under the guidance of their major professor, for several years conduct independent scientific research into an unsolved biomedical question.

Justin McTerrick, Ph.D., associate dean for research, agrees about the need for more physicians who are able and willing to do scientific study. “When we bring new D.O. faculty members here, they often lack the basic research background that can be very useful at an academic institution.”

One student who answered the challenge was John Goudreau, D.O., Ph.D. Dr. Goudreau received his Ph.D. from MSUCOM in 1994 and his D.O. in 1995. He then went on to complete six years of residency and fellowship training at the Mayo Clinic.

In early 2002, Dr. Goudreau was recruited by MSUCOM to take a joint faculty position in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and the Department of Neurology and Ophthalmology. He is a perfect example of the professional academic medical scientist that MSTP creates. He has set up a laboratory where his research focuses on dopamine neurons and the treatment of Parkinson’s disease. He complements that work by seeing patients at MSU’s Parkinson’s Clinic, giving his research immediate impact. To top it all off, Dr. Goudreau is in the classroom, teaching the osteopathic students at MSUCOM.

“Dr. Goudreau is a marvelous role model for the students in the Medical Scientist Training Program,” says Dr. Maher. “We are very pleased that he has returned to MSU.”

Why did Dr. Goudreau take on such a demanding career? “I love what I’m doing,” he says. He adds that his research training allows him to study medicine with more depth, to learn the “nuts and bolts” of disease and treatment. Earning two graduate degrees, followed by post-doctoral education at the Mayo Clinic took a lot of time and effort, but he says, “I would do it over again a million times.”

Dr. Maher says that MSUCOM is committed to growing the program, and Dean Strampel has made it one of his top priorities, providing significant funding to maintain it even in a period of financial stress. Students receive financial support from the college, but the full cost associated with seven-to-eight years of intensive study can be a strain on students. One source of support is the Phyllis K. and Walter P. Dell Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded to a student in MSTP each year. The Dells were also recognized at the recent MSTP dinner for their contribution to the program.

MSTP has continued to expand, and as of Fall 2003, nine students will be enrolled and working toward their degrees. For prospective students considering the dual-degree program, Dr. Goudreau offers one piece of advice. “Be absolutely sure that it’s the right thing for you,” he says. “It’s long road, but if you love what you’re doing, you won’t regret it.”
The Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine would like to thank the hundreds of donors whose contributions and service provide the backbone of our institution and have secured the future of osteopathic education for years to come.

In the past thirty years, the College of Osteopathic Medicine has grown from humble beginnings to become one of the finest medical schools in the country. Through their generosity, the donors listed here have created a legacy of excellence in education, research and community health. On behalf of the faculty, students and staff of the college, I offer our sincerest thanks.

William D. Stempel, D.O., DO

Embracing Diversity
through College Programs

by Steven D. Bevier

DIVERSITY EDUCATION SERIES
An analysis of diversity in the curriculum, studies of best practices, research on attitudes and beliefs about diversity among students, and a diversity speaker series are all part of a new Diversity Education Project at MSUCOM.

The project, developed by Sandy Kilbourn, executive director of external programs, and Pat Grauer, director of public relations, is funded by a $17,000 grant from the Office of the Provost.

The speaker series was developed through feedback from students, faculty, and staff. Certain themes – poverty, justice, sexuality, Islam, and Hispanic and African-American cultures – were identified as being of the highest interest, and experts were asked to come and share their knowledge.

The series began in January with a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Reverend Russell McReynolds, D.Min., senior pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Lansing, spoke about the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and his commitment to peace and justice.

Since then, speakers from various backgrounds have come to speak about diversity. Kathy Kleiner, D.O., Class of 1992, shared her story about opening a health clinic for the poor in inner city Detroit. Amina Khalil discussed Islam and issues that arise when working with Muslim patients, and El Paso educator Rosa Guerrero spoke about the struggle for educational and economic opportunities for black people in America and the goal of ending the inequality in our country.

Dr. William Anderson: A clinical professor of osteopathic surgical specialties at MSUCOM, Dr. Anderson demonstrated the importance of Black History Month and the need for people of all races to understand and appreciate the contributions that African-Americans have made to society.

