Embracing our communities
An old piece of advice that inadvertently captures the essence of the success of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine goes thus: “Always do more than is required.” The distance between people who consistently achieve their goals and those who spend their lives just following is the extra mile.” Throughout the history of MSUCOM, we have been those who ran the extra mile in every important area, and that tradition of excellence is evident in the college today. In this issue of Communiqué you will see it illustrated – example after example in which faculty, staff, students and alumni have gone beyond the requisite definition of a medical school. Not willing to rest on our laurels in East Lansing, we celebrate our expansion to two sites in southeast Michigan. Our students move out of the classroom and clinic to provide unparalleled volunteerism to a wide variety of communities – the Eastern Market in Detroit, the Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing, the Give Kids the World Village in Orlando, and more.

Our college is expanding its partnerships worldwide, most recently building connections in Egypt and the Dominican Republic. We’re teaching and sharing this American profession around the globe, and learning from other cultures and approaches that might be useful.

Our D.O.-Ph.D. program, the first in the world, has completed three decades of educating physician-scientists, and our current class of these elite scholars is the largest in our history. So watch out for MSUCOMers along that extra mile. They stand out, because the extra mile is never crowded!

William D. Strampel, D.O., Dean

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, in a move that will address the state’s physician shortage and improve its medical education, celebrated its new site in Detroit with a grand opening on September 17. Nearly 300 invited guests attended.

The event, held at the new facility at the Detroit Medical Center, marked the culmination of several years of planning for the college’s expansion into downtown, where students began classes for the first time earlier this summer.

“The faculty, staff and students of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine wish to extend their appreciation to all persons whose efforts contributed to the establishment of the college at the Detroit Medical Center,” said William D. Strampel, dean of the college. “We will be teaching our students in an environment that will help them to learn how to meet the needs of an urban population.”

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Infectious Work

By Craig Reed

Many people have a strong Spartan spirit, though few have lives as green and white as MSUCOM ’83 alumnus Dr. Tony Ognjan. “I’ve been a Spartan since I was eight years old,” explained Ognjan. “My mom, twin sister and I used to live in Spartan Village during the summer while she was going to school at MSU. Spending several of my childhood summers on campus, it was a no-brainer that I was going to be a student here.”

When it was time for Ognjan to go to college, the eventual draw to osteopathic medicine was a natural fit for him as well. “When I started college at Michigan State University, I first went into forestry and ended up with a degree in microbiology and public health in 1975. Subsequently I graduated from Ferris State College with a degree in microbiology and medical research. “I like working at the state level. Not only can I positively impact the local policy debates, but it teaches the students I mentor that there are things they can do outside the office to help their patients.

Of all the rewarding things Ognjan gets to do in a week, teaching students and house officers is one of the top things on that list. “Teaching is fun for me. The students are so eager,” said Ognjan. “They are amazing, and make me work to stay a step ahead of them on the latest information out there. I think the best thing, though, is that I get to see them when they first start medical school, knowing very little, and watch them grow into young professionals involved in their community. It’s a rewarding thing to witness.”

A Glimpse Into the Lives of D.O.-Ph.D. Students

By Aliya Bahjet

In 1979, MSUCOM developed the first D.O.-Ph.D. program ever in response to the shortage of U.S. physician-scientists. This seven-year program enables the 22 current students to bridge the gap between clinical medicine and medical research.

Freedom in Research

Students in the program may explore research opportunities in a variety of areas, including genetics, neuroscience, anthropology, and bioethics. Before their first year, students choose their mentors as well as the areas of concentration for their Ph.D. degrees. Hannah Giunta, a first-year D.O.-Ph.D. student, decided to pursue a degree in bioethics. “I developed an interest in bioethics and neonatal medicine at a young age. My mother had lost four babies — two due to miscarriages and two in the NICU — which really impacted the family,” she said. Hannah sees the need for more patient-focused research. “To be an effective clinician, you need to understand both the physical conditions as well as the ethical questions you face when taking care of your patients,” said Hannah.

Students enjoy flexibility in their schedules, especially when working on research. “With the guidance of our director, Dr. Justin McConnell, you design a program that works for you,” noted Hannah. “In my program, I study both medicine and philosophy, which requires me to employ different kinds of thinking. Studying philosophy is not like memorizing the Kreb’s cycle.”

“Research, you can do things when you want. You just have to produce results,” explained Eric Schaubarger, a sixth-year D.O.-Ph.D. student whose research is focused on genetics. Schedules may be more flexible during full-time research, but students must still manage their time carefully. “The important thing is to take care of yourself,” Eric said.

