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OSU-COM alumnus named OOA President

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association recently inducted **Michael K. Cooper, D.O., '90, FACOPF**, as the 2014-2015 president at the 114th annual convention at the Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center in Norman.

Originally from Shawnee, Cooper earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed an internship at Hillcrest Health Center. A board-certified osteopathic manipulative medicine and family physician, he currently practices in Claremore. Cooper is a graduate of the American Osteopathic Association Health Policy Fellowship.

He delivered his inaugural address to members of the association, his parents Kent and Sherry Cooper of Shawnee, family and friends.

OOA Convention Award Winners

- Doctor of the Year..... **Dennis J. Carter, D.O., '87**
- Outstanding & Distinguished Service Award. **Kayse M. Shrum, D.O., '98**
- A.T. Still Award of Excellence..... **Jason L. Hill, D.O., '99**
- Rookie Physician of the Year..... **Chelsey D. Gilbertson, D.O., '08**
- Rookie Physician of the Year..... **Aaron S. Sizelove, D.O., '09**
- Rookie Physician of the Year..... **Monica M. Woodall, D.O., '09**

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OSU and Mercy Finalize Agreement to Manage OSU Medical Center

Agreement Will Focus on the Future of the Downtown Tulsa Hospital

Mercy Health and the OSU Medical Authority finalized an agreement for the health care network to manage the OSU Medical Center in downtown Tulsa.

"OSU has built a solid foundation of quality medical care and compassionate healing in downtown Tulsa, and it will be a privilege to build on that success," says Di Smalley, Mercy's regional president for Oklahoma. "The Mercy mission of cultures will be an ideal fit in Tulsa. We are already working to make the transition seamless."

The OSU Medical Center has a dual role to care for the medically underserved in the region and to serve as the teaching hospital for the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"Mercy shares our commitment to provide primary care physicians to Oklahoma through our medical school and teaching hospital. The OSU Medical Center is the nation's largest osteopathic teaching hospital, and this agreement ensures that our medical

students and residents will have an excellent facility, mentors and faculty to continue their medical education," says **Kayse Shrum, D.O., '98**, OSU-OHS president and provost. "A strong pipeline of primary care doctors is essential to improving Oklahoma's overall health picture. The management agreement is a major achievement and an important step in building a long-term relationship with Mercy."

The Tulsa economy depends on the OSU Medical Center for more than 900 high-paying jobs with more than \$125 million in economic impact including tax collections. The agreement went into effect May 1.



OSU Medical Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 6-10	AOMA State Convention	Branson, Mo.
Oct. 15-19	ACOI Annual Convention	Baltimore, Md.
Oct. 25-29	AOA/OMED	Seattle, Wash.
Nov. 7-9	OSU Primary Care Update CME, Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Tulsa-Warren Place	Tulsa, Okla.

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Hello OSU-COM Alumni!

As most of you know, OSU Center for Health Sciences has undergone some recent changes in administration. OSU-CHS President **Kayse Shrum, D.O., '98**, recently announced two new administrative appointments.



Ryan Miller

Eric Polak has been selected to serve as vice president for administration and finance. He is filling the position of Jim Hess, Ed.D., who moved to a full-time faculty position and now serves as professor and head of the School of Health Care Administration.

Johnny Stephens, Pharm.D., was selected as interim vice president for research and chief operating officer. Dr. Stephens will be filling the interim position overseeing research at OSU-CHS. This role was previously held by Leigh Goodson, Ph.D., vice president for research and institutional advancement, who is the new president at Tulsa Community College.

The association embraces the changes here at OSU-CHS and we have full confidence in the new appointments for each position. We would also like to thank Dr. Hess and Dr. Goodson for their time, compassion and commitment to OSU, the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Center for Health Sciences.

