Midwestern University congratulates Karen J. Nichols, D.O., FACOI, M.A., Dean of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM), and Professor of Internal Medicine, on her election to the position of President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). This summer, Dr. Nichols began serving as President-Elect and will become the first female president of the association in 2010.

“The nomination of Dr. Nichols is very significant. She has always been a true osteopathic leader and I am so very pleased that her talent and ability is recognized and embraced by the entire profession,” said Kathleen Goeppinger, Ph.D., President and CEO of Midwestern University. “We are honored to have Dr. Nichols selected for this important national role.”

As president-elect, Dr. Nichols will assist the AOA president and help implement the goals and objectives outlined by the organization that represents the nation’s more than 67,000 osteopathic physicians. Next year as president, she will become the official spokesperson for the AOA. Realizing that this new honor will take her away from campus,

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Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

As we embark on a new decade, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the past 10 years of growth and development. These 10 years have revealed the dedication, talent, and heart you have all committed to educating our students, reaching out to the community, building our reputation for excellence, and helping us become a first-rate institution. I believe that the past decade is the most significant in our long history. We built most of our Glendale Campus, added much needed facilities on the Downers Grove Campus, and added many new academic programs that have helped us fulfill our mission of providing our communities with the much needed healthcare professionals.

The past decade also saw a growth in our character as a university. Together we focused on what is important to our students – quality education. It is a point of pride that we can look back at the past 10 years of successful graduates and know that the many of our current students have chosen to become a member of our community because of our reputation as a caring and dynamic community.

Our growth over the past 10 years has introduced many new faculty and staff to our campuses. In order to get to know each other better, I have implemented a new program called “Cake and Conversation.” Each month, on both campuses, the faculty and staff will dedicate an hour to just visiting with each other, meeting members of the other departments, and talking with each other about research interests, the campus, and our community. We will hold these in different locations to showcase new labs, new facilities, and different buildings. These gatherings will not replace our regular Town Hall meetings, or the faculty meetings I hold with many of our colleges or departments.

I have also implemented a new program for students to get to know me and understand our mission through breakfast meetings scheduled by the Dean of Students. I want to hear firsthand how the students feel about our campus, their education, and their experience. This allows me the opportunity to listen, understand, and improve communication between all of us.

As we begin the new decade, let’s remember the success of the past years, embrace the growth that was made possible through your dedication, and welcome new members to our academic family. Thank you for your dedication….I look forward to seeing you at Cake and Conversation – or breakfast!

Dr. G.

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the University has named Thomas Boyle, D.O., interim dean of CCOM. Dr. Boyle will begin his term as Interim Dean next summer. Dr. Nichols will return to her role as Dean in 2011.

“Dr. Boyle is an excellent choice for the position of Interim Dean. He has years of clinical, administrative, and educational experience. He is well-recognized for his thoughtful analytical skills as an administrator,” Dr. Nichols said. “We have worked closely together for the last four years and Dr. Boyle is highly qualified to lead CCOM when I’m not on campus.

Our college and our students will be well cared for,” she added.

Dr. Nichols’ nomination is significant for the AOA in many ways. In addition to being the first woman elected to this office, she also was the first candidate nominated by two states – Illinois and Arizona – for this prestigious position. Dr. Nichols began her career with Midwestern University on the Glendale Campus where she served as Internal Medicine Director for the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, Assistant Dean for Postdoctoral Education, and practiced as a physician. Dr. Nichols has been a member of the AOA since 1981 and a member of the Board of Trustees since 1999.

As one of only eight females in her graduating medical school class, Dr. Nichols takes pride in seeing the role of women in medicine grow. “I have always been honored to be involved in the osteopathic medical profession and I hope to inspire future generations of female D.O.s to aspire to leadership positions. I always tell my female and male students that this is a growing profession and you can make an impact if you get involved,” Dr. Nichols said.
Appointments, Awards, and Grants

The Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents elected its new Executive Board and named Aaron Huser, MS-IV (CCOM), a Parliamentary.

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) bestowed several honors and appointments on members of the Midwestern University community at its annual business meeting in July. The association announced the following awards, appointments, and scholarships:

- **George Caleel, D.O. (MWU),** Vice President of Clinical Education, received the AOA Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given in the profession.
- **Teresa Hubka, D.O., FACOG (CCOM),** Chair and Residency Program Director of Obstetrics & Gynecology, was elected President of the American Osteopathic Foundation, and is the first woman to hold that position.
- **Nicki Ottens, D.O. (CCOM 2005),** OGME-V resident in family medicine and emergency medicine at St. James Hospital and Health Centers in Olympia Fields, was elected to be the Resident Representative on the AOA Board of Trustees.
- **Cory Maughan, MS-IV (AZCOM),** was elected to be the Student Representative on the AOA Board of Trustees.
- **Kerri Kulovitz, MS-V (CCOM),** an Osteopathic Medicine Fellow, was selected to receive the AOA Presidential Memorial Scholarship.

During a spring convention in Washington, DC, the Student Osteopathic Medical Association welcomed the following Midwestern University osteopathic medical students to its 2009-10 Board of Trustees:

- **Vice president: Meghan Cox, MS-IV (CCOM)**
- **Region III trustee: Jeremy C. Curtis, MS-III (CCOM)**
- **SOMA Foundation director: Courtney Steller, MS-IV (CCOM)**

SOMA also named the following students to its 2009-10 National Board:

- **Convention coordinator: Lauren N. Brankle, MS-III (CCOM)**
- **Osteopathic principles and practice coordinator: Kerri Kulovitz, MS-IV (CCOM)**
- **Unity campaign director: Nathan Edward Hale, MS-IV (AZCOM).**

Jacalyn M. Green, Ph.D. (CCOM), Associate Professor of Biochemistry, received a $211,141 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for her project on the “Role of the abg Locus of E coli in Folate Catabolism.” The grant is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that was signed into law in February, and is designed to stimulate the U.S. economy through the support and advancement of scientific research and other measures.