Infectious Work

Ognjan (center) mentors students to become involved in their communities and active advocates for the profession.
**A Positive Impression**

By Craig Reed

In Lansing, the Impression 5 Science Center – a facility dedicated to exposing children to science – teamed up with the students and faculty who are a part of the MSUCOM student group, Community Integrated Medicine, to offer a health clinic to children and their parents.

“Being in a fun setting for kids was really helpful. A lot of them admitted to being scared when they go to see the doctor, but we turned the examination into a series of mini-games for them, which not only made it fun for them, it helped us to do our work.”

– Monica vanVicker, first-year student

**Nothing but Nets**

By Nicole Genaw

The students of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), International Health Project (IHP), and Student Osteopathic Association of Sports Medicine (SOASM) joined together on December 5 to throw the second annual “Nothing but Nets” basketball tournament. From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., 16 three-player teams of MSUCOM students, staff, faculty and friends gathered in the gym at M Circle to play basketball and raise more than $770 for the MSUCOM affiliated Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi, Africa. The money raised in the tournament is enough to purchase 1,400 insecticide-treated bed nets which will be given out at the hospital to help protect families from malaria infections.

A disease that kills more than one million people per year, malaria is caused by the blood parasite Plasmodium, which is transmitted by mosquitoes that are most active during the night hours. Bed nets are a simple and effective way of preventing malaria infection. They create a protective barrier from the biting mosquito, which reduces the chance of transmission of the disease as much as 90%, and can last for upward of four years.

Dr. Karl Seydel, MSUCOM assistant professor, devotes his time to the hospital in Malawi. Before the tournament, Dr. Seydel spoke about what he has seen in Malawi and gave participants details about how the money will be used.

“A lot of the participants aren’t able to go abroad,” said Sahar Eshkash, AMSA president. “Hearing from someone with Dr. Seydel’s experiences in Malawi and how these nets will benefit the Malawian people definitely told participants that they can make a difference right from home.”

**Serving the Community**

By Craig Reed

Part of the medical school experience for MSUCOM students during their first two years involves leaving the lecture halls to use their training to help people in their communities. Recently students in southeast Michigan, under the watchful eyes of faculty, offered free clinical checkups for families at the Detroit Eastern Market.

The experience for these students was memorable.

“It’s amazing to share the knowledge that you have with the first-year students at these clinics and be a part of a tradition of teaching those joining the profession after us. There is a need for these types of clinics in the community. It’s important to know how healthy everyone in your family is.” – Modique Turner, second-year student

“For me, this was a chance to do something hands-on. We saw 200 people that day. Working at the clinic made me more aware of what I’ve learned so far in medical school and made me thankful for being in medicine.” – ZACH White, first-year student

“The second-year students came from East Lansing to help us with the patients. They worked well with us and showed us how to work with patients. Good schools likes ours are involved in the community. That’s an important part of medicine.” – ROBHY Lorenzo, first-year student

“When children are gravely ill, doctor visits, medication and time in the hospital supplant the opportunities they would normally have playing, exploring and being kids. Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Florida, is an organization dedicated to giving children with life-threatening illnesses and their families a week of memorable and magical experiences. The village is staffed almost entirely by volunteers who dedicate their energy into making each child’s dream come true. Recently MSUCOM students spent a week working there.

“There was a little boy I met the first day who would come to see me two or three times a day,” said second-year student Megan Sikkema. “We had a kid’s night event, and I played with him the entire time. We both had a great time. Working in the village is like getting to be a kid again.”

“It’s the happiest place on earth,” said second-year student Megan Coelleta. “The kids’ dying wishes are to be there. Everyone is there expecting to see so much joy. You’d never know anyone was sick.”

The village has lodging for up to 80 families, a variety of places to eat, playgrounds, and a host of fun activities, all with a positive impression of the medical profession. “All the expenses for each family are covered so they do not have to worry about a thing while they are there. This is an opportunity for families to take a break from stresses they endure daily and simply be together and have fun.”

“Every day there is a special event for the kids to participate in,” noted second-year student Amber Berry. “For one event called ‘Prirates and Princesses’ all the kids were dressed up. I was dressed as a cadet knight and one of the kids wanted to be with me throughout the day. He had been in a wheelchair, but he actually got out of his chair and played with the other kids. His mother was so grateful for all the attention he was getting. I won’t forget that experience.”