With this being said, the office of Alumni Affairs and the OSU-COM Alumni Association are entering a new season full of great opportunities. OSU-COM Alumni Association President **Duane Koehler, D.O., '90**,

Dr. Shrum and Executive Director for the OSU-COM Alumni Association and OSU-CHS Alumni Director Ryan Miller decided to take some time and re-vamp the alumni association.

There will be a full review of the bylaws, structural changes, seat changes, representative changes and a whole host of new ideas and implementations. These changes will take place within the next several months and the association will keep members up to date on the new format and adjustments coming to our offices and association.

It's a great time to be an alumnus. We are excited about upcoming improvements and we hope you will be too.

Sincerely,

Ryan Miller
Executive Director, OSU-COM Alumni Association
Director, OSU-CHS Alumni Association



OSU-COM graduate featured in U.S. Army video

Grant Evans, D.O., '08, was recently featured in a national recruiting video for the United States Army. In the video, Dr. Evans discusses how U.S. Army physicians are caring for soldiers in the burn center.

View the video featuring Dr. Evans at <http://www.goarmy.com/army-videos.vid-55d2fae8-b73f-472d-848b-73bdfd1fdabc.autostart.html>.



Grant Evans, D.O.

Alumni notes

Cindy Berry, D.O., '91, was named one of the 2014 OSU-CHS Educators of the Year by the OSU-CHS graduating class.

Heidi Marie Ritze, D.O., '12, and **Andrew James Prince, D.O., '13**, were wed on May 31 at the Tulsa Country Club in Tulsa. Dr. Ritze is an anesthesia resident and Dr. Prince is an internal medicine resident, both at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

John Kirkwood, D.O., '93, a family practice doctor in Pasadena and co-founder of Bayside Urgent Care was inducted into the Sam Rayburn High School Hall of Honor in April.

Brenda Gayle Jeffrey, D.O., '09, and **Michael Richard Schiesel, D.O., '07**, are planning to get married Oct. 18 at the First United Methodist Church in Tulsa. Dr. Jeffrey is a plastic and reconstructive surgery resident at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City and Dr. Schiesel is an emergency medicine physician at OSU Medical Center.

Cara Thompson, D.O., '09, joined the Claremore Indian Hospital as an Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) physician.

Terry Gile, D.O., '82, Board Certified Anesthesiology and Pain Management, joined the Bartlesville branch of Tulsa/Muskogee/ Bartlesville/Stillwater Pain Consultants.

Michael F. Stratton, D.O., '88, FAAP, was selected for publication in *The Leading Physicians of the World* for his passion and quality patient care. He has spent 21 years working with clinical abuse and drug-endangered children. He also serves as an assistant clinical professor at OSU-COM.



Jaye Bea Downs, D.O., Ryan Miller and Brock Wilson, D.O.

OSU-COM Alumni Association recognizes two at the OSU-CHS Awards Banquet

The OSU-COM Alumni Association recognized two outstanding graduates in May at the annual OSU-CHS Awards Banquet. The Alumni Recognition Awards were presented to **Brock Wilson, D.O., '14** and **Jaye Bea Downs, D.O., '14**.

Kroeker chosen for Rural Medicine Professorship

Cheryl Kroeker, D.O., '04, from Chouteau, has been chosen to serve as the Alumni Professor in Rural Health for the next two years. The Alumni Professorship in Rural Health was established by the OSU-COM Alumni Association in 1991 to encourage excellence in teaching, and to underscore the importance of the health needs of rural Oklahoma.

Dr. Kroeker will serve as a role model for OSU-COM students and residents in the classroom lectures, encourage the practice of rural medicine, provide practical and clinical experiences her office. She will also work to enhance the rural health curricula.

Samantha Moery, D.O., '04, from Enid, served as the 2012-2014 Rural Medicine Professor. "She did an outstanding job and we appreciate her services," says Ryan Miller, executive director of the OSU-COM Alumni Association.

Every two years a new representative is chosen by a committee consisting of the dean of rural health, chair of Family Medicine, president of the OSU-COM Alumni Association and the executive director of Alumni Affairs.

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