James Woods, Ph.D. (CCOM), Associate Professor of Microbiology & Immunology and Director of Research and Sponsored Programs, has received a notice of award from the National Institutes of Health for his AREA grant project “Manzamine A as an anti-inflammatory treatment for rheumatoid arthritis.” The award totals $212,820 in direct and indirect costs and will be supported for two years.

Joleen Kayanickupuram, MS-II (AZCOM), conducted research this summer in Houston, Texas, at the NASA Johnson Space Center’s Neuroscience Laboratory. One of only 18 students chosen for NASA’s National Space Biomedical Research Institute internship, Ms. Kayanickupuram spent 10-15 weeks learning about and seeking ways to improve astronauts’ ability to move easily and maintain balance in space.

David W. Jenkins, D.P.M., FACFAS (AZPod/CHS-AZ), Professor, Podiatric Medicine, is now a Fellow of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine. There are only 162 Fellows in U.S. and Canada and four in Arizona.

Craig A. Johnston, Ph.D. (CPG), Chair and Professor, Pharmacology/Toxicology, received the 2009 Grand Council Deputy Outstanding Achievement Award in August from the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity. He was selected as the nation’s outstanding faculty advisor for student chapters. The MWU Chapter was also recognized as the Best Chapter in Province IX, which includes NM, AZ, NV, and CA.

Paul Kim, D.P.M. (AZPod/CHS-AZ), Associate Professor, Podiatric Medicine, and Melanie Violand, D.P.M. (AZPod/CHS-AZ), Assistant Professor, Podiatric Medicine, both achieved board certification in Foot Surgery. They are now Diplomates of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.

Dennis J. McCallian, Pharm.D., FACA (CPG), Dean and Professor, College of Pharmacy-Glendale, was named the recipient of the 2009 Dean’s Award by the American College of Apothecaries. This award honors the Dean of a College or School of Pharmacy for outstanding service to community pharmacy practice. Nominations are made by ACA Fellows and other community pharmacy practitioners, and the final selection is made by the ACA Executive Committee. The award includes a medallion and a $1,000 donation to CPG to be used to assist students or faculty in strengthening community pharmacy practice.

David McKenzie, PMS-IV (AZPod/CHS-AZ) is the current national president of the American Podiatric Medical Students Association. Zackary Gangwer PMS-III (AZPod/CHS-AZ) was recently elected President-Elect of this leadership organization. In addition, Jake McLeod, PMS-III (AZPod/CHS-AZ) was elected President of the Presidents Council (a committee of student body presidents from each of the podiatric medical schools).

Diana Semmelhack, Ph.D. (CHS-DG), Associate Professor, Behavioral Medicine, was appointed co-chair of the American Psychological Association Committee on Public Policy and Education sponsored by Division 49.

Alan Schalscha, D.O. (AZCOM), Clinical Assistant Professor and HOME Faculty Sponsor, and Kyle Biggs, MS-III (AZCOM), received funding from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in the amount of $20,000 over four years to support the Health Outreach through Medicine and Education (H.O.M.E.) project.

Donald Shaw, PT, Ph.D., Deb Bierwas, PT, DPT, and Robert Nithman, DPT, (CHS-AZ), have received funding from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) for $5,000 to support the project “Real-time

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Students Gain Experience in Summer Research Projects

The following CCOM and AZCOM students were awarded summer research fellowships. The program ran for 10 weeks and provided a meaningful research experience to first-year medical students on both campuses.

CCOM

Rizwan Ahman with Nalini Chandar, Ph.D., Professor, Biochemistry, “Determining Optimal Concentration of Vitamin D Required for Regulation of the Mdm2 Gene through Signaling of Plasma Membrane Receptors/hydrophilic Hormone Signaling Pathway”

Abdul Baig with Lon Van Winkle, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Biochemistry, “Blastocyst Hatching and Initiation of Trophoblast Motility Triggered by Implantation Serine Proteinase Mediated Activation of Proteinase Activated Receptor 2”

Kristy Calland with Nalini Chandar, Ph.D., Professor, Biochemistry, “p63, a p53 Related Protein in Osteoblast Differentiation”

Saba Chaudry with Alejandro Mayer, Ph.D., Professor, Pharmacology, “The Effect of Vibrio vulnificus LPS on Cytokine and Chemokine Release by Rat Neonatal Microglia”

Jonathan Crews with Joshua Edwards, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Pharmacology, “Effects of Long Term Cd Exposure on Rat Kidney and Liver Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase Activity”

Kristin Harris with Rafael Mejia-Alvarez, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Physiology, “Functional Properties of SR K+ Channels During Postnatal Development of Cardiac Muscle”

David Hillhouse with Susan Viselli, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biochemistry, “Cytokine and Chemokine Production in Normal C57Bl/11 Male Mice”

Megan Hunt with Joanna Goral, Associate Professor, Anatomy, “The Involvement of Calcium-activated Large Conductance (BK) and Small Conductance (SK) Potassium Channels in Ethanol-Induced Effects on Inflammatory Responses of Macrophages”

Ahmed Jafri with Richard Laddaga, Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, “Involvement of the Tyrosine/Tryptophan Permease in Chlamydia pneumoniae AR-39 Invasiveness and Persistence”

Caroline Leof with Michelle Swanson-Mungerson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, “Mechanisms Regulating EBV-Infected B-cell Survival and Proliferation”

Umar Mahmood with Balbina Plotkin, Ph.D., Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, “The Effects of Insulin on E. coli K12 Phenotypic Response to Amino Acids”

Elizabeth McLeod with Kyle Ramsey, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Microbiology and Immunology, “Role of Transforming Growth Factor-B in Development of Oviduct Pathology in Chlamydial Genital Infection”

Ryan McKenna with Susan Viselli, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biochemistry, “Effects of High Fat Diet and DDE on Immune Cell Populations and Function in Normal C56 B1/6 Male Mice”

Kunil Naik with Kathy LePard, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Physiology, “Changing Pancreatic Islet Morphology and Cell Functioning During the Course of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Obese Mouse Model KK.CgAV/J”

Justine Parker with Kurt Heinking, D.O., Associate Professor and Chair, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, “Hypohydration and Osteopathic Manipulation”

Neil Patel with Michael Volin, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, “Expression of MUC3 Associated with the Resistance to Methotrexate Human Rheumatoid Arthritis Cell Lines”

Arick Sabin with Kathleen O’Hagan, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Physiology, “Alteration in Sympathetic Innervation to Uterine Vasculature of the Pregnant Rat”

Ahmad Salah with Lon Van Winkle, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Biochemistry, “Protease-activated Receptor-2 Gene Expression and Development of the Trophoblast Motility Needed for Embryo Implantation”

Sachine Shah with Lon Van Winkle, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Biochemistry, “Do Metabotropic Glutamate Receptors and Polyamines help to maintain Pluripotence in Human Embryonic Stem Cells Via c-Myc?”