While the goal of the village is to make each kid’s dream come true during his or her stay, sometimes it takes an extra effort to make it happen. “I met a mom who was with her 4-year-old daughter. She was so upset,” said Megan Coelleta. “Her son’s dying wish was to become a princess for a day, but no one seemed interested in making this happen. I talked with some of the people in the village and the next thing I know, a whole group of people were working to make him a full-fledged princess. His mother told me that if I hadn’t said something, he wouldn’t have gotten his make-a-wish, which is the reason why we’re all here, to make those things happen.”

“Part of the joy I get from these trips is to bring new volunteers down with me and see the joy they get in becoming involved in this,” said Jamie, who plans to organize another trip soon. “I can’t imagine this until you actually go down and become part of the program yourself.”
New Faculty

JONATHON BRUNER, D.O.
Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Dr. Jonathon Bruner is an ’06 alumnus of MSUCOM. He spent his internship at Henry Ford Bi-County Hospital and his residency at the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at MSUCOM. He has joined us as an assistant professor.

DAMON DAVIS, M.D.
Osteopathic Surgical Specialties
Dr. Damon Davis comes from Union Hospital in Elkton, Maryland, where he worked in their urology division. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 2003. His research has included studying the racial disparity in the knowledge of bladder cancer. He joins us as an assistant professor.

CRAIG GUDAKUNST, D.O.
Osteopathic Surgical Specialties
Dr. Craig Gudakunst comes from Clarion Hospital in Clarion, Pennsylvania, where he worked 14 of his 22 years in surgical practice. He received his medical degree from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1982. He joins us as an assistant professor.

SYED HUSSAIN, M.D.
Neurology and Ophthalmology
Dr. Syed Hussain comes to MSUCOM from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he held the Interventional Neurology/Endovascular Neuroradiology Fellowship from 2007 to 2009. Hussain has been involved in a variety of research investigating seizures, strokes, aneurysms and acute herniation syndrome. He joins us as an assistant professor.

JAMES RICHARD, D.O.
Physiology
Dr. James Richard worked at Ingham Regional Medical Center where he has served as laboratory project coordinator, staff pathologist and director during his nine-year tenure. Richard graduated from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1982. He joins us as an assistant professor.

JAMES SYLVAIN, D.O.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Dr. James Sylvain comes to MSUCOM from the Spine Clinic of Monterey Bay in Aptos, California. He graduated in 1994 from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, California. His research has focused on the use of video self-monitoring for patients with severe brain dysfunction and the psychoneuroimmunology of stress. He joins us as an associate professor.

MEI-HUI TAI, PH.D.
Physiology
Dr. Mei-Hui Tai is a ’98 alumnus from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Her dissertation was entitled “The investigation of carbohydrate recognition in the developing nervous system of the leech,” and she has been involved in a variety of other research including pancreatic dysfunction and pancreatic cancer stem cells. She joins us as an assistant professor.

ROSEMARIE TOLSON, D.O.
Family and Community Medicine
Dr. Rosemarie Tolson is a ’99 alumna from MSUCOM. Before returning to the college, Tolson practiced medicine at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Michigan, where she was the vice chairperson for the Family Practice Department and was also medical director for United Home Health Care in Canton, Michigan. She joins us as an assistant professor.

RAFAEL MARINEZ has been named the new assistant to the dean for multicultural advancement. From 1985 to 1990, he worked for MSUCOM as the assistant to the provost. He has been involved with the Black Child and Family Institute as a fund development consultant, been the fund development director for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, a foundation manager for Sparrow Health Systems and a consultant for the Capital Area United Way.

New Staff

This past year, MSUCOM has seen its global reach lengthened as new opportunities for students and faculty are added to the existing relationships the college has established with various countries and institutions. These efforts have been made possible thanks to the commitment of faculty, departments and the efforts of the Institute of International Health (IIH).

JAPANESE VISITORS

One global connection MSUCOM has is with a school in Tokyo, Japan, through the Medical Trainer College.

“They come to MSUCOM and learn OMM techniques such as muscle energy, counterstrain, myofascial release as well as the philosophy behind osteopathic medicine,” said Dr. Lori Dillard, ’99 alumna, program coordinator. The program is a one-week intensive study program, most of which is taught through hands-on experience.

“When we were in the lab together it was very clear that they were very patient-centered,” said second-year student Mayo Mitsuwa. “For instance, it was very important to them not to move the patient into any position that they felt might be uncomfortable for them even if the technique might produce a better result. It’s a different viewpoint on what it means to be patient-oriented.”

“Even though we were teaching them, they were teaching us as well,” said second-year student Kate Donahue. “They showed us a picture of medicine from another part of the world.”

