

Alumni Notes

Frank B. Parks, D.O., '81, fulfilled requirements of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine and was elected to fellow status at its annual meeting. Parks notes he is the first U.S.-trained osteopathic physician to gain Fellow status in the ACEM. He worked under supervision and evaluation of three college members to fulfill ACEM requirements, after going through a structured interview and an evaluation of credentials. The status allows him to practice in Australia and other member countries as a specialist consultant in emergency medicine.

In Memoriam

Kent Medcalf, D.O., '86, age 50, passed away Feb. 26.

Join the Fitness Center

Membership at the new campus fitness center is available to alumni for \$15 per month.

For more information:

<http://centernet.okstate.edu/fitness/index.cfm> or contact

Bavette Leeper at (918) 561-5711.



OSU faculty and staff members try out equipment in the new campus fitness center.

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Rural Medicine's True Example

When emergency room physician C. Michael Ogle, D.O., '86, was named the 2007 Rural Health Association of Oklahoma's Rural Physician of the year, it was a fitting acknowledgement.

Ogle is a dedicated osteopathic physician in Enid, Okla., and the director of rural physicians and clinical services for the OSU Center for Rural Health. He also trains medical students on rural rotations in Enid, and he knows a kind of rural medicine not found on the Oklahoma plains.

Ogle recently made his third mission trip to Niger, Africa. It was, he says, a true example of practicing rural medicine. Niger has high infant and child mortality rates and short life expectancy. In the rural area where he volunteered, clean water is a pressing daily need. "The three biggest needs for the people are water, wood and food," says Ogle, adding that the area is "a tough place to be" with trash dotting the landscape, a stench from cooking fires permeating the air, and children begging.

Ogle says the experience has taught him more about communicable diseases. He has seen malaria, leprosy, skin tuberculosis, infections, malnutrition and HIV-AIDS. Working in Niger reminds him that being a physician is not just a career, it is a calling. He says, "It has helped me understand that we are all the same. I get reminded that we are all human; we all need care and help."



C. Michael Ogle, D.O., displayed an OSU Medicine logo when volunteering in Africa's Republic of Niger.

Alumni Coming Events Calendar

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| May 9 | OSU-CHS Commencement
Tulsa, Okla. |
| May 16-17 | CME Spring Fling
DoubleTree Hotel Tulsa Downtown
www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/alumni/index |
| June 20 | Texas Osteopathic Medical Association
Alumni Reception
Addison, Texas |
| June 23 | OSU-COM Alumni Association's
Summer Golf Classic
Tulsa, Okla. |

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ELITE FORENSICS ACCREDITATION

OSU-CHS Graduate Program in Forensic Sciences has been accredited by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences after an extensive audit process through its Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission. It is one of only eight graduate programs nationwide to receive the designation.

"This formal evaluation shows prospective students and employers that our forensic biology and forensic toxicology programs meet the high standards of quality set by the AAFS and the FEPAC commission," **Robert Allen, Ph.D.** and chair of the department, said. The program offers master's degrees in forensic sciences and in forensic sciences administration. A graduate certificate in forensic document examination is also offered. The forensics program is largely online and also opens enrollment to non-program students.



Robert Allen, Ph.D., in the lab with recent forensics graduate Jesse Carver.

Joint Program Announced

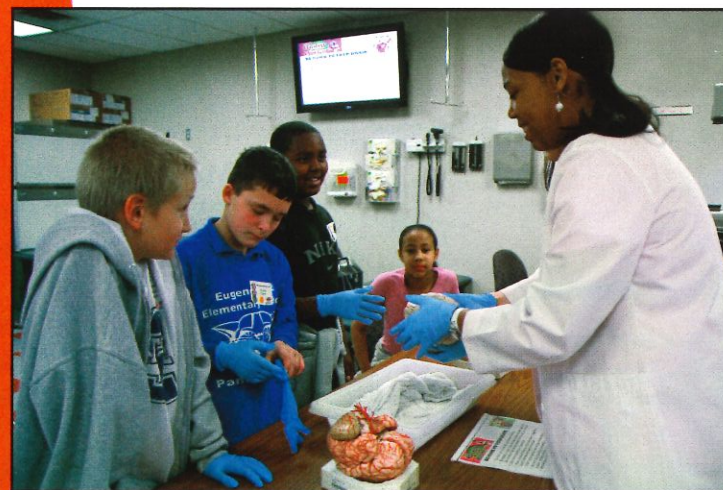
Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond have begun an Early Assurance Program, a joint pilot program that helps UCO's pre-medical students to better plan admittance to the medical school.

"The pilot program focuses our recruitment efforts with prospective medical students early in their academic careers," **Leigh Goodson, Ph.D.**, vice president for enrollment management and external affairs, says. "We are pleased to work with UCO's strong pre-medical curriculum to allow students to better chart progress with early assurance information."

Curriculum, grades, prerequisite, grade point averages and enrollment criteria must be met, along with Medical College Admissions Test scores, interviews, recommendations and other requirements, in order to be accepted into OSU's osteopathic medical school.



Third through fifth-graders from Eugene Field Elementary School attended a Mini-Medical School for Kids presented by the student chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians. Topics included nutrition, healthy eating, anatomy, exercise and obesity. Teachers received materials for classroom follow-up about the importance of proper nutrition and staying active.



LaTricia Rice, MS I, assists students in the anatomy session at ACOPS Mini-Medical School for Kids.

DR. LAURIE CLARK NBOME Case Author of the Year



Laurie Clark, D.O.

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners has named **Laurie Clark, D.O., '83**, assistant professor of family medicine at the Oklahoma State University

Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine, as its 2007 Case Author of the Year.

She was selected from among more than 200 contributors to the NBOME for submitting the best test items for the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medicine Licensing Exam (COMLEX-USA) for her level. Her test items were termed a model for the type and format of items needed to produce the COMLEX-USA for the osteopathic profession.

Clark is a member of the NBOME Case Development Committee and former member of its Performance Testing Committee.

She Keeps Alumni Connected

Reneé Williams, administrative assistant III, joined the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine alumni office in 2003 and is a familiar face or telephone voice for alumni.

Williams is a native of Monterey, Calif., and moved to Tulsa from Los Angeles in 1998. Williams joined OSU-CHS in 2001, and now assists alumni director **Ryan Miller** in association activities. She works with the alumni association's board of directors in meetings and planning, and liaisons with the OSU alumni association in Stillwater and with the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

Williams recently completed securing speakers for CME Spring

Fling May 16-17 at the DoubleTree Hotel Tulsa Downtown. Now, she is planning details for reunions of the classes of 1978 and 1983, scheduled for August. "I love organizing, and connecting with our alumni. I put my heart into finding 'lost' alumni," she says. "I really like getting to know them, and we want them to know that they are special to us."

"Reneé has done an outstanding job in her four years with us," says Miller. "Our data base is nearly flawless with less than a one percent return on mailings. She keeps our alumni connected to each other and to the college. Her dedication to our department and its success is deeply appreciated."

Williams' hobbies include scrap booking and she enjoys working out in the new campus fitness center.

Default Cohort Rate Zero Percent

David Barron, OSU-CHS manager of student financial aid and scholarships, says the official default cohort rate for fiscal year 2005 has been released by U.S. Department of Education, and OSU-CHS is one of only four medical schools in the nation with a default cohort rate of zero percent for the last three cohort years. OSU-CHS students from the 2005 cohort year have been able to successfully pay on their student loans and none have defaulted.

"We are extremely proud of our students and will continue to provide them with the counseling and support they need to be successful," Barron says.



Reneé Williams