Aaron Van Dree with Walter Prozialeck, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Pharmacology, “A Novel Method for the Evaluation of Site-Specific Nephrotoxic Injury Using Ethidium Homodimer”

Thomas Vizinas with Paul McCulloch, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Physiology, “Do Trigeminal Caudalis Neurons Activated During Nasal Stimulation Express Adrenergic Alpha-2A Receptors”

Ashley Warmoth with James Woods, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, “Gender Related Differences in Cytokine Expression in Rat Adjuvant Induced Arthritis”

Eric Winkel, with Maura Porta, Ph.D., Instructor, Physiology, “Functional Properties of SR K+ Channels During Postnatal Development of Cardiac Muscle”

Nick Zlatarov with Michael Volin, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, “Expression of Mucins in Synovial Fluids of Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis Patients”

AZCOM

Anette Altamirano with Kathryn Leyva, Associate Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, “Determining the Function of Halocin Gene Products”

Jeremy Bramwell with Kathy Lawson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biochemistry, “The Role of P-Cadherin Expression in Oral Cancer Invasion”

Joshua Duncan with Margaret Hall, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Anatomy, “Optic Nerve fiber counts in the Roufous Hummingbird”

Adama Diarra with Ramesh Jeganathan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biochemistry, “The Ubiquitination Mechanism of p75 receptor in Alzheimer’s Disease”

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Juxiang Huang with Johana Vallejo-Elias, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Physiology, “The Ubiquitination Mechanism of p75 receptor in Alzheimer’s Disease”

Julia Iafrate, with Carleton Buck Jones, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biomedical Science, “Magnitude and timing of Th Cell Influx in a Compression Model of Rodent spinal cord Injury”

Branden Luna with Thomas Broderick, Ph.D., Professor, Physiology, “The Roles of Iloprost and L-Arginine in Preventing Right Ventricular Remodeling in Rats with Monocrotaline-Induced Pulmonary Hypertension”

Nathan Rainwater with Chad Carroll, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Physiology, “Role of Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor Beta-4 Subunit in the Behavioral Action of Bupropion”

Craig Saran with Hugo Arias, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, “Role of the Beta-4 Nicotinic Receptor Subunit in the Anti-Addictive Action of Ibogaine Analogs”

Steven Sears with Layla Al-Nakkash, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Physiology, “Effects of Genistein Injections on the Intestinal CFTR Translocation Using Immunofluorescence”

Lisa Siffring with Gerald Call, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Pharmacology, “Nuclear Localization of Blimp-1 in Drosophila Salivary Glands”

Mark Thomas with Fernando Gonzalez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, “Cellular effects of Proteasome Inhibition”

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telerhabilitation as an adjunct to physical therapy home visits following total knee arthroplasty.” The project is funded for 30 months.

Mary Wojnakowski, CRNA, Ph.D. (CHS-AZ), Director and Associate Professor, Nurse Anesthesia, received funding for 2009-2010 from HRSA for two programs: The Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships totaling $2,664 and the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships totaling $5,261.

Volkmar Weissig, Sc.D., Ph.D. (CPG), Associate Professor of Pharmacology, was one of five finalists for the 2009 World Technology Awards in the category of Health and Medicine. The World Technology Awards have been presented annually since 2000 to the outstanding innovators from each sector within the science and technology arena for innovative work of the greatest likely long-term significance. The results were announced at the World Technology Awards ceremony on July 16th in New York City at the conclusion of the two-day World Technology Summit.

Presentations, Speeches, Community Service

As part of the MWU Community Health Lectures Series, the following Glendale faculty presented at the Glendale Library-Foothills branch:

Kim Cauthon, Pharm.D. (CPG), Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, Asthma: What You

Can Do on June 16; Donald Shaw, PT, Ph.D., FAACVPR (CHS-AZ), Associate Professor, Debbie Bierwas, PT, D.P.T. (CHS-AZ), Instructor and Director of Clinical Education and Judy Woehrle, PT, Ph.D. (CHS-AZ), Program Director, Physical Therapy Program, Physical Therapy: Helping to Bring Motion into Your Life on August 11; Shannon Scott, D.O. (AZCOM), Assistant Clinical Professor, Childhood Obesity: A Primary Care Concern on September 15.

Also at the Glendale Library-Foothills branch, the following Glendale faculty presented a special summer mini-series on Evolution:

Mark Coleman, Ph.D. (AZCOM), Assistant Professor of Anatomy, Evolution of Humans: Old Debates, Recent Discoveries and New Ideas on July 14; Justin Georgi, Ph.D. (AZCOM), Assistant Professor of Anatomy, Evolution of Dinosaurs: Understanding Ancient Creatures with Modern Science on July 21; Jeffrey Plochocki, Ph.D. (AZCOM), Assistant Professor of Anatomy, Evolution of Bipedalism: Do Humans Have a Leg Up? on July 28; Margaret Hall, Ph.D. (AZCOM), Assistant Professor of Physiology and Anatomy, Evolution of Vision: Can You See the Light? on August 11.

David W. Jenkins, D.P.M., FACFAS (AZPod/CHS-AZ), Professor, Podiatric Medicine, was a speaker at the Society of Chiropodists & Podiatrists, Northern Ireland Branch, on March 20 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The audience was made up of foot specialists from around the United Kingdom. Topics included Podiatric Presentation of Systemic Disease, Utilizing a Grave’s Disease Case Study, and Juvenile Inflammatory Arthritis: A Case Study.

