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OHIO CLINIC TRAINS ARIZONA STUDENTS

*Southwest Ohio
is home to ATSU
community campus*

By William Wagner

Since 2008, HealthSource of Ohio, a nonprofit with 15 clinics in the southwest part of the state, has teamed with AT Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (ATSU-SOMA) to bring the residents and doctors of tomorrow home.

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Above: Steven Shaver, OMS IV, and Vy Ta, OMS IV.
Inset photo: Avalon Newsome, OMS IV, and Jonathan Song, OMS IV.

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ATSU-SOMA is unique in that students begin to receive clinical experience at an early stage in medical school. After a year of mostly classroom work at the school's home base in Mesa, Arizona, students are dispersed to 11 community health centers around the country and are immersed in the process of interacting with patients. HealthSource of Ohio, a Federally Qualified Community Health Center, is a key piece of ATSU's Community Campus program, absorbing about 10 second-, third- and fourth-year students annually.

"I was in private practice before joining HealthSource eight years ago," said Michael E. Dietz, DO, who is medical director of HealthSource and president of the OOA's Cincinnati District Academy. "I really like that we're taking care of people who might fall through the cracks, and treating everyone the same. With the ATSU program, the students

know that they're going to work in a community health center, so a lot of them enter the program with that mindset. It was a good venture for us to team up with ATSU in trying to get hometown candidates to the school, back to us for training and hopefully eventually going for our residency and even joining the company."

A case in point is Kristin Patterson, 27, a second-year ATSU student who hails from the Cincinnati area and is part of the HealthSource program. The hometown element was a major factor in selling her on ATSU-SOMA. Said Patterson, "I was able to apply with a hometown candidacy, which basically meant I got first pick to come back to Ohio."

Patterson was also drawn to the early introduction to patient care.

"Whereas at most medical schools you don't really see a patient until the third year, we work really closely with preceptors at the beginning of our second year — we're seeing patients," Patterson said. "That was the only way

I wanted to do medical school. I didn't want to go to a school where I'd have to spend six months studying, say, just biochemistry with no interaction with patients and no way to see the big picture of what we're trying to do."

For Patterson, the interaction with patients reinforces what she learns from textbooks and lectures.

"I learn better if I can use what I'm being taught," she said.

Students in the program, currently there are 30, stay with HealthSource all three years. They rotate differently: second-year students spend one day a week in one site all year; third- and fourth-year students complete rotations in pediatrics, family medicine or obstetrics at any HealthSource clinic for one month.

Dietz routinely invites all of the osteopathic medical students and residents in the program to attend Cincinnati District Academy events. "It gives them an opportunity to meet

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A man with a beard, wearing a white dress shirt and a dark tie, is looking down at a tablet device. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The quote is centered on the page.

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*- Frederic N. Schwartz, DO
Senior Advisor to Deans, ATSU-SOMA*

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– **Michael E. Dietz, DO**
Medical Director, HealthSource of Ohio



Andrew Patton, OMS IV

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and network with area DOs,” he said. “Plus, it’s a chance to showcase the Ohio profession — students can find out more about the Academy and the OOA.”

Conceived in 2002 and launched in 2007, ATSU-SOMA has a mission to create a more equitable form of medicine.

“A trend has been occurring where medical students go into a sub-sub-specialty, but what we really need is for them to take care of the bulk of the population,” said Frederic N. Schwartz, DO, one of the college’s pioneers. “They end up very distanced from the actual needs of the population. So the goal was to create a program that reinforced the satisfaction that comes from providing

care to people who need it most.”

ATSU-SOMA’s inaugural class graduated in 2011, and the four years since then have provided enough of a window to gauge the program’s success.

“We can tell you that it’s worked,” Schwartz said. “Our students have elected for primary care careers almost 70 percent of the time. Now we’re beginning to hire them back at our health centers, and they’re joining other health centers around the country.”