Mr. Tom Hayden: A Freedom Rider during the 1960s, Tom Hayden served 18 years in the California Legislature, representing the 19th District. Dr. Hayden discussed the history of his Irish ancestors and the struggles of underrepresented minorities throughout our country’s history.

In addition to giving their presentations, the visiting scholars take time to teach to MSUCOM students on campus.

The fourth Visiting Minority Faculty Lecture Series is scheduled for February 2004.

VISITING MINORITY FACULTY LECTURE SERIES
The Visiting Minority Faculty Lecture Series has entered its third year at MSUCOM and the program has already become a smashing success. The series titled, “From Slavery to Freedom: An American Odyssey,” brings distinguished speakers to the Michigan State campus, to deliver lectures about African-American history and the Civil Rights Movement. The series has developed a loyal following and hundreds of people came out to listen and learn from this year’s presenters.


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Outside the office Ms. VanDeuren enjoys her family, biking, gardening, and taking long walks near her Williamston home.

by Pat Grauer

Have you heard the old story about the two men interrupted at work one day? Asked what he was doing, one answered that he was digging a hole. The second, however, replied that he was building a cathedral.

Christine VanDeuren’s vision of her job is of the cathedral-building variety. Development assistant at MSUCOM, she works with Sharon Snyder, director of development, to ensure that the donation process to the college is as smooth, easy, and efficient as possible.

“My favorite part of the job is to see how happy people are when they make their dreams come true through their philanthropy,” she says, providing a breadth of perception that is reflected in the product. She doesn’t just work with computers and lists and letters and phone calls. She’s working with people – people with dreams who have toiled hard to develop the resources to make them a reality.

She began her career at the university in 1996, working for the MSU Foundation/Planned Giving and the Major Gifts units at University Development before coming to MSUCOM in 1999. Raised in Lansing, she received her B.A. in business management from Northwood University.

In her position she handles a multitude of tasks, including maintaining records, sending out acknowledgment letters, handling deposits and compiling reports.

Outside the office Ms. VanDeuren enjoys her family, biking, gardening, and taking long walks near her Williamston home.

What’s her message to those considering donations to MSUCOM? “Every dollar counts,” she says. “Every donation helps to fulfill the dreams of a future doctor.”
By Dennis M. Paradis, M.P.H.
MOA Executive Director

The year was 1959. Alan Potts, D.O., was being installed as president of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. In his presidential address, Dr. Potts announced that Michigan would be the home of the next college of osteopathic medicine. This was a daunting task considering that no new osteopathic schools had been opened for 30 years. But in an effort to make Dr. Potts’ predictions come true, the osteopathic profession created a charity named the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation (MOCF).

The first contribution to MOCF was a $1,000 check from the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Auxiliary. Soon after that, the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons membership voted to tax themselves $2,000 (payable over 10 years) to create a trust fund, and a large number of Michigan’s osteopathic physicians contributed. With the support of MOCF, the Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine was established in 1969 in Pontiac, Michigan, and became part of Michigan State University in 1971.

Michigan State University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) has grown to become one of the nation’s most respected medical schools for primary care. During those 32 years of growth, MOCF has remained MSUCOM’s private partner. Each year the MOCF trust fund supports student grants or scholarships as well as a variety of MSUCOM programs for which other funding is not available. Examples of these projects include the Kobiljak Computer Center, the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Fellows Program, Communique and portions of the MSUCOM convocation, graduation and Silverfest programs. In 1997, MSU President Peter McPherson presented the MOCF board with the Frank S. Kedzie Award in recognition of $1 million in contributions to MSUCOM.

MOCF is a shining example of what is best in the osteopathic family — a willingness to reach out and support the next generation of osteopathic physicians. It started in 1959 when osteopathic physicians agreed to tax themselves to create a trust fund that would serve as a catalyst to build MSUCOM. Their leadership, vision and generosity have benefited every student that has attended MSUCOM. But that commitment didn’t end 25 years ago. It continues to the present day. Each time MOA members pay dues, they are asked to make a contribution to the MOCF. Each year, the osteopathic physicians of Michigan are asked to purchase tickets to a dinner-dance to support the MOCF, and each year Michigan osteopathic physicians reach into their pocket or pocketbook and make a contribution to support the next generation of osteopathic physicians.