Jeff Page, D.P.M. (AZPod/CHS-AZ), Director, Arizona Podiatric Medicine Program, gave the following presentations: Madura Foot; Negative Pressure Wound Therapy; and Neutracuticals in the Management of Diabetic Neuropathy at the Diagnosis and Treatment of Foot and Ankle Conditions conference, June 27-July 4 in Alaska. He also presented on Tropical Cutaneous Disorders; and Considerations for Success of Medical Missions at the National Meeting of the American Podiatric Medical Association, June 30-Aug. 2 in Toronto, Canada.

Catherine Spitz, CPS-IV (CHS-DG), presented her research on medical students’ attitudes regarding psychologists prescribing psychotropic medications at the annual Illinois Psychological Association convention held in November 2008 in Skokie, Illinois. Ms. Spitz presented a poster on her master’s thesis titled “Psychologists Prescribing Psychotropics: A Survey of Medical Students’ Attitudes.” Ms. Spitz’s master’s research was conducted under the advisement of Michelle Lee, Ph.D. (CHS-DG), Associate Professor, Behavioral Medicine. At the convention, Ms. Spitz’s research poster won two student awards: “Best Qualitative Research” and “Best Health Psychology/Rehabilitation Psychology Research.”

Volkmar Weissig, Sc.D., Ph.D. (CPG), Associate Professor of Pharmacology, was a speaker at the International Meeting on Nanotechnology, Liposomes and Health, held in Bahia, Brazil. He spoke on “Mitochondria-targeted Nanomedicine.”
New Doctor of Health Sciences Degree

Midwestern University will offer a new Doctor of Health Sciences (D.H.S.) degree program on the Downers Grove Campus. The Doctor of Health Sciences degree is a four-year, part-time program designed for working occupational therapists, physical therapists, and other licensed health professionals.

The D.H.S. degree program is approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and prepares licensed health professionals to become leaders in their respective fields. The degree is intended for health professionals who wish to enter academia, pursue areas of clinical research, or gain extensive knowledge and skills in a concentrated practice area.

Evening and weekend coursework combined with independent study will enable students to complete degree requirements on a part-time basis while they maintain full-time employment.

The Kenneth A. Suarez Annual Research Day on the Downers Grove Campus allows students to present results of research they conducted alongside faculty mentors. More than 65 students from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM), the Chicago College of Pharmacy (CCP), and the College of Health Sciences (CHS) unveiled their research findings and posters on Friday, May 1st in Alumni Hall.

The 2009 Kenneth A. Suarez Annual Research Day Winners (and their faculty mentors):

**CCOM:**
- **Eric Owens (Karolina Klosowska, M.B.S., Michael Volin, Ph.D., Brian Zanotti, B.S., and James Woods, Ph.D., Department of Microbiology & Immunology)** CCL15/ Leukotactin-1: A novel mediator of rheumatoid arthritis fibroblast-like synoviocyte migration via CCR3 and MAP kinases
- **Malini Kumar (Josh Edwards, Ph.D., Pete Lamar, Walt Prozialeck, Ph.D., Department of Pharmacology)** Effects of cadmium (Cd) on cell viability and beta-catenin regulated gene expression in the mouse lung
- **Ankit Rawal (Jacalyn Green, Ph.D., Department of Biochemistry)** Effect of glyphosate on Escherichia coli: Is development of resistance to glyphosate accompanied by resistance to antibiotics?

**CHS-BMS:**
- **Rodney Fullmer (Joseph Cellini, M.S., Kathy LePard, Ph.D., Department of Physiology)** Gastric vagal fluorogold labeled neurons are reduced in obese diabetic agouti mice

**CHS-OT:**
- **Candace Adeszko (Kimberly Bryze, Ph.D., OTR/L, Department of Occupational Therapy)** The relationship between sensory processing and social play in children with autism and their typical siblings

**CCP:**
- **Emily Steadman, (Dennis Raisch, Charles Bennett, John Easterly, Tisha Becker, Michael Postelnick, Marc Scheetz, Pharm.D., M.S., Department of Pharmacy Practice)** Evaluation of a potential clinical interaction between ceftriaxone and calcium

Winners from the Kenneth A. Suarez Annual Research Day from left: Director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, James Woods, Ph.D.; Emily Steadman, PS-III (CCP); Candace Adeszko, OTS-III (CHS-DG); Rodney Fullmer, M.S., Biomedical Science (2009 CHS-DG); Eric Owens, MS-I (CCOM); Malini Kumar, MS-III (CCOM); Ankit Rawal MS-III (CCOM); and Kathleen H. Goeppepper, Ph.D., President and CEO of Midwestern University.

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**NOTICE**

Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois is preparing for an Initial Accreditation review by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. A team of visitors will be on-site April 6-7, 2010 to conduct an evaluation.

In preparation for the visit, the Commission on Dental Accreditation welcomes comments regarding the school or its program. Please send such comments in writing to:

Commission on Dental Accreditation
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

(Telephone: 800-621-8099, ext. 4653)

Comments must address substantive matters related to the accreditation standards.

A copy of these standards may be obtained by contacting the Commission office in Chicago at the above address. Every comment will be seriously considered. The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program’s compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for treatment received by patients or individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

Deadline for submitting comments: February 5, 2010
Combining a passion for the arts and the desire to explore innovative treatment for patients, Diana Semmelhack, Psy.D., LCPC, Associate Professor of Behavioral Medicine, and Emma Woods, M.A., CPS-IV (CHS-DG), worked with Winfield Woods Health Care to establish a creative development group that integrates psychodynamic treatment with the fine arts.

Winfield Woods is a long-term health care facility in Winfield, IL that offers rehabilitative services for individuals with severe mental illness. Dr. Semmelhack and Ms. Woods began a creative development group in 2006 to focus on the cognitive abilities, emotional perceptiveness, and creative skills of individuals in the long-term treatment programs.