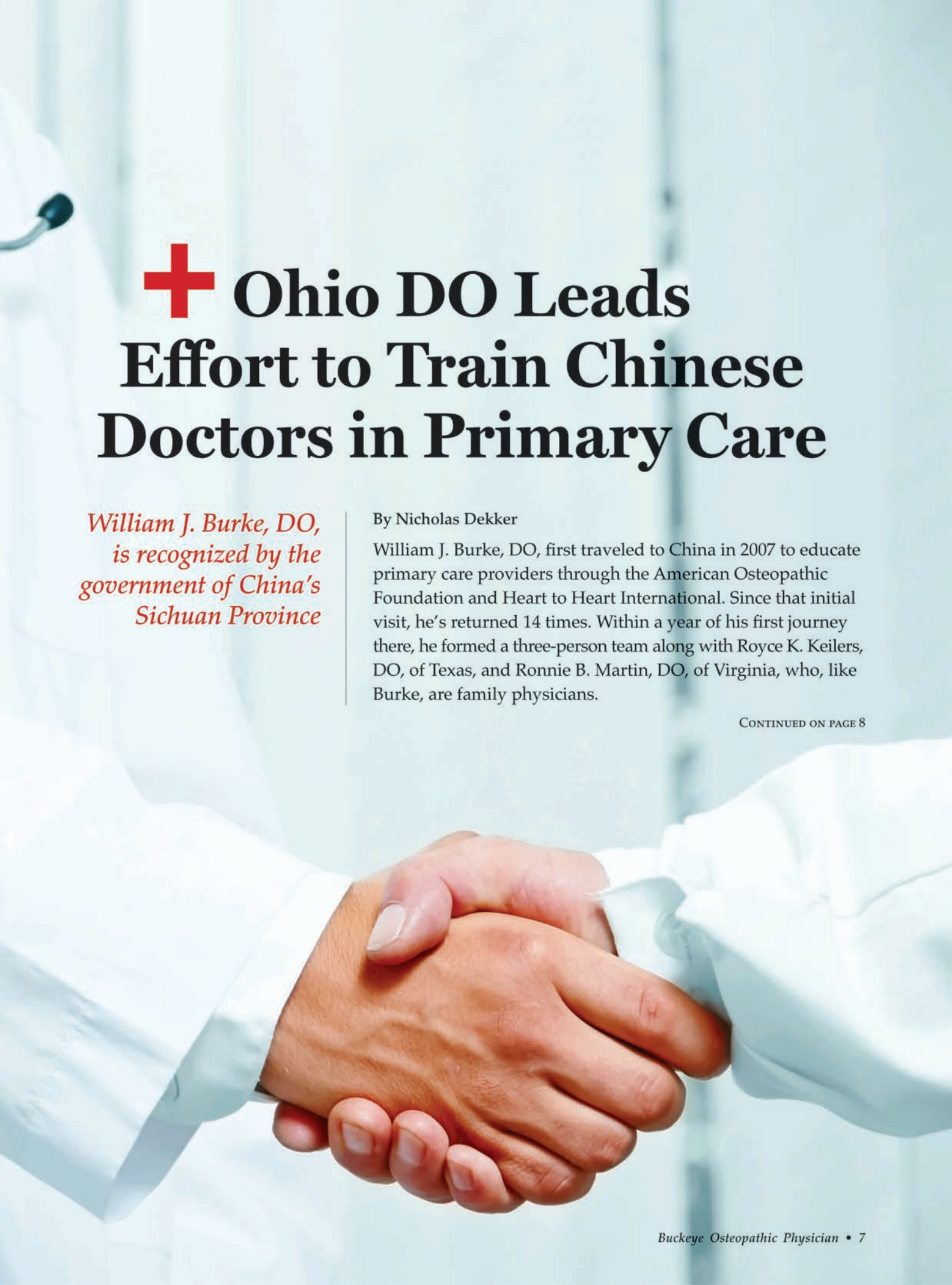
From his local perspective, Dietz has also glimpsed the program’s potential. Not only does it supply a pool of future residents and doctors who will live up to HealthSource’s demanding quality standards, but it also contributes to the greater good.

“HealthSource has always provided a lot of training for physician assistants, nurse practitioners, medical students and medical assistants,” said Dietz. “The education part has been ingrained in the company all along.”

And that’s precisely why Schwartz and his colleagues decided to expand their program to Ohio.

“We chose HealthSource of Ohio because of its level of commitment to quality and service — from the CEO and board of directors to the nurses and allied professionals,” said Schwartz. “The team commitment to quality was absolutely a shining beacon. We knew they would deliver, and they have delivered wonderfully.”

