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# INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Jason L. Hill, DO, FACOFP  
OOA President 2021-2022

Thank you, Dr. Schaefer, for years of dedicated service to our profession and to our association. I also want to say thank you to all our physicians for their daily commitment and devotion to our profession. Many of you have worked on the front lines of healthcare during this pandemic, daily risking your own health and lives in the care of those unable to care for themselves. Thank you to those working in the emergency rooms, intensive care units, rehabilitation units, medical floors, psychiatric units, operating rooms, clinics, ambulatory care centers, and private offices.

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association is your organization representing Oklahoma DOs on multiple state commissions, boards, legislative decisions, and our continuing education events. The tireless efforts of our staff, lobbyist, and volunteer DOs, make sure your profession continues and thrives in this great state. Until I became active on the OOA board, I was unaware of the constant challenges to our livelihoods and autonomies as physicians by outside interest. It seems like everyone wants to be called doctor or to play one at work.

The only way to continue our efforts as an association is by having funds to do so. The OOA's two main revenue streams are membership dues and CME event fees. We need you to continue to support your state association by keeping up your membership and attending our CME events. Also, we are very interested in your opinions as how to best represent our association. We invite you to get involved on a bureau or board. Call or email us and let us know your thoughts and ideas.

Next, I want to thank my wife, Cindy, who has sacrificed so much in allowing me to pursue my interest in medicine. Without a doubt, I could have not made this journey without her love and support. I also want to thank our children, Zachary Hill, DO, Summer Hill-Lepley, DO, Caleb Hill, DO, Reuben Hill, Gretta Hill, Amy Hill-Peercy and Seth Hill for their love and support.

I also want to express my gratitude to some of the many Oklahoma physicians that helped me in my personal development as a physician. To Tom Pickard, DO, who was my initial family medicine

program director at OSU-COM. His reserved and firm demeanor, mentoring, and excellent patient care set a high standard to follow.

To Dr. Fred Crapse, general surgeon, who was a PGY2 resident during my internship. His dedication to his patients and education of interns and students seemed tireless. To Dale Bratzler, DO, internist, who gave the very best lecture I have ever heard on diabetes care during rounds at Hillcrest hospital in Tulsa. To Dr. George Erbacher, interventional radiologist, whose infectious enthusiasm, and willingness to teach have influenced so many. To Marty Beal, DO, and Guy Sneed, DO, who were OB GYN residents during my training. They had such a sincere desire to provide the very best of care for their patients.

To Jeff Endsley, DO, who was an excellent teacher and world-class dermatologist. To Tom Stees, DO, the internist to the internist. He expected nothing short of excellence from his house staff. To Terry Lee, DO, who ran the very best family medicine clinic I have ever encountered in Durant, Oklahoma. To Damon Baker, DO, and Mo Som, DO, who have continued to train and demand excellence from our internal medicine residents and continue to put themselves in harm's way treating COVID patients.

Finally, to W.W. Stover, DO, who has trained three generations of physicians in my family: my mother, Jimmie Sue Hill, DO; myself; my wife Cindy, and two of our children, Zachary Hill, DO; and Summer Hill-Lepley, DO. During a Cardiology rotation, I remember sitting by Dr. Stover, one on one with him, with a fresh stack of EKGs. He would have me write what I thought the condition or rhythm was across the top of the EKG. Then he would take it, usually mark through it, and put the real diagnosis. He was always patient and firm in explaining the correct diagnosis to me. So many Oklahoma DOs have empathy and can thank him for at least part of their knowledge and abilities. No matter who his patient was, homeless or millionaire, they always received the very best of care. He told me how that he as a new physician had to pay bed rental fees at the old Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital for hospitalized patients as a way to pay for the hospital building itself. His sacrifices continue to pay off to all those physicians he has helped train and make training available.

Thank you to all those who continue to train the next generation physicians.

As a final word to all our physicians, your profession is a calling, and your calling is honorable. Keep up the good work and pass along your wisdom to those who come after you. Thank you and God bless.