As part of a diverse range of creative activities, the group recently undertook the challenge of interpreting the classic ballet, “The Rite of Spring.” The residents were inspired by the 1913 ballet choreographed by Vaslav Nijinsky and composed by Igor Stravinsky, two artists who endured severe mental illnesses throughout their lives. The 22 residents involved in the performance worked on costume design, makeup application, set construction, choreography, musical composition, and many other artistic endeavors.

A documentary titled, “Transformation: A Rite of Spring” recounting the entire production — from the events leading up to the performance to the psychological theories on which the creative development group is based, was also created. The film was shown at a red carpet event at Winfield Woods this summer and will be featured at a number of academic conferences throughout the year.

StronGirls Research Group Attends Convention

This summer, Karen Farrell, Psy.D., Professor and Director of Training, Behavioral Medicine at Midwestern University, and Tiffany Keller, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chicago School of Professional Psychology took their StronGirls Research Group to the American Psychological Association (APA) Convention.

The Convention was held August 5-9th in Toronto, Canada. Ashley Kuhl, CPS-IV (CHS-DG) and two students from the Chicago School attended the convention as student members of a collaborative research group. The research group focuses on the intervention and prevention of relational aggression and the psychological damage that occurs from aggressive child and adolescent behaviors in girls.

Drs. Farrell and Keller have collaborated on this psycho-educational prevention project that aims to promote healthy friendship skills in girls for the past six years. Their StronGirl Program mentors doctoral-level graduate students by involving them in co-facilitating and delivering a 10-week curriculum in a small group format to seventh grade girls in two private schools. StronGirls has been ongoing in schools since 2004 and MWU students have been mentored by Dr. Farrell in her StronGirls Program since 2005.
Forty-eight students were selected from a pool of 152 applicants to attend MWU’s annual Health Careers Institute from July 9-18 on the Glendale Campus. These potential future health professionals attended labs and medical-school type lectures with faculty and advanced students every day from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This year’s group included 45 students from AZ and 3 from out of state (WA and UT), as well as 11 students who plan to be the first in their families to ever attend college.

New hands-on labs this year included a dental simulation lab and a patient encounter with iStan, an advanced simulator model featured in an episode of Grey’s Anatomy that can bleed, cry, choke, and respond to various emergency procedures.

Two students in the program wrote blogs about their experiences. Here are excerpts from their blogs:

**Victoria Placencia, senior, St. Mary’s High School wrote:** My all-time favorite part of the day and probably of the week was the osteopathic portion! After a short history lesson of D.O. schools, training, and practices, we were split into groups and went to different stations for hands-on stuff. In the palpation station, we had to feel through different amounts of layers to identify different objects that were in the box. Next was the spine station. Here we learned a technique called “killer fingers,” and man did that feel great! We also learned about how the vertebrae work. Lastly, we had the fascia station, where thermal bands were used to act as fake fascia. We all were able to see how the fascia moves and feels from the thermal bands, then moved on to feeling how fascia feels on our partners. Since I want a career in sports medicine, this part of the program was one of my favorites!

**Justin Walters, senior, Corona del Sol High School wrote:** Of all the fields we have looked at, I find myself attracted to the study of the brain. A Ph.D. Professor, Dr. Ross Kosinski, showed us a few slides of the anatomy of the brain. Within five minutes, I found myself looking for a nice comfy couch to rest my brain from being numbed by the information overload. As I was sitting and thinking to myself what I was going to eat that afternoon, Professor Ross (this is what I have decided to call him) switched from the anatomy of the brain to the overall functioning. He explained to us a brief overview of the left and right hemispheres and how each one controls the opposite sides of the body. He also explained how the left side is your language retainer, your writing skills come from the left side, and other interesting things that I don’t remember. He also said the right side gives you yearning for music, and the ability to be creative and artsy. My own brain woke up and out of nowhere spawned question after question, though none did I ask.

The two blogs can be read in their entirety on the Midwestern University website at www.midwestern.edu.

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**Glendale Campus Celebrates OT Day**

**Submitted by Christine Merchant, M.A., OTR/L, Assistant Professor and Associate Program Director, Occupational Therapy**

On April 9th, following an introduction to Occupational Therapy in the first-year student Interdisciplinary Course on the Glendale Campus, students and faculty in all programs were invited to OT Day on the outdoor mall.

OT students demonstrated various assessments and intervention methods in four separate stations, and then visitors presented their stamped attendance cards for a free barbeque lunch in the Ramada. In the adjacent court, wheelchair basketball competitions were held throughout lunch. The day was a huge success as students in the medical, dental, pharmacy, and other health sciences programs left with a hands-on glimpse of what occupational therapists contribute to the healthcare team.

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High school students practiced responses to real-life scenarios on an i-Stan simulator.
Career Explorer Program Expands, Celebrates 10 Years

The Career Explorers Program celebrated its 10th year on the Downers Grove Campus this summer and expanded the program after receiving a grant from the Department of Education.

“The grant provided the support the College needed to revise the curriculum, secure preceptors and hospital sites, and expand the size and scope of the program. We are building on the success of the Walgreens and Jewel-Osco Career Explorers Program which is celebrating its 10th year in 2009,” said Nancy Fjortoft, Ph.D., Dean and Professor of the Chicago College of Pharmacy.

The two-year Department of Education Noncompetitive Congressionally-Directed Grant Award totaling $95,000 allowed the program to include a hospital pharmacy experience for the students for the first time this year.

During the program’s opening ceremony, Congressman Peter Roskam (IL-06) addressed the students, their families, and the faculty and staff of Midwestern University. In his speech, Representative Roskam applauded the students’ commitment to pursuing a healthcare career while also discussing the need for national healthcare reform. A long-time supporter of Midwestern University, Rep. Roskam was instrumental in helping the University secure the Department of Education grant funds.

The Career Explorers Program allows 60 students, who have completed their junior or senior year of high school, to attend an intensive, six-week program to explore pharmacy as a possible career. Students spend a portion of the six weeks in classes at Midwestern University and the other portion getting hands-on experience as pharmacy technicians at local hospitals, Walgreens, or Osco Pharmacy sites.