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+ Ohio DO Leads Effort to Train Chinese Doctors in Primary Care

*William J. Burke, DO,
is recognized by the
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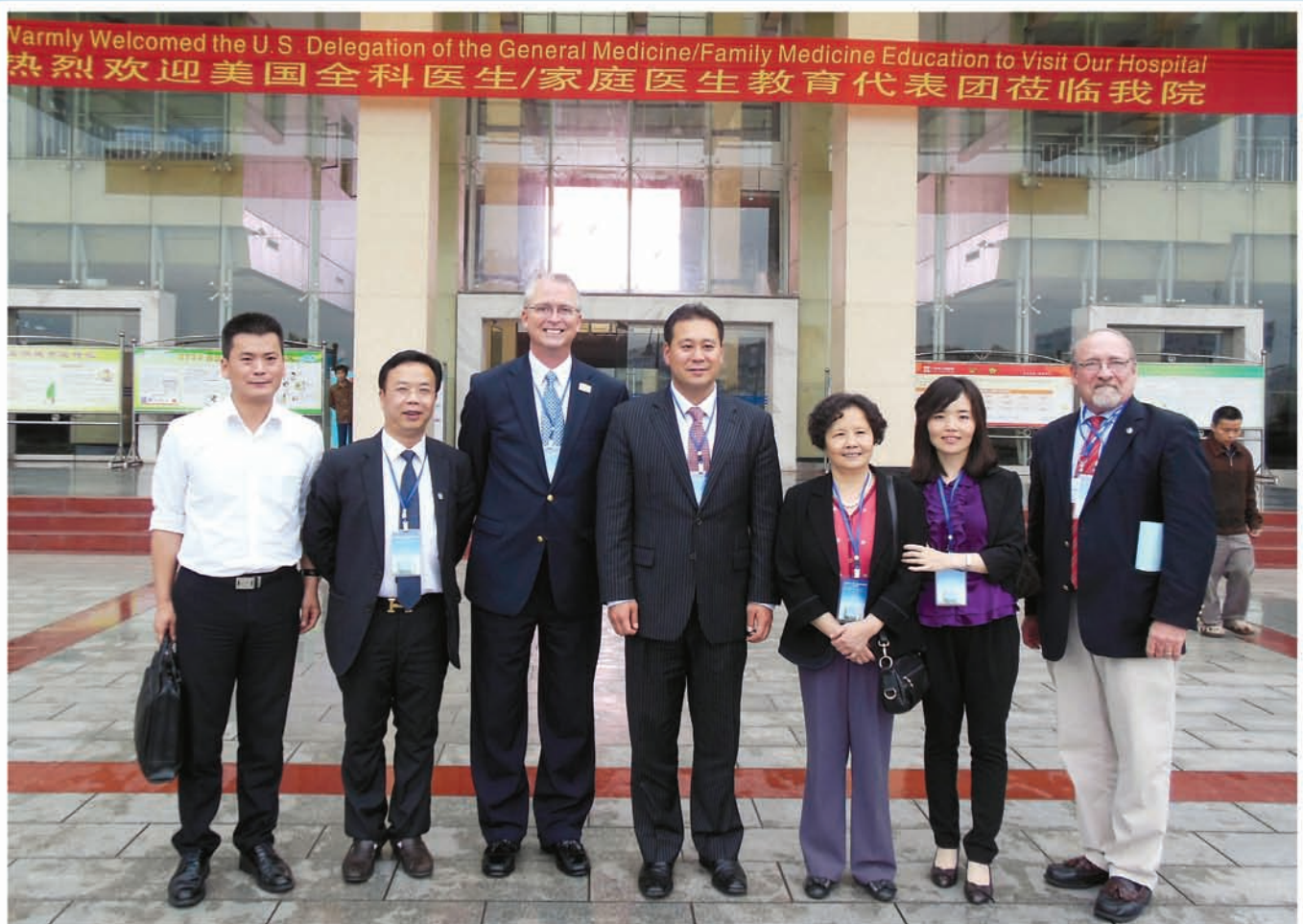
By Nicholas Dekker

William J. Burke, DO, first traveled to China in 2007 to educate primary care providers through the American Osteopathic Foundation and Heart to Heart International. Since that initial visit, he's returned 14 times. Within a year of his first journey there, he formed a three-person team along with Royce K. Keilers, DO, of Texas, and Ronnie B. Martin, DO, of Virginia, who, like Burke, are family physicians.