As the executive director for MOCF, I hope that you will participate in the great osteopathic tradition of helping the next generation by supporting MOCF. In these difficult economic times MSUCOM students and programs need the support of their MOCF private partner more than ever.
Alumni of the Year and Dean’s Award for Meritorious Contribution

Each year we like to recognize some of the individuals that make notable achievements in the field of osteopathic medicine. The MSUCOM Alumni Office is seeking nominations for the Alumnus of the Year Award and the Dean’s Award for Meritorious Contribution. Both will be awarded at the MSUCOM Alumni Luncheon at the AOA Convention in September.

Applications can be found on our Web site at http://www.com.msu.edu/alumni or by calling (877) 853-3448. Nominees should be active in their profession and make notable achievements in the field of osteopathic medicine.

Alumnus of the Year Criteria

• Commitment to the osteopathic profession exemplified by the practice, teaching or research of osteopathic principles and techniques
• Commitment to public service demonstrated by active leadership in the community
• Outstanding achievements, including those leading to better understanding of key clinical issues in the practice of medicine.

Dean’s Award Criteria

• An alumna or alumnus of MSUCOM
• Nominated by MSUCOM alumni, faculty, staff or students and selected by the dean
• Exemplary positive achievements, either in professional or personal life
• Recognized as either a personal or professional role model for others

Alumni Office On-line

Capabilities:

Making it simple! The MSUCOM Alumni office has put the change of address/information forms, membership applications and Silverfest bio information on the web. Take a moment to help us keep our records up to date.

Just a reminder, for every member of the MSU Alumni Association who chooses the College of Osteopathic Medicine as their constituent association, our alumni office receives funding to help support our programs throughout the year.

PAY IT FORWARD

Greetings MSUCOM alumni! This is an important time for our alma mater. The college is taking on new challenges and the field of osteopathic medicine is growing. At the same time, economic issues are challenging MSUCOM to develop new ways to serve the needs of its students, faculty, staff and alumni.

It’s more important than ever that we keep the lines of communication open. We are moving to continue a “two-way street” after graduation. Just this month we began dialogue on enhancing CME activity online, so it can be available anywhere, anytime for D.O.s worldwide. While these discussions are underway, consider checking out the CME opportunities that already exist at our current Web site at http://www.com.msu.edu/cme/. Click on “CME Online” in the left menu bar and find “Visualization of Osteopathic Principles and Practice,” an online CME program by Rick Hallgren, Ph.D.

Keep us informed about what’s happening in your world and we will keep you up-to-date on all the opportunities that MSUCOM and the Alumni Association have to offer. To help with this effort, we’ve established a new e-mail address: alumni@com.msu.edu. Use it to send us your e-mail address and that will make contacts between the school and alumni quicker and easier.

Finally, I urge you to get involved. As we remember where we were given opportunities in our professional career path, it’s just as important to “pay it forward” with new opportunities for students who will be the future of the college and the D.O. profession. As members of the current profession, consider how you might find a way to donate your time or money to ensure our future tomorrow and for generations to come.

There are a number of different ways that you can contribute and make the college stronger. Contributions of your time, expertise and/or money will benefit us all. To find out more on how you might be able to contribute, contact Sharon Snyder at the MSUCOM Development Office either at (517) 353-8555 or snydersw@msu.edu.

Until next time – GO GREEN!

David Neff, D.O., President, MSUCOM Alumni Association

HOODING 2003

From Student to Doctor

by Steven D. Bevier

The journey was long and difficult, but the dreams of 131 determined men and women were finally realized. The students became doctors as the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine held its annual hooding and commencement ceremony at the Wharton Center on Thursday, May 1. Hundreds of family, friends and supporters came out to witness the occasion as the graduates were minted with their new D.O. degrees.

Dean William D. Strampel, D.O., opened the ceremony with a greeting followed by an introduction of the keynote speaker, Steven Pitt, D.O., MSUCOM Class of 1986. Dr. Pitt shared stories of his years of experience as a forensic psychiatrist and offered advice for the graduates on the importance of communication and cooperation in the medical world.