*OSU President Kayse Shrum, DO, left, and Interim President of OSU Center for Health Sciences Johnny Stephens, PharmD with OSU Medicine's ONE Awards from the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits. (Photo credit: Matt Barnard)*

# OSU Center for Health Sciences Announces Leadership Changes

By OSU-CHS

On April 23, 2021, the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents selected Dr. Kayse Shrum, president of OSU Center for Health Sciences and dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, to be the next president of Oklahoma State University following the retirement of President Burns Hargis on July 1, 2021.

“I am humbled and honored by this announcement,” said Shrum. “I am also thrilled because outside of my dear family, OSU has a special place in my heart. Leading the OSU Center for Health Sciences and helping students, faculty and staff come together to create something truly impactful to our state has been immensely rewarding for me.”

As the first woman to lead Oklahoma State University, Shrum has overcome barriers throughout her professional career. She has served as president of OSU-CHS since 2013, and her selection at the time made her the youngest and



first female president and dean of a medical school in the state of Oklahoma.

Under her leadership, the institution has experienced unprecedented growth. Student enrollment doubled and she led the construction of the A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Medical Academic Building.

In 2019, she helped secure \$197.5 million from Purdue Pharma to create the National Center for Wellness and Recovery for addiction treatment and research. A strong supporter of collaborative partnerships, Shrum also worked with Cherokee Nation leadership to establish the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation, which opened fall 2020.

In June, Hargis announced that Dr. Johnny Stephens, Pharm.D., will be interim president of OSU-CHS effective July 1. Stephens, who has been part of the leadership team for seven years, has served as vice president for research, chief operating officer and most recently the senior vice president.

Also effective July 1, Dr. Dennis Blankenship will become interim dean of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has been active in administration as senior associate dean and previously served as chair of emergency medicine. He formerly served as chief of staff at OSU Medical Center.

“I am extremely proud of the progress and accomplishments of CHS under the leadership of Kayse Shrum and her entire team,” Hargis said. “The academic health care center has been stabilized and will soon grow to include a veterans’ hospital and mental health hospital, which will expand the care for veterans and our most vulnerable populations while increasing the number of resident physicians in Oklahoma.”

# COWBOY CONVERSATIONS

Hosted by OSU-CHS Alumni Association and OSU Foundation



For more information and to register

Join the OSU Center for Health Sciences Alumni Association and the OSU Foundation virtually as we feature OSU-CHS’ new programs and initiatives.

## THURSDAY, JULY 29

Physician Assistant Program featuring Amy Harrison, PA-C, Program Director.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Giving Back to OSU Center for Health Sciences and College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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**CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES**

# DOCTOR OF THE YEAR



**2020**

**Duane G. Koehler, DO, FACFP**, earned an associate degree in emergency medical technology from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, completed his Bachelor

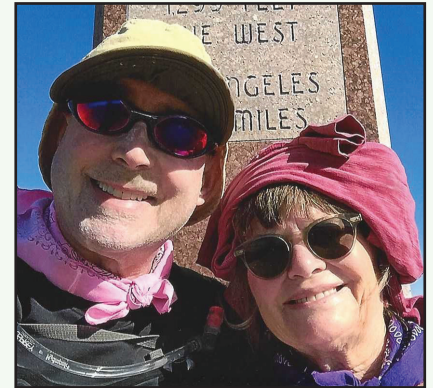
of Science degree in health science from the University of Tulsa and earned his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from Oklahoma State University College. He also held the State Paramedic certification in Emergency Medical Technology in Arkansas, working as a Registered EMT-Paramedic throughout his medical studies.

A dedicated medical educator, Dr. Koehler serves as the Designated Institutional Officer of five Teaching Health Centers residency programs in eastern Oklahoma. He also served as Assistant to the Dean for Rural Education and as a preceptor in Family Practice, Rural Medicine at the Oklahoma State University Health Sciences Center College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Koehler is loving life as an osteopathic family physician at the Vinita Health Clinic of the Cherokee Nation. As a past president of the OOA and the ACOFP, Dr. Koehler strives to unify the osteopathic family in maintaining osteopathic distinctiveness and move forward to achieve greater success.