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“ It was quite an honor to receive it [Tinfu Friendship Award] on behalf of IPCEA and the osteopathic physicians working there. Not only did it recognize the contributions from the US physicians, but it was a validation for the Sichuan department of health. ”

– William J. Burke, DO
Co-founder, IPCEA



William J. Burke, DO, (third from left) with group of physicians in China.

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“The three of us wanted to put together our own group,” he said, “which became International Primary Care Educational Alliance, or IPCEA. We recruited 50 osteopathic family physicians to help teach in the Sichuan province.”

Over the years, the program has attracted several Ohio DOs including Donald R. Furci, DO, of Columbus; Robert S. Gottfried, DO, of Athens; Jay H. Shubbrook, DO, formerly of Athens; Geraldine N. Urse, DO, of

Columbus; and Sharon E. Van Nostran, DO, of Akron.

The IPCEA wanted to have a long-lasting effect on the Chinese system, so it began sending three-person teams to teach the same group of 20 Chinese physicians over three years in a “train-the-trainer” model. “It was their responsibility then,” said Burke, “to go out and train their colleagues.”

Most communities in China have their own primary care centers, but citizens frequently believe they can get higher quality care at larger medical centers. The resulting care, however, is

often inefficient. A patient experiencing chest discomfort, for instance, might wait hours to see a cardiologist, only to be told they should instead see a gastroenterologist. The patient would then queue up for hours again.

Burke explained that IPCEA seeks to train sub-specialists like general surgeons and obstetricians to provide primary care services in their community. “That way they could be more effective at delivering health care in a setting closer to the patients,” he said, “and give the patients a one-stop shop where primary care physicians could evaluate their

PHOTOS COURTESY OF IPCEA



symptoms, manage them or refer them to the right specialist.”

Burke said Chinese physicians have been drawn to the programs. “They want to soak up every bit of information we can share,” he said. “I believe they see the US model of primary care as very effective.”

Much of Chinese medical training, he explained, is split between two types of schools: a Western style and an Eastern style emphasizing traditional methods like acupuncture, herbs and massage. Burke has found that Chinese physicians have been able to

marry the strengths of both systems. “As they learn more about osteopathic medicine,” he related, “they see it as a perfect blend between Western and Eastern medicine. We encourage them to utilize their IPCEA training to best fit their system.”

IPCEA first implemented its model in the city of Shenzhen, a special economic development zone in China, and is now considering similar programs in other districts within Shenzhen, as well as other areas of the Sichuan province and in medical schools in Beijing.

In September 2015, Burke received

the Tinfu Friendship Award from the Sichuan government. The award is bestowed by the governor to foreigners who have made a substantial impact in the Sichuan province.

“It was quite an honor to receive it on behalf of IPCEA and the osteopathic physicians working there,” Burke said. “Not only did it recognize the contributions from the US physicians, but it was a validation for the Sichuan department of health. It validated the work we’re doing and the strong relationships we’ve developed over the past 10 years.”





OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE'S *“Bedside Manner”*

By Scott Rawdon

As technology improves, patients may find their doctor greeting them with laptop computer in hand, ready to discuss statistics and test results. While technology is certainly important to the medical profession, it can inadvertently disrupt the doctor/patient bond and create distance. One benefit of osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) is that it helps to overcome this distance and improve the “bedside manner,” which is so important to establishing a doctor/patient relationship, said Stevan A. Walkowski, DO, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine’s director of osteopathic integration. “Use of OMT creates a professional physical intimacy that’s incredibly respectful of the individual,” he said. “It really transcends talk.”