EGYPTIAN CLASSWORK

During the month of August, second-year MSUCOM students took advantage of a three-credit course in Mansoura, Egypt. “Each morning, students shadowed doctors and residents at Mansoura University Specialty Hospital and attended afternoon lectures that focused on tropical diseases and important topics covered on their national board exams,” stated Reza Nasirii, assistant dean and director of the Institute of International Health.

“We learned about the differences between the healthcare systems in Egypt and the United States,” said second-year student Sonia Mahajan. “Going on this trip expanded our knowledge of diseases we’ve been studying in class, especially diabetes, which we saw a lot in the hospitals.”

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DOMINICAN ASSISTANCE

In May, a group of students traveled with a medical mission sponsored by IIH to the Dominican Republic as an opportunity to help others while learning about other cultures.

“Some of the students who were with us have never been outside the United States and, in a few cases, had not even been outside the Midwest. This was a big learning experience for them,” said second-year student Sahar Eftekhari. “You can learn a lot about others on trips like these, but you can also learn a lot about yourself by seeing how other people in the world live.”

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2009 AOA Mentor of the Year

by Craig Reed

MSUCOM had a special award to celebrate with Dr. Lynn Brumm being recognized as the American Osteopathic Association Mentor of the Year. Graduating from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1953, Brumm spent 24 years as a family physician in his hometown of Sharon, Pennsylvania, before being recruited to become the chairperson for the then Department of Family Medicine at MSUCOM in 1977. Since that time Brumm has mentored a generation of medical students on the philosophy of osteopathic medicine and the use of osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM). In 2003, he was bestowed the Walter F. Patenge Medal of Public Service – MSUCOM’s highest honor. As a professor emeritus, Brumm is currently involved in student-driven clinical research on structural abnormalities and their relation to stress fractures in collegiate athletes. Brumm dedicates time and energy training student researchers how to diagnose and treat these abnormalities through the use of OMM.

Upcoming Events

January 21-24  MAOFP Convention  
Bellaire, Michigan  
Alumni reception on the 23rd

March 6-13  Seminar in the Sun  
Montego Bay, Jamaica

March 18-21  ACOFP Convention  
Las Vegas, Nevada

May 12-15  MOA Convention  
Deadborn, Michigan

Alumni board meeting and reception on the 13th

Awards - Staff Matters

Geri Ziolkowski

Budgeting for Success

by Craig Reed

On the third floor in East Fee, a group of hard-working individuals in Administrative Services crunch the numbers to keep MSUCOM on stable ground during these tough economic times. Geri Ziolkowski is one of three account representatives for the college who keep their eyes on the financial ball.

“My main job as account rep is to manage the salary and labor needs for MSUCOM. Anytime someone new is hired, we verify that appropriate funds have been allocated. We regularly reconcile to make certain all the accounts are balanced and are not overdrawn,” explained Ziolkowski.

Ziolkowski started with MSU in 1985 and joined MSUCOM in 2006. “I’ve been working in human resources for more than 15 years. As the college human resource specialist I love the complexity of the job. There’s a lot to figure out, and for me, it’s exciting to move things through the process. I like to make things happen,” she said.

When she’s not at work, one place you can find Ziolkowski and her family is in the Caribbean. “My husband, Dan, and I tried a cruise once and we loved it,” she said. They have been to 11 different Caribbean locations including Acapulco, the Cayman Islands, and St. Thomas. While there she has parasailed, swum with stingrays and climbed a waterfall. They plan to add new places in the future. “The water is so clear and amazing,” said Ziolkowski. “You add to that the great beaches, gorgeous sunsets and all the sea life; it’s my idea of paradise.”

WHERE ARE YOU?

Please keep us informed of recent moves or changes in your practice. It is important for college reports, grant writing, etc., that we have up-to-date information on our alumni. Changes to your information can be made on the MSUCOM website under the alumni section or by calling (877) 853-3448.

AOA Convention

The American Osteopathic Association hosted its annual convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, from November 1-5 this year. The MSUCOM alumni reception was held on the 2nd at the House of Blues where a record 200 alumni gathered together to reconnect with their peers and to recognize two of their fellow alumni for their contributions to the college and the osteopathic profession.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Julia Frei, D.O., Ph.D.

Having built a practice that draws patients from both peninsulas of Michigan, Dr. Julia Frei has served as medical director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Marquette for 12 years. A native of Marquette, she graduated from Northern Michigan University, and entered MSUCOM’s joint D.O.-Ph.D. Program, receiving both degrees in 1989. She completed her internship, pediatric residency, and neonatology fellowship in Lansing, returning to her Upper Peninsula hometown to practice in 1996. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics, and a diplomate in neonatal/perinatal medicine.