**2021**

**Michael P. Carney, DO, FACOI**, earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic



Medicine in Chicago. He then moved to Tulsa to complete his internal medicine residency at what is now known as the OSU Medical Center. After completing a cardiology fellowship at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, he returned to Tulsa and began his private practice.

Dr. Carney shared his expertise and saw patients across the state in order to provide cardiac care in rural Oklahoma. Many days were spent in the car as Dr. Carney would drive to see patients and then he would return to Tulsa to attend to patients at the hospital.

Dr. Carney taught at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine for many years and was one of the first to participate in the college's telemedicine program, which allowed him to treat more patients as the time spent driving was put to better use.

When nominated, Dr. Carney was described as "the most admired physician in my life. He is so dedicated and has given the best years of his life to this profession and to his patients. It is an honor to know and love him."

# OUTSTANDING & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



## 2020

**Paul F. Benien, Jr., DO, FACOS**, sadly passed away in November 2020 but he deserves honor and recognition for the incredible legacy he has left. After earning his undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Benien received his medical degree from Des Moines University's College of Osteopathic Medicine graduating in 1966.

Upon completion of a one-year internship at Tulsa Regional Medical Center, Dr. Benien served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War. Back stateside, he completed his residency training in general surgery at the Dallas/Fort Worth Medical Center in Grand Prairie, Texas, finishing in 1974. Dr. Benien returned to Oklahoma and underwent extensive training in cosmetic surgery and became a fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.

Dr. Benien founded the Cosmetic Surgery Center in Oklahoma City to help patients improve their self-image and self-esteem. Dr. Benien proudly served his profession on the OOA Board of Trustees and as president from 1993 to 1994. He was appointed for two terms by two Oklahoma Governors to the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. He desired to help others and give back to the next generation. With his passion and kindness he was loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

## 2021

After graduating from Central State **LeRoy E. Young, DO, FAOCOPM dist.** attended the University of Oklahoma where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy in 1969. After practicing for several years and owning his own pharmacy, Dr. Young attended the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Upon graduation from KCCOM, he returned to Oklahoma City where he interned at Hillcrest Hospital then began private practice in Moore. Throughout his career, Dr. Young has given back to his profession and strived to make it better for the next generation.

He was a founding member of the American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine, and in 1984, he was one of the first to be certified in Occupational Medicine by the AOA. He served as the president of the College of Occupational and Preventative Medicine in 1988-1989. In 1990 he was appointed to the certification board of AOBPM and continues to serve today. He served as president of AOBPM from 1992 to 2007. He was awarded Fellow of American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventative Medicine in 1985 and Distinguished Fellow in 2013.

Dr. Young has served on several national committees and bureaus of the American Osteopathic Association. He was a member of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2013 and served as president from 2011 to 2012. He was a board member of the Oklahoma Health Professionals for Impaired Physicians from 2007 until 2012, and has served on the OOA-OSU Advisory Council, appointed by President Burns Hargis from 2005-2016.

He is currently legislative chair for the OOA, chairman of OOPAC and also serves on the board of the Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine. In addition, last year Dr. Young helped the OOA Board of Trustees transition the leadership of the Association. His leadership guided the OOA through the transition impeccably and they are incredibly appreciative of his service.



# A.T. STILL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



**2020**

**James D. McKay, DO, FACOI**, is a native Texan raised in Houston. Dr. McKay relocated to Oklahoma after receiving his Doctorate from A.T Still University in Kirksville, Missouri. There he completed a Rotating Internship at

OSU-MC. He then entered into Family Practice that lasted for four years. Following that, he began his residency in Internal Medicine at OSU Medical Center and then completed a Fellowship in Rheumatology at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia, Missouri. There he was awarded the Joseph P. Green Fellowship Award for Excellence.

Following completion of his fellowship he returned to Tulsa where he began private practice. Dr. McKay has been an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Medicine at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences for over 25 years where he has trained numerous students and residents in Internal Medicine and Family Practice. He is a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology and the American College of Osteopathic Internal Medicine. He was voted "Rookie of the Year" in 1993 by the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. In 2005, he was chosen as "Researcher of the Year" by the American College of Osteopathic Internal Medicine.

