Alumni Notes

Michael Bolding, D.O. ’06, chosen as Physician of the Year by the nursing staff at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Ark., where he is a hospitalist.

Tom Showalter, D.O. ’05, practices in medical oncology at Integris Cancer Institute in Oklahoma City. He completed his internal medicine residency and medical oncology fellowship at Scott and White Hospital in Texas.

Brad Mons, D.O., M.B.A. ’07, stays by email that OSU-COM “seemed to be a farm team for the ENT residency program at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.” Four residents in the program. Mons, Tre, Landrum, D.O. ’03, Spencer Voth, D.O. ’06 and Todd Roberts, D.O. ’10 are OSU-COM alumni.

Joseph P. Moran, D.O. ’87, Dallas family practice physician, is elected to a two-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. He is a delegate to the AOA House of Delegates and is president of TOMA District 5. He is a member of the TOMA House of Delegates and recently was honored for five years of service.

Grant H. Evans, D.O. ’06, received the Hustle Award at University of Texas Health Sciences Center-San Antonio. The award goes to a resident selected by faculty as the most dedicated, hardest working and responsible in duties during an academic year. Evans is the first osteopathic physician accepted to the urology residency program at UTSA.

In Memoriam

Michael Priest, D.O. ’90, family practitioner in Pawhuska, Okla., passed away June 15.

Ronald August Raadsen, D.O. ’87, in family practice in Valsparado, Ind., passed away Feb. 16.

Rural Medicine Professorship

Stacey Knapp, D.O. ’01, is appointed to a two-year term to the post of Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association Endowed Professorship in Rural Medicine. She is a physician in Clinton.

The appointment is made by a joint nomination from OSU’s associate dean for rural health, the president of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and the OSU-COM Alumni Association, and the chair of the OSU-CHS Department of Family Medicine.

The professorship was created in 1998 and is funded by donations from OSU-COM alumni. Its purpose is to encourage excellence in teaching and to underscore the importance of OSU’s primary mission of serving the health care needs of rural Oklahomans.

OFF scholarship created to aid matching funds

The Osteopathic Founders Foundation has created an Osteopathic Legacy Scholarship at OSU-COM, to be presented annually to a third- or fourth-year medical student who plans to enter a primary care residency program and eventually practice in an underserved Oklahoma community. Charles E. Henley, D.O. ’77, is chair of the foundation’s Board of Directors.

The scholarship was created in response to the announcement of a testamentary pledge from OSU alumnus T. Boone Pickens, who has committed $100 million in matching funds for the creation of new endowed scholarships at OSU.

It facilitates participation by osteopathic physicians and others who would like to participate in the creation of new scholarships but are not able, individually, to meet the $50,000 minimum gift threshold established by Mr. Pickens.

OFF is pledging $25,000 to match, dollar for dollar, the first $25,000 in individual gifts or pledges from the osteopathic family to the new fund. There is no minimum gift requirement to qualify for the Founders match. Gifts or pledges to the fund must be received at the Osteopathic Founders Foundation by Oct. 31, 2010. Pledges may be paid in substantially equal installments over a maximum of five years.

For more information contact Sheni Wise, president of the Osteopathic Founders Foundation, at swise@osteopathicfounders.org or call (918) 551-7300.
Reunion guest

Alumni association president Candy Ting, D.O. '86, welcomes honored guest Sandy Overack to the alumni association's past president reunion dinner. Mrs. Overack's late husband was Daniel E. Overack, Ph.D., fondly known as "Dr. O." a professor of anatomy and assistant dean for students who returned to OSU-COM after retirement to serve as Director of Alumni Affairs and Professor of Anatomy, Emeritus until his passing in 2004.

Past presidents honored


Alumnus funds Bridge scholarship

Mark Snell, D.O. '79, a family practice physician in Clinton, Mo., and his mother, Virginia Snell, have created and funded the Hettie Griggs – Bridge Medical Scholarship, a $50,000 scholarship to OSU-COM's Bridge Program. The scholarship is matched through the Branding Success program. The scholarship is in honor of Mrs. Griggs, an important person in Snell's family during his childhood.

New executive committee officers

Officers for 2010-11 for the OSU-COM Alumni Association are Candy Ting, D.O. '86, president; John "Buck" Hill, D.O., '96, president-elect; and Trudy Minnor, D.O. '88, vice-president. The office of treasurer is open.

Beal is ACOOG Mentor of the Year

Marty Beal, D.O., '93, a Tulsa obstetrician/gynecologist, has won his share of accolades over the years, most recently the 2010 American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists’ Mentor of the Year award. He also was a 2008 AOA Mentor Hall of Fame recipient in this year’s Oklahoma Magazine top doctors list. OSU-COM students have named him an outstanding educator in the past, a recognition he says he especially appreciates.

As befits a true educator, his interests are broad. He holds a degree in British Literature from the University of Oklahoma, and is a panel member for Novel Talk, a book discussion at the Tulsa City-County Library. He says literature and medicine are not so different because, "Literature revives around the human condition and medicine is about interacting with the human condition."

Other activities are racing 1600/2 cars in Baja and bicycling with Tom's Team around the state. He also is an artist and painter. His family includes his wife, Dee Ann, and children Kelly and Noah. While he has chalked up numerous tributes, he says the best is "when one of my kids or my wife gives me a hug and says they love me."

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Summer Classic golf tournament

The OSU-COM Alumni Association Summer Classic golf tournament in June raised more than $6,000 for scholarships, emergency loans and events for OSU-COM students, student groups and alumni. Among those attending the June event at Cherry Valley Golf Club were (from left) Dustin Holter, OSU Posse representative and past president of the Tulsa County OSU Alumni Association, Larry Ellis, D.O. '96, Rick Turner and Ken Smith, president of the Tulsa County OSU Alumni Association.

See OSU-COM at AOA/COMED

The OSU-COM Alumni Association will be exhibiting at the AOA/COMED convention Oct. 27-28 in San Francisco. The association will occupy booth #634 in the exhibit hall.

The association also will host an alumni reception off-site Monday night, Oct. 26, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Stay tuned for more details or come by the booth for reception information.

Hope to see you in San Fran!

Ryan Miller, Director
OSU-COM Alumni Association