Dr. Frei has continued her research, and is currently active in a project studying neonatal encephalopathy through Vermont Oxford Network. She makes many professional presentations, and for the past 12 years has given 18-24 lectures a year through Perinatal/NICU Outreach Services at UP hospitals, and for NICU Staff Development.

Dean’s Award for Meritorious Contribution

Algirdas Juocys, D.O.

A family practitioner in Rochester, Michigan since 1982, Dr. Juocys has been an exemplar in the enhancement of primary care. He is a co-founder of Medical Network One, one of the first independent physician organizations in the state, representing primary care doctors and referral specialists in southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio. The network includes chronic care teams, a Practice Transformation Institute for training, and focuses on the physician’s office for the Patient Centered Medical Home.

A member of the board of the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation, Dr. Juocys also is active in the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, and was selected as “Family Physician of the Year.” After 32 years, he has retired from the Michigan Army National Guard, where he held the position of State Surgeon, and completed two tours in Iraq. Dr. Juocys is a 1977 graduate of MSUCOM, having served as Student Council president and helping to start both the Scribe Service and Fee Follies during his tenure.
Introducing the Newest Members of the MSUCOM Alumni Board of Directors

Gene Kielhorn, Class of 1980
“Following my graduation from MSUCOM in 1980 I moved my family to Jackson, Michigan, to join a large group practice. After one year, I knew what I really wanted to do was to serve in a small community where I could be a ‘hometown doc’ personally involved in the lives of my patients and their families. I opened a private practice in Brooklyn, Michigan, in 1982 and have been happy there ever since. We raised our family there as well, and our twins are now part of MOA’s Class of 2013. The college provided me with the means to fulfill a goal I had envisioned since I was very young. I am thankful MSUCOM gave me the opportunity to pursue my dream of becoming an osteopathic physician.”

Mary Louder, Class of 1993
“MSUCOM was my medical school of choice, and becoming an osteopathic physician was one of the most important decisions in my life. After graduating and completing a family practice residency, I practiced in Grand Rapids, Michigan. After getting married, we moved to the Rocky Mountains and practiced in Colorado and Montana. I later submitted an offer to assume a private practice in Traverse City which is where I had my base hospital experience. I am glad to be back in this beautiful area to live and practice.”

Did you know?
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- Upcoming MOA alumni events can always be found at the alumni relations front web page at www.com.msu.edu/alumni.
- You can keep track of the college through social web sites like Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.
- One of the best ways to stay in touch with your alma mater is by email. Simply send a message to km.campbell@msu.edu with your current email address.

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In addition, the Haywoods support student scholarships by participating in the MOCF Ball. “We enjoy being part of this growing event that supports our students,” said Haywood. “It’s great to be a part of a college that is on the move.”

“Without this college, I wouldn’t be where I am today,” explained ’82 alumnus Robert Gordon. “I have established a scholarship to help students with the cost of tuition and have also donated to support Dr. Terte Taylor’s efforts in Malawi.”

Gordon’s method of supporting the college involves his patients in a novel solution. “Most of my time is spent doing physicals for immigrants and flight physicals, but I have a small family practice as well,” said Gordon. “Instead of charging my family practice patients for my services, I provide them information on how to donate to MSUCOM and ask them to donate whatever they feel is appropriate instead. The patients like this set-up. It gets them involved in giving back to the college.”

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In addition, the Haywoods support student scholarships by participating in the MOCF Ball. “We enjoy being part of this growing event that supports our students,” said Haywood. “It’s great to be a part of a college that is on the move.”

“Without this college, I wouldn’t be where I am today,” explained ’82 alumnus Robert Gordon. “I have established a scholarship to help students with the cost of tuition and have also donated to support Dr. Terte Taylor’s efforts in Malawi.”

Gordon’s method of supporting the college involves his patients in a novel solution. “Most of my time is spent doing physicals for immigrants and flight physicals, but I have a small family practice as well,” said Gordon. “Instead of charging my family practice patients for my services, I provide them information on how to donate to MSUCOM and ask them to donate whatever they feel is appropriate instead. The patients like this set-up. It gets them involved in giving back to the college.”

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MSUCOM Open House – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Fee Hall, East Lansing, Michigan.

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May
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MSUCOM Hooding and Commencement Ceremony – 11:00 a.m. – Wharton Center, MSU campus.

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MOA Convention – Hyatt Regency, Dearborn MI. Alumni Reception on the 13th.

June
4-8
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11-14
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