“Everyday that I came here I learned so much, the lectures were so helpful,” said Melissa Senese, a student from Elmhurst who participated in the program. “At the pharmacy sites, I met so many intelligent people who taught me a lot,” she added.

Ms. Senese will continue to work as pharmacy technician and intends to apply for pharmacy school after completing her undergraduate degree.

In addition to providing students the opportunity to learn more about the field of pharmacy, the Career Explorers program has the potential to add to the pool of qualified future pharmacists, with many students being offered part-time jobs in pharmacies where they gained experience and deciding to pursue a pharmacy degree.

CCOM Students Share Education, Enthusiasm with Chicago Teens

The cameras were rolling this summer as students from Daniel Hale Williams (DHW) Preparatory School of Medicine attended a career day sponsored by the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM). The 24-hour local cable news station, CLTV, was on hand to document the day as students from the Chicago medical magnet high school participated in activities and lectures.

With the help of CCOM student and faculty volunteers, the teenagers practiced splinting techniques, stapled wounds on pigs’ feet, listened to heart sounds, and visited the anatomy lab to learn more about the brain and the heart. “We wanted to expose the students to things we do on a daily basis,” said Dina Kacick, MS-IV. “In a way we are passing the torch by being a role model for these students and sharing our excitement and enthusiasm about medicine.”

This event marks the second time students from DHW have visited the campus for a health career day. “I’ve liked everything about the day,” said Marissa Bacon. “I want to become an obstetrician and the activities have been really helpful. I’m considering going to this school.”

Even those students who weren’t sure about a future career in healthcare, left the campus with additional knowledge and experience. “I want to be a lawyer, a doctor, or a soccer player,” said William Simmons. “I liked the casting lab the best because I’m always wrapping myself up for soccer games.”

The Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine is located in Chicago within the Jean Baptiste Point DuSable High School campus. Named after the African-American physician and surgeon who is credited with performing the first successful heart surgery, the school’s curriculum is a six-year program, comprising grades 7 through 12. The school is committed to doing its part to increase the number of underrepresented minority students in the field of medicine.

Part of the CLTV broadcast can be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DA0jMvK7fKU.
Employees, Alumni Honored as Members of Littlejohn Society

Downers Grove Campus

Three new members were inducted into the Littlejohn Society at the annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner held at the Esplanade Lakes in Downers Grove on May 15th. The Littlejohn Awards are named after the three brothers – John Martin, James Buchanan, and David – who, in 1900, established the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, MWU’s founding college. The awards are presented each year to one faculty member, one staff member, and one alumnus who best embody the qualities of service and commitment to the University. At this year’s dinner, Kathleen H. Goepinger, Ph.D., President and CEO of the University recognized all those who had earned Littlejohn Awards since they were first created in 2000. Dr. Goepinger also presented service awards to those who have worked at the University for at least five years.

James Woods, Ph.D., received the faculty Littlejohn Award. As an Associate Professor of Microbiology & Immunology and Director of Research and Sponsored Programs, Dr. Woods teaches students in the osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, and biomedical sciences programs. Among his many duties, is the responsibility to support faculty and student research.

Carrie Torgerson, L.C.S.W., a member of the University staff since 2001, received the staff Littlejohn Award. In her role as Assistant Dean of Student Services, Ms. Torgerson serves as a student advocate and aids students in their interaction with faculty, staff, and the community. She acts as an advisor to several student groups and assists in the organization of community-based service activities.

The alumni Littlejohn award was presented to Michael J. Blend, Ph.D., D.O, (CCOM 1979) who is currently the Vice-Chairman for the Department of Radiology and a Professor of Radiology and Nuclear medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has been a member of the Midwestern University Board of Trustees since 1993 and held several leadership positions including service on both the hospital and University oversight committees. Dr. Blend also has contributed greatly to the osteopathic profession by conducting extensive grant-funded cancer research.

Glendale Campus

On September 11th, at the new Renaissance Glendale Hotel, the MWU “Littlejohn Society” increased its Glendale Campus ranks with three new award winners: alumnus Alan Schalscha, D.O., Clinical Assistant Professor, Family Medicine; faculty member Craig Johnston, Ph.D., Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences; and staff member Daniel Tapia, Assistant Director, Information Technology Services.

The Littlejohn Awards have been presented annually on each campus by Kathleen H. Goepinger, MWU President and CEO, to honor outstanding contributions of MWU alumni, one faculty, and staff to the community, the healthcare professions, and the University.

Dr. Schalscha, an alumnus of the ACOM Class of 2003, has been dedicated to service since his days as a student. His interest in medicine arose from his desire to give to others, and he continues to do that as a faculty member and family medicine physician since 2007 at the Midwestern University Clinic. He serves as the Medical Director for the HOME (Health Outreach through Medicine and Education) Project, the faculty advisor for the Business of Medicine Club, as a member of the Alumni Leadership Council, and as Chief Medical Officer for the DOCARE medical mission to Guatemala, a project he participated in as a medical student and now helps to lead.

In the three years Dr. Johnston has been with MWU, publications from his department have quadrupled, due largely to his encouragement and mentoring of other faculty to engage in research, complete publications, and apply for grants. But it is not for this reason alone that he received the Littlejohn Award this year; it is for his enthusiasm every day for what he is doing, his constant positive outlook, and his “I can do it” attitude. Besides his role as a faculty mentor, he is also a strong advocate for student involvement, and recently won a national award as the most outstanding student chapter advisor for the Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity.

Mr. Tapia started his work with MWU in 2003, and has taken on additional campus initiatives each year, from creating standardized Copy Center policies to opening the first MWU testing center on the Glendale Campus. Although he works in Glendale, many of these initiatives have made a big difference for both campuses. Recently, he also dedicated extra effort to helping the new Optometry lab open, and was extremely critical in its success. He is constantly looking for new and innovative ways to help make everyone’s lives easier on campus, always keeping an eye on the big picture while never losing sight of the importance of small details.