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– Stevan A. Walkowski, DO
Director of Osteopathic Integration, OU-HCOM

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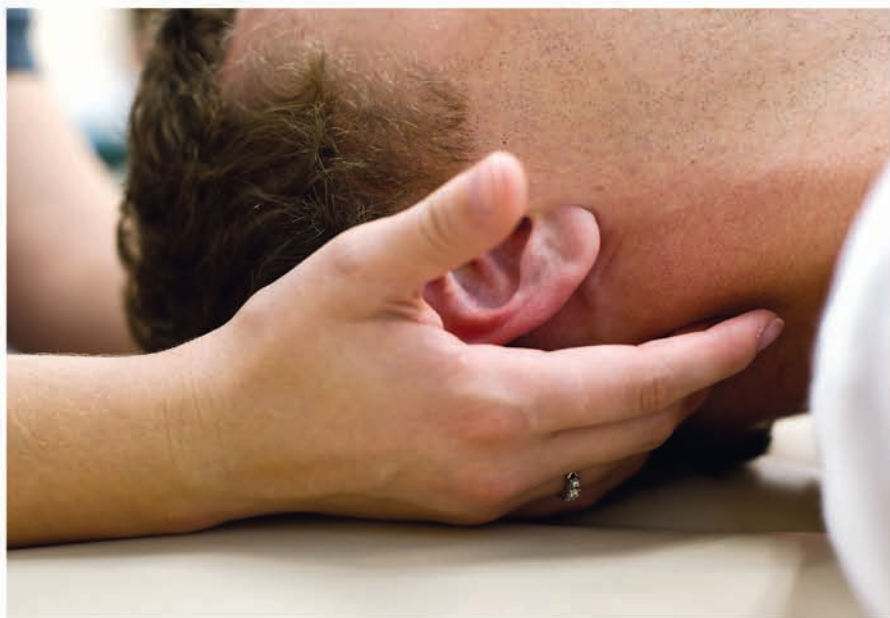
Rowane

Walkowski said a healing touch creates a connection between the physician and patient that cannot be realized through simply discussing the patient’s condition. “DOs learn OMT from the beginning of their training,” he said. “They learn to be comfortable with being in someone else’s personal space.” Walkowski noted while the nature of medicine is increasingly

technological, it’s “very nice to have more of a humanity. It’s a win-win.”

Walkowski said OMT is a win for physicians, who may be feeling expendable in light of new technologies, as patients begin to rely more on computer-generated data and statistics than a doctor’s recommendations. But, it is also a win for patients because often those who experience chronic pain have been through the rigors of specialists, and all the new technology has failed to diagnose their condition. “A DO can examine the structural system,” and discover causes that will not show up on an MRI. “The tissues really tell us a lot,” Walkowski said. He noted such discovery validates the merits of hands-on examination.

It is not a matter of choosing either osteopathic or allopathic



medicine; the two disciplines work together, noted Michael P. Rowane, DO, director of osteopathic medical education, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, who said osteopathic philosophies are an additional tool to allopathic medicine. “Physicians will use every method they can,” to diagnose and treat patients, he said. Often it is a combination of osteopathic and allopathic medicine that best treats the patient. For example, OMT can provide a patient who is on intravenous medication the ability to switch to oral medication sooner, and be released from the hospital sooner. OMT has decreased patients’ need for medication, thus reducing the threat of prescription drug abuse that’s been a legislative focus in recent years.

Rowane expects patients will see

more of this combination of osteopathic and allopathic medicine as osteopathic training gains in popularity, particularly for rural areas of need, and some medical schools are favoring merging the philosophies in training, no longer treating them as different approaches. “All medicine as a whole recognizes the patient-centered osteopathic approach,” he said.

Still, Rowane agrees with Walkowski that DOs in general have the edge when it comes to bedside manner. “DOs do have a higher behavioral skills set,” he said. The hands-on approach with patients creates stronger feelings of empathy toward the patient. Rowane said studies have shown that the more DO training a student doctor receives, the higher his or her level of empathy. “The DO approach is unique,” he said.

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AOA Launches Brand Awareness Campaign

The American Osteopathic Association is taking osteopathic medicine to a wider audience with a new brand awareness campaign, launched in the fall at OMED 2015 in Orlando.

AOA Trustee William J. Burke, DO, of Columbus, who chairs the organization's Brand Awareness Task Force, said the effort intends to educate consumers about the unique, whole-person care that DOs provide to their patients.

"This is an exciting time for osteopathic medicine," Burke said. "We're one of the fastest-growing medical professions in the country and we have a public that is looking for something a little different. It is the perfect opportunity for DOs to share who we are, what we do and why it

makes a difference for our patients."

The campaign features real DOs (including Tyree M. Winters, DO, of Columbus) in print ads and videos talking about what makes osteopathic medicine unique. It targets consumers when and where they're looking for information about health and wellness.

