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Terry K. Badzinski, D.O., '77, OSU assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and **Scott Cyrus, D.O., '91**, OSU adjunct clinical professor of pediatrics, were among five finalists selected from more than 135 nominees for the 2009 American Osteopathic Association Mentor of the Year award.

Thomas Costner, D.O., '85, was incorrectly listed as Class of 1981 in Fall issue.

Brian C. Diener, D.O., '01, assistant professor of surgery, has been named vice chair of surgery at OSU.

Brian C. Diener, D.O., '01 and **Susan B. Young, D.O., '99**, have been designated as Fellows of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (FACOS).

Janelle Whitt, D.O., '97, was honored by the AOF with the AstraZeneca Spirit of Humanity Award for her work with the Bedlam Clinic in Tulsa.

Christopher S. Williams, D.O., M.P.H., '80, retired from U.S. Air Force in January 2010 after more than 21 years. He joins Colorado Springs Health Partners as a neurologist. Dr. Williams, a board certified neurologist and clinical neurophysiologist, most recently served as Senior Executive Director for Traumatic Brain Injury at the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury in Washington, D.C.

In Memoriam

William Courtney, D.O., '94, Tuttle, Okla., in family practice in Yukon, Okla.

James Michael Moody, D.O., '82, passed away Jan. 1 at his home in Shawnee, Okla.

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Dr. Garner Aids Future Physicians

Lindsey Kirkpatrick, OSU-CHS Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruitment, recently spoke with **Mindi Garner, D.O., '00**, who practices in Pittsburg, Kan. Dr. Garner has launched "Pre-Meds with Promise," a program providing experience as medical assistants to help pre-medical students on their journey to medical school. Participants apply, interview and provide a letter of recommendation from a pre-med advisor. They then are employed by the clinic. "I think that is exceptional and it is so nice to see our alumni helping future doctors," Kirkpatrick said. She added that Dr. Garner has written letters of recommendation for several current applicants. "She is a great ambassador for our school," Kirkpatrick added.



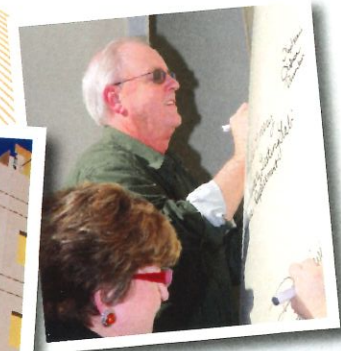
Mindi Garner, D.O.

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Topping Out Marks Construction Progress

The landscape at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine is changing with the addition of a new building. A topping out ceremony for the new OSU-CHS Forensic Sciences building took place recently. The 160,000 square-foot building is shared with the City of Tulsa Police Department Forensic Laboratory and Property Room. It has five floors; floors one and two for police department use, and floors three, four and five for OSU-CHS. The first phase of construction will complete for OSU the third-floor forensic sciences area, featuring a teaching lab, faculty and staff offices, and the forensic biology, pathology and toxicology student labs and clinical labs. There will be expansion space that can accommodate two labs and a 24-seat classroom. The fourth floor has labs and offices for 12 biomedical sciences faculty members, procedure rooms, a dark room and a cold room. Later, phase two will build out the fifth floor for additional biomedical science research labs and faculty offices. Approximate cost of the new structure is \$43 million. Completion is expected by November of 2010.



Dana Livingston, director of Student Affairs, and **Rob Allen, Ph.D.**, join OSU faculty, staff, students and guests in signing strobic fan toppers before the toppers were lifted to the top of the new building.



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OSU Physicians adds clinics

OSU Physicians has made two additions to its clinics. A family medicine clinic opens at Eastgate Metroplex in east Tulsa in early 2010. In addition, OSU Physicians now offers ophthalmology services at OSU Physicians - Ophthalmology in Muskogee.

Telemedicine partnership announced

St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City and OSU-CHS now have a partnership to provide telemedicine services to expand the availability of specialty medical care in underserved areas of western Oklahoma. This partnership will link St. Anthony specialists with six affiliated hospitals and one rural clinic in the western part of the state. Patients initially will have telemedicine access to the stroke team and psychiatry services, expanding in the near future to Cardiology, ENT, and Pulmonary Specialists. Affiliate hospitals anticipated going live in January 2010 are: Beaver County Memorial Hospital (Beaver, Okla.), Cordell Memorial Hospital (Cordell, Okla.), Fairview Regional Medical Center (Fairview, Okla.), Harper County Community Hospital (Buffalo, Okla.), Newman Memorial Hospital (Shattuck, Okla.), Okeene Municipal Hospital (Okeene, Okla.), and a Laverne Family Health Clinic (Laverne, Okla.). St. Anthony and OSU expect to add five more sites during the summer of 2010.