Dr. Pitt’s address was followed by the presentation of student awards. William Sanders, D.O., received the Richard L. Alper Memorial Award for his distinguished community service. The Judith K. Weisswasser Memorial Award, recognizing an outstanding woman graduate, went to Mia Flor Wimberley, D.O. The Dean’s Recognition Award was given to Nikolai Butki, D.O. and the MOA Outstanding Graduating Senior Award was presented to Jamil Rizqalla, D.O. Dr. Rizqalla, who is also the class president, then addressed his classmates, congratulating them on their accomplishments and wishing them luck for the future.

William Falls, Ph.D., associate dean for student services, then presented the degree candidates. With friends and family cheering them on, each of the graduates strode across the stage to receive the coveted green hood, the symbol of their doctorate degrees. Then the new D.O.s recited the osteopathic oath, officially signaling their arrival into the community of physicians.
Visitors listen to presentations about the life of a medical student.

OPEN HOUSE
MSUCOM held its annual Open House on Friday, March 28. Hundreds of people visited Fee Hall and got a closer look at the world of osteopathic medicine. Prospective students were given tours led by current MSUCOM students, spoke with admissions counselors and academic program advisors, and were treated to a presentation on “A Day in the Life of a Medical Student.”

Guests of the college also received free health assessments and hands-on demonstrations in the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine lab and listened to medical case presentations from MSUCOM faculty.

The Open House also included an art exhibit featuring numerous works by students, faculty staff, and even some grateful patients.

A “hands-on” introduction to OMM

A guest receives a free blood screening from a MSUCOM student.

ROARING ’20s DANCE
The students of MSUCOM pulled off another big success at the 9th Annual Charity Raffle and Roaring ’20s Dance, sponsored by the Michigan Osteopathic Association. The event was held on Friday, February 7, at Hawk Hollow Clubhouse in Bath. Nearly 100 faculty, staff, students and guests attended the dance, most of them dressed in the fashion of the Great Gatsby era. The guests enjoyed food, music, and dance lessons.

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Students hit the dance floor in their best flapper outfits.

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Norma Bapatosa, Ph.D., with an example of her stained-glass artwork.

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For a complete listing of MSUCOM events check out our Web calendar: http://www.com.msu.edu/calendar

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JULY

AUGUST
22 Convocation and White Coat Ceremony. Wharton Center, East Lansing.

SEPTEMBER
10-14 CME: Muscle Energy: Level I. Kellogg Center, East Lansing. 40 hours of Category IA credit. Tuition is $1,250, $900 for residents and interns. Course chairperson is Carl Steele, D.O. Contact the Office of CME. (800) 437-0001, or (517) 353-9714, cme@com.msu.edu. http://www.com.msu.edu/cme

20-27 National Osteopathic Medicine Week


OCTOBER
22-26 CME: Craniosacral Technique: Level II. Kellogg Center, East Lansing. 40 hours of Category IA credit. Tuition is $1,250, $900 for residents and interns. Course chairperson is Philip Greenman, D.O. Contact the Office of CME. (800) 437-0001, or (517) 353-9714, cme@com.msu.edu. http://www.com.msu.edu/cme

NOVEMBER
5-8 CME: Exercise Prescription as a Complement to Manual Medicine. Kellogg Center, East Lansing. 32 hours of Category IA credit. Tuition is $1,000, $750 for residents and interns. Course chairpersons are Philip E. Greenman, D.O, and Mark Bookhout, M.S., P.T. Contact the Office of CME. (800) 437-0001, or (517) 353-9714, cme@com.msu.edu. http://www.com.msu.edu/cme

19-22 CME: Direct Action Thrust: Mobilization with Impulse. Kellogg Center, East Lansing. 32 hours of Category IA credit. Tuition is $1,000, $750 for residents and interns. Course chairperson is Carl Steele, D.O. Contact the Office of CME. (800) 437-0001, or (517) 353-9714, cme@com.msu.edu. http://www.com.msu.edu/cme

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In addition, we will be lowering our circulation. However, all of the magazine’s content will continue to be available online. To read Communiqué online or to access our other Web features, please visit http://www.com.msu.edu/communique. To join our e-mail list and receive periodic updates, send a message to pub-rel@com.msu.edu. If you do not have online access, please contact us and we will be happy to send you a printed copy of the magazine.

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