The first phase of the multi-year campaign will run through spring 2016 with ads in well-known magazines, including *Essence*, *Health*, *Yoga Journal*, *O Magazine*, *People* and *Runner's World*. Digital content, such as banner ads and 30-second videos will appear on health-focused websites like MayoClinic.org, WebMD.com and Prevention.com. The awareness project also includes a new consumer website, DoctorsThatDO.org.

"The campaign will not only serve to educate our patients and potential



patients about who we are and what we do, but will also help enhance the pride of DOs and medical students across the country," Burke said.

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Antoinette T. Burns, DO
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Greene County - Dayton District

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LECOM-2009 Obstetrics & Gynecology
Franklin County - Columbus District

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VCOM-2008 Diagnostic Radiology
Franklin County - Columbus District

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OUHCOM-1984 Pediatrics
Franklin County - Columbus District

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OUHCOM-2001 Internal Medicine
Athens County - Marietta District

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Medicine
Hamilton County - Cincinnati District

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Montgomery County - Dayton District

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OU-HCOM Chosen for Nationwide Group to Transform Medical Education

The Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM) was one of 21 medical colleges nationwide chosen to join a consortium formed by the American Medical Association to transform the way future physicians are trained.

Participants were chosen by a national panel of experts to join 11 medical schools that are already part of its Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium. The group was created to enhance the innovative work underway to create the medical school of the future. The Heritage College is one of three osteopathic medical schools — along with AT Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine — selected this year to join the consortium.

Membership in the consortium brings with it a three-year \$75,000 grant, which helps advance projects being pursued by each school to transform undergraduate medical education to better align with the 21st century health care system.

The Heritage College was selected for its “transformative care curriculum,” an innovative, competency-based program that integrates primary care delivery and medical education. The curriculum is being developed by a team of medical and education professionals from the Heritage College and Cleveland Clinic, and will be implemented at the Heritage College, Cleveland, starting in 2018.

The new educational pathway will provide a direct route for select students who commit to primary care at the outset to family medicine residency programs within the Cleveland Clinic system. They will be “board-eligible, practice-ready” physicians in six years — three each in pre- and post-doctoral work — rather than the typical seven, decreasing the cost of medical education.

Heritage College Executive Dean Kenneth H. Johnson, DO, said membership in the group makes perfect

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– **Kenneth H. Johnson, DO**
Executive Dean, Heritage College

sense for the college, which is already strongly focused on training physicians to lead in clinical settings, where health care delivery is changing rapidly.

“Through our involvement with the Blue Ribbon Commission for the Advancement of Osteopathic Medical Education, and our work to transform our own curricula, we have put ourselves at the forefront of the growing movement to adapt medical education to changes our graduates are already experiencing in patient care,” Johnson said. “This invitation to join the consortium shows that our efforts are noticed by medical education leaders across the nation.”

For a list of participating medical schools and more information, visit www.changemeded.org.

Three COMs Make Historic Pact to Improve Appalachia’s Health

In a step that holds great promise for medically underserved populations in central Appalachia, three osteopathic medical schools in three states — including Ohio University’s Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine — have affirmed their commitment to working together in a new consortium.

The aim of the Central Appalachian Consortium of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (CACCOM) is to collaborate on implementing innovative strategies that measurably improve health status in the region by addressing how osteopathic physicians are trained. The signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on

November 9, 2014 marked a major step toward achieving that aim. As a first step, consortium researchers will assess the health care workforce in central Appalachia, and examine how each of the colleges prepares physicians to determine ways they can better fit their medical education strategies to meet the region’s health care needs.

Signing the MOU were leaders from OU-HCOM; Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tennessee; and University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

While an earlier MOU had formalized the colleges’ agreement to pursue a consortium, the new document lays out specific plans and funding for joint research, taking CACCOM from the drawing board phase into working collaboration.

Funding for this work will come out of an historic \$105 million gift, made to the Heritage College in 2011 by the Ohio-based Osteopathic Heritage Foundation (OHF). As Heritage College Executive Dean Kenneth Johnson, DO, noted, “Creating this consortium was one of the major goals we committed to as part of the OHF’s transformational Vision 2020 award.”