Michael J. Blend, Ph.D., D.O., Carrie Torgerson, L.C.S.W., and James Woods, Ph.D., each received a Littlejohn Award for their exemplary commitment to MWU.

Alan Schalscha, D.O., Daniel Tapia, and Craig Johnston, Ph.D., accept their Littlejohn Awards.
Golfers Tee Up to Support Student Scholarships

Golfers in both Arizona and Illinois tee up each year to support scholarships for Midwestern University students.

On Friday, June 26, 2009, nearly 100 golfers participated in the 5th annual Downers Grove Golf Classic at Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge, IL. Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D., President and CEO of Midwestern University, welcomed golfers, including members of the Administrative Team, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, the Mayor of Downers Grove, as well as key supporters of the University.

Revenues from sponsorships, golfer participation, and event activities netted more than $28,000 for student scholarships, more than twice the amount from last year, and making it the most successful MWU golf outing to date.

The 13th Annual Chippin’ in for Students Golf Classic was held at Arrowhead Country Club in Glendale, Arizona in March. The event raised $20,000 for student scholarships. Alumni, community leaders, and faculty and staff supported the event by playing in the tournament, securing sponsorships, and serving on a volunteer committee. A field of 140 players including Dr. Goeppinger and other members of the administrative team participated in the shotgun start. The day ended with an awards program, raffle, and dinner.

A Night Around the World: Students Celebrate Different Cultures

Submitted by Bonnie Wheeler, Assistant Director, Student Activities

On Friday, April 3rd, many Glendale student groups and the Office of Student Services sponsored “A Night Around the World.” With special help from students Tracey Bastiaans, M.A., Biomed ’09, MS-I (CCOM); Dinah Buensalida, M.A., Biomed ’09, MS-I; Rina Patel, M.A., Biomed ’09; Darren Woodruff, PMS-III; Ryan Martin, PS-II; James Malone, MS-III; and Amy Zucharo, M.A., Biomed, MS-III; the event included information booths, food sampling, a cultural talent/fashion show.

The evening began with the informational booths and food sampling from student groups representing the following groups, countries and cultures:

- India (PA Class)
- Thailand
- Philippines (CPG Class of 2011)
- Panama
- Spain (Spanish Club)
- Muslim Student Association
- Hawaii (OT Classes)
- USA (Biomedical Sciences Club)
- Italy
- Honduras
- China
- Jewish Student Union

In addition, several community groups joined us, including the Irish Cultural Center and representatives from Phoenix Chinese Week, Phoenix Sister Cities, and the Taipei Committee, which provided Chinese calligraphy.

We also incorporated a Cultural Talent/Fashion show including: Traditional Chinese Ribbon Dance, an Alaskan Yup’ik Song, Indian Dance, American Song, Traditional Vietnamese Dance, and a Persian Dance. The Fashion Show included outfits from Thailand, Philippines, Nepal, China, Pakistan, USA, Vietnam, Iran, India, and Italy.

Concluding the evening, desserts from around the world were provided. We had more than 200 guests in attendance and collected 400 pounds of canned goods for St. Mary’s Food Bank. We hope to make this an even bigger event for next year!
Several graduations occur throughout the year on both campuses and Midwestern University takes a unique approach to this important ceremony. At ceremonies held this spring, Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D., President and CEO of the University, explained the philosophy at the core of all MWU graduations. “I was reminded this morning about the true meaning of graduation. Midwestern University a number of years ago changed the philosophy of graduation from being about outside speakers and long speeches to a total focus on the graduate,” she said. “Today, the entire ceremony is about the graduates.”

Here are some of the highlights of this year’s busy graduation seasons.

**In Glendale:**

- For the first time, Commencement ceremonies were held in the new state-of-the-art Auditorium on campus. 546 new healthcare professionals graduated in June and August from three colleges: the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (153 students), the College of Health Sciences (259 students) and the College of Pharmacy-Glendale (134 students).

- Out of the 153 AZCOM students who graduated on June 5, 56% are now completing residencies in primary care across the country, and 20% are staying in Arizona.

- The CHS classes of 2009 were featured on Channel 3 TV as part of a special story on the job outlook in Arizona. Out of all the Biomedical Sciences graduates, 67% have already been accepted into advanced health professional programs. The OT Class is currently employed at various local and national institutions. And, the AZPod Class of 2009 are all completing three-year residency programs.

- A commencement ceremony on June 12th marked the graduation of 136 new pharmacists from the College of Pharmacy-Glendale.

- The Midwestern University Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institute (OPTI)-Glendale graduated its 13th class this year. Eight interns and residents graduated this year from the following sites: Kingman Regional Medical Center, Arizona Desert Dermatology, and Alta Dermatology.

- Most recently, the Glendale Campus celebrated as 121 graduates of the Physician Assistant, Occupational Therapy, Clinical Psychology, and Nurse Anesthesia programs received their degrees on August 28th.
In Downers Grove:

- Midwestern University’s Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine celebrated the graduation of 283 students on May 22nd. Among the graduates, will enter primary care residencies while the rest of the class secured residencies in various specialties. More than half the class will stay in Illinois for their residency programs, with the rest traveling to Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and other eastern states for their postdoctoral training.

- Also on May 22nd, the College of Health Sciences marked the graduation of 115 students with the following degrees: Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Occupational Therapy, Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences, and Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology.

- The Midwestern University Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institute (OPTI) - Downers Grove was proud to graduate a total of 85 interns, residents, and fellows from their 14-member training sites.

- A total of 142 students graduated on September 4th with the following degrees: Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Psychology, and Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies.
By Jean Kao, PS-III, Hannah Troester, PS-III, and Kisha Dunkley-Smith, PS-III

For the sixth consecutive year, Midwestern University College of Pharmacy-Glendale (CPG) played a major role in the annual Arizona Diabetes Expo sponsored by the American Diabetes Association. This free event was held at the Phoenix Convention Center on Saturday, May 2. More than 85 exhibitors presented health information and products, free health screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations, and interactive nutrition and exercise presentations.

Several nationally-recognized speakers in diabetes care and research were featured throughout the day. With approximately 7,000 people in attendance, exhibitors and CPG representatives were eager to provide information on the latest developments in diabetes care and make a difference in this growing epidemic.