He is active in the Oklahoma Lupus Foundation, the Arthritis Foundation, and served on the Medicare Advisory Board for Oklahoma. Throughout his career he has remained active in Clinical Research and has numerous publications in Arthritis and Rheumatism, The Journal of Rheumatology, and several other peer reviewed publications.



**2021**

**Natasha N. Bray, DO, MSED, FACOI, FACP**, earned her Doctor of Osteopathy from Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa in 2003. Dr. Bray went onto the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic

Medicine and completed her internship as the Chief Intern Physician and completed her residency at Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Affiliated Hospital. Dr. Bray is currently the Interim Dean of the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, OK and an internal medicine clinical assistant professor of rural health.

One nomination said this of Dr. Bray: "She has met every challenge encountered with grace and perseverance. Her leadership creates an environment of support and transparency in which to learn and work. Not only does she lead the faculty, but she will teach students alongside the faculty. She will always take the time to mentor and provide support to students or members of the faculty."

Dr. Bray has played a crucial role in the accreditation of the new OSU-COM campus and the residency programs in Tahlequah. Her work is instrumental in providing a pipeline for future osteopathic physicians to serve in rural Oklahoma.

# ROOKIE PHYSICIANS OF THE YEAR

## 2020



**Mercedez Bernard, DO**, is the Program Director of the Comanche County Memorial Hospital Family Medicine Residency in Lawton, Oklahoma. She grew up in a small rural farming community in southwest Oklahoma, giving her an appreciation for the gaps in healthcare our rural population faces. Upon completion of her medical training at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2015, she hoped to bridge that gap by returning to rural Oklahoma to practice medicine. She feels extremely fortunate that her path back to her rural roots began earlier than anticipated when she was accepted into Lawton's family medicine residency program. Now, she has the privilege of practicing family medicine in the program that gave her the opportunity to return home. She oversees 12 family medicine residents, mentors medical students, functions as the medical director for the Comanche County Health Department, and enjoys the full scope of practice from newborn to geriatric care that family medicine offers.

**Crystal Dockery, DO, MS**, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine where she also specialized in the Rural Medicine Track and completed a Master's degree in Biomedical Sciences. She completed her residency training at Eastern Maine Medical Center in family medicine and a Plus-1 in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. Dr. Dockery's training focused on an osteopathic integrative model using multiple modalities in the full care of patients including concussion management, addiction management, sports medicine, obstetrics and newborn care.

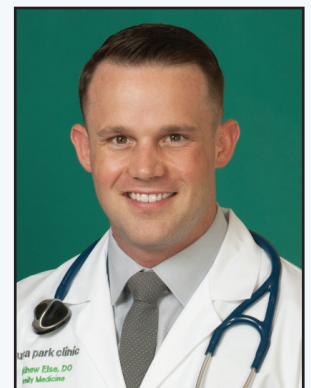
Currently, Dr. Dockery is working in clinical family medicine and providing osteopathic treatment in the community with the goal of facilitating patients and physicians in learning and applying osteopathic principles in balancing health and wellness in daily living. She has enjoyed the opportunities to share when invited to teach and assist at medical schools, residency programs, and her local osteopathic study group. When she's not furthering the legacy of osteopathic medicine, Dr. Dockery greatly enjoys writing stories and adventuring with her husband and small children in enchanting tales of finding magical gardens, butterfly wrangling, and befriending dinosaurs.



**Jonathan Robins, DO**, is a Board certified emergency medicine physician in Tulsa, OK. Dr. Robins completed his undergraduate degree at Baker University before earning his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completing his residency at the OSU Medical Center. Dr. Robins is an incredible example to new physicians. When he's not providing care to patients, Dr. Robins spends his time with his wife Airika, and their four beautiful children: Jai, Aubrey, Kate and Blaire.

**Matthew Else, DO**, is a family medicine physician in Bixby, OK. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 2011 and a Master of Business Administration degree in 2016. In the same year he earned his osteopathic medical degree from the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. After completing a family medicine