OHF President and CEO Richard A. Vincent said consortium members “are committed to collaboratively serving the central Appalachia region and advancing access to quality health and medical care, as evidenced by the signing of this historical memorandum of understanding. The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation is proud to be a part of this initiative.”

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OHIO DOs IN THE NEWS

Deaths in the Family

Mary R. Bovier, DO, 63, a family physician who practiced in Ohio, died at her home in Sharon, Pennsylvania, August 12, 2015.

Bovier served patients in East Liverpool and Trumbull County during her 24 years in family practice. She graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital.

Benjamin L. Cohen, DO, died at his home in California, September 14, 2015. He was 80 years old.

Cohen, who helped lead Western University of Health Sciences' growth into a nationally recognized institution, spent 17 years in Ohio following his graduation from Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery. He was a leader and mentor to many Ohio DOs, serving as clinical professor of pediatrics at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine and president of the medical staff at Doctors Hospital in Columbus.

He left Ohio to serve as founding dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine. Later he served at the University of North Texas Health Science Center before becoming provost and CEO at Western University in 2005.

OOA Life Member **Donald V. Hampton II, DO**, of Madison, died August 13, 2015. He was 87 years old.

He spent 17 years practicing in Ohio as a family physician until 1977 when he joined Doctors Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania, about an hour from Madison. Passionate about medical education, he helped develop the osteopathic manipulation treatment curriculum at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he was clinical professor emeritus. He also assisted with the opening of the LECOM branches in Bradenton, Florida and Seton Hill.

Hampton served as an examiner with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

He enjoyed music and was a longtime member of the Madison Jazz Project.

His father, Donald V. Hampton, DO, served as OOA president in the 1940s.

Daniel A. "Doc" McDonnell, DO, of Bolivar, died October 2, 2015. He was 79 years old.

McDonnell purchased the Bolivar Clinic in 1963, where he was subsequently joined by his brother, Harry McDonnell, DO. They practiced family medicine together for more than 30 years. He was one of the original physicians at the former Doctors Hospital of Stark County in Massillon and delivered the first baby at the fledgling hospital.

McDonnell graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, and served his internship in Warren, Ohio.

Throughout his career he amassed a large collection of books and medical journals. Because of his passion to share knowledge, he requested that his body be donated to science, specifically

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Survivors in addition to his brother include his wife of 51 years, four children, and extended family, friends and former patients.

Brent N. Miller, DO, 43 of Lebanon, died unexpectedly March 24, 2015.

He was a physiatrist specializing in the non-surgical evaluation and treatment of spine conditions and electrodiagnostic medicine. His professional interest in spine and sports medicine grew from personal experience. He spent his college years at Marshall University where he was a member of the soccer team. Athletic injuries and caring for his grandmother sparked his interest in rehabilitative medicine.

Miller was a 2001 graduate of West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and served his residency at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

His survivors include his parents, wife, two daughters and extended family.

OHIO DO NAMED AOA MENTOR OF THE YEAR



Katherine J. "Katy" Kropf, DO, of Athens, was named 2015 Mentor of the Year by the American Osteopathic Association during the organization's annual Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition (OMED), October 17-21 in

Orlando. It is the second consecutive year that an Ohio DO — and faculty member at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine — received the prestigious award. Last year's recipient was Timothy D. Law, Sr., DO.

A 2002 graduate of the Heritage College, Kropf is assistant professor and associate chair of the family medicine department. She has been teaching at the college since 2008. Her clinical and academic interests include care of transgender patients, women's health and contraception, lifestyle medicine

and reflective practice. During her time at the college, she has mentored students through clinical experience trips to El Salvador and Ecuador, as well as students she has worked with in the family medicine residency program of OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital.

Kropf founded "Mindfulness Tuesday," a weekly meditation session at the Athens campus for busy students, faculty and staff.

She received her undergraduate degree from Grinnell College (Iowa) with a BA in biology and women's studies.

In 2015, she was named Clinical Preceptor of the Year by Heritage College students and also received the OU-HCOM Society of Alumni & Friends Recent Graduate Award.

The AOA Mentor of the Year award, established in 2005, honors those who help shape the future of the osteopathic medical profession. Another Ohioan, the late Ruth E. Purdy, DO, received the honor in 2006.



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