Student coordinators included Jean Kao, PS-III, Hannah Troester, PS-III, Kisha Dunkley-Smith, PS-III, Jasmine Lee, PS-II, Nermeen Madkour, PS-II, and Amelia Shah, PS-II. Melinda Throm, Pharm.D., BCPS, Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice; and Dawn Knudsen, Pharm.D., CGP, Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, were the faculty event coordinators and also served as the Pharmacy Committee Co-Chairs on the Expo Planning Committee.

Fifty-seven pharmacy students and seven CPG faculty members volunteered at the CPG booth, which offered bone density screenings to assess osteoporosis risk and body composition analyses to assess body weight, body fat, and hydration levels. After each screening was performed, pharmacy students provided one-on-one counseling with each patient and suggested lifestyle modifications. Information and recommendations regarding calcium, vitamin D intake, and exercise were also incorporated into every consultation session. By the end of the day, 310 patients received health screenings and/or medication counseling. CPG contributed a significant portion of the total health screenings performed at the Expo.

A prescription, over-the-counter (OTC), and herbal information booth was also offered by pharmacy students and pharmacists. Patients received information about the concomitant use of their medications and herbal supplements. The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) was also represented at the CPG booth, providing information regarding the pharmacist’s role in diabetes care, osteoporosis, immunizations, and OTC sugar-free products and fiber supplements. The Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SSHP) partnered with MWU’s Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine to provide information regarding foot care for diabetic patients. Following their foot exams performed by podiatry students, patients were presented with information on OTC foot care products, tips for preventing general infection, and ways to maximize antibiotic use by the pharmacy students.

By continuing to participate in the Diabetes Expo, CPG hopes to increase patient awareness of diabetes and the role the pharmacist plays in their health and quality of life.
Sometimes people just want to be heard. To have someone truly listen to what they are saying. Students on the Downers Grove Campus of Midwestern University are providing that all-important opportunity to people who often feel as if society doesn’t hear or understand them.

Working with the Aurora-based Hesed House, a homeless shelter that provides career training, medical care, and other services, first-year students in the clinical psychology program are leading group sessions with residents of the shelter. The students work in teams of two to co-lead the informal sessions over an eight-week period. While participating in the program, students receive guidance and supervision from Wendell Carpenter, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Behavioral Medicine.

“All first-year students get the opportunity to work with residents of Hesed House,” Dr. Carpenter said. “It’s a wonderful training experience for clinical psychology students, but also a much needed service for the community as issues of homelessness and unemployment become even more prevalent.”

For many students, their work with Hesed House is their first clinical experience and a unique opportunity for them to use the skills they’ve learned in their first graduate school classes.

“Just going into it, I think a lot of people had stereotypes as to what kind of people live in a homeless shelter, but it’s not that way,” said Sangeeta Bookseller, CPS-II, who was among the first group of student to participate in the program. “One of my group members had a college degree and decent life before this, but just took a wrong path and ended up in an unfortunate situation.”

The group sessions are conducted as a sounding board for Hesed House residents to express their concerns. “I think the residents felt more comfortable talking with us than they would another authority figure,” said Bradford Czochara, CPS-II. “They really liked that someone was hearing them out without judging them.”

As part of the program, students consult with Dr. Carpenter before and after the group sessions. The also practice writing SOAP notes which document their interactions with members of their group.

The program with Hesed House will continue and second year students can return or continue with other clerkships. “I think that what makes (the Clinical Psychology Program) such an excellent academic program is that we get so much experience,” said Ms. Bookseller. “There are other clerkships that we do besides Hesed House, but this is a good experience to get our feet wet. They don’t expect us to know everything, we get faculty supervision, and we can really learn a lot about ourselves.”

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Midwestern University’s Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine announced new inductees into the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS), a campus organization that honors fourth-year medical students who demonstrate the highest forms of compassion and caring.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation developed the GHHS in 2001 to recognize rising fourth-year medical students who demonstrate behaviors characteristic of the most humanistic physicians. This is the second year the organization has been a part of the Downers Grove Campus. In addition to their induction, the GHHS members develop a mission statement and work on creating a campus-wide project to highlight the values of humanism.

A ceremony was held on the Downers Grove Campus to welcome the new members of the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

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A Good Fit
As part of many orientation activities, students were measured for white coats. The coats were formally presented at the White Coat Ceremony where first-year students pledge their commitment to the highest standards of compassion, scientific proficiency, and patient care.

Children Visit Workplace
Nearly 80 children attended the annual Take Our Children to Work Day on Thursday, August 13th. The event was sponsored by the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) and coordinated by the Department of Human Resources. Several medical students and faculty and staff members volunteered their time to make sure the day ran smoothly. The children had the opportunity to create their own hand sanitizer, practice making splints, study the food pyramid, and learn about osteopathic manipulative medicine.

Groovin' in the Grove Celebrates 20th
The annual “Groovin’ in the Grove” 5K Run and Fun Walk, coordinated by the Sports Medicine Club of Midwestern University, attracted more than 350 runners ranging in age from 5- to 85-years old. This year marked the 20th anniversary of the race, which is designed for people of all ages, abilities, and fitness levels.

Volunteers Kick Into Gear at Judo Tournament
AZPod students, led by Medical Director, Kent Myers, M.D., (center) volunteered at the Grand Canyon State Games judo tournament on May 30 at the Phoenix Preparatory Academy.

Checking for Fit Feet
Student volunteers from the Arizona Podiatric Medicine Program (AZPod), along with faculty member David Jenkins, D.P.M., Professor, work the “Fit Feet” check-in station for Special Olympics in Tucson, AZ on April 9. AZPod volunteers have helped with this event annually for many years.

Homecoming Welcomes Alums Back to Campus
Kappa Psi pharmacy student members enjoy sno cones at the first MWU Homecoming, held this spring on the Glendale Campus. The event welcomed alumni and their families back to campus for an afternoon barbecue, children’s entertainment and games, tours of campus, and live music.

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