Dear Alumni,

It was a busy final quarter of 2009 and the AOA in New Orleans was a highlight. Alumni luncheon was back this year with more than 130 alumni attending, making it one of our best attended to date. Later that evening we gathered above Cochon's Restaurant for some wonderful authentic Cajun foods and a great chance to visit and catch up with old friends.

At the AOA meeting in New Orleans we were very proud of **Scott Cyrus, D.O., '91** and **Terry Badzinski, D.O., '77** who were finalists for the AOA Mentor Award. Also, **Janelle Whitt, D.O., '97** was honored by the AOF with the AstraZeneca Spirit of Humanity Award for her work with the Bedlam Clinic in Tulsa. Once again our alumni prove to be strong advocates of Osteopathic Medicine and continue to make our College proud.

Join the association, and your fellow alumni, at these 2010 events:

- Jan. 29-31 - visit our exhibit at the OOA Winter CME at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa and enjoy a host of wonderful speakers throughout the weekend.
- Feb. 27 - stop by our table at the Osteopathic Founders Foundation 2010 Winterset Gala at the DoubleTree Warren Place in Tulsa.
- March 18-21 - look for us at ACOFP in Las Vegas.
- May 6-9 - come by and say hello at our booth at the OOA Convention in Oklahoma City, where Ryan and Bavette promise to be showing off the newest addition to their family, baby Teagan.
- Senior Breakfast is May 13 in Founders Hall. Later that evening the annual awards banquet will be held at the DoubleTree Warren Place. Graduation is May 14 at the Spirit Bank Event Center in Bixby.

Spring Fling May 21-22 at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel in Tulsa promises to be our best yet and you can help make it even better. The alumni association seeks speakers, especially those from anniversary classes of 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005. Speakers are selected according to requested topics and need. You will receive a \$250 honorarium. For more information, please contact Renee Williams at (918) 561-1109 or at renee.e.motte@okstate.edu.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Have a wonderful new year and as always, thank you for your support of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association.

Robin R. Dyer, D.O., President
OSU COM Alumni Association



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2009 Alumni Statistical Report Highlights:

- 2,402 current alumni.
- Alumni practice in 48 of the 50 states in the US.
- 4 alumni are practicing or are serving in military services overseas.
- Over 1,800 are in active practice.
- 467 are currently in GME programs.
- 55% are in primary care practice.
- 984 or 54% practice in Oklahoma.
- 58% of our Oklahoma graduates are in active primary care practice.
- 55% of our Oklahoma graduates practice in communities with less than 25,000 people.

Orange Door Business Network Connects Alums



OSU Cowboys now can do business with fellow Cowboys through the Orange Door Business Network, a connection to OSU-friendly businesses. The annual business membership program was created as a way to connect OSU businesses with OSU alumni across the country. Benefits include placement on the Orange Door Business Network page. Businesses are listed by category and searchable by category or location, logo and description of services may be included with the listing. You also get an invitation to a business seminar and luncheon to meet and network with other OSU business owners and managers, a subscription to the STATE magazine, a subscription to the Orange Bytes e-newsletter and a custom designed and exclusive Orange Door decal. For more information contact Melissa Mourer at (405) 744-3388 or at melissa.mourer@okstate.edu.



2010 Alumni Calendar of Events

OOA Winter CME	Tulsa	Jan. 29-31
Winterset Ball for OFF	Tulsa	Feb. 27
Oklahoma D.O. Day on the Hill	Oklahoma City	March 3
ACOFP Convention	Las Vegas, Nev.	March 18-21
AACOM Convention	Washington D.C.	April 7-10
National D.O. Day on the Hill	Washington D.C.	April 29
OOA Convention	Oklahoma City	May 6-9
Senior Breakfast	Tulsa	May 13
Graduation	Tulsa	May 14
Spring Fling	Tulsa	May 21-22
Alumni Summer Golf Classic	Tulsa	May TBA
Emergency Medicine CME	Tulsa	June 11-13
TOMA Alumni Reception	Fort Worth, Texas	June 16-20
AOMA Convention	Fayetteville, Ark.	Aug. 6-9
White Coat Ceremony	Tulsa	Aug. 14
30 year reunion	Tulsa	Aug. 13-15
New Student Welcome Lunch	Tulsa	Sept. TBA
OSU Homecoming festivities	Tulsa	Oct 22-23
AOA Convention	San Francisco, Calif.	Oct. 24
Family Medicine CME	Tulsa	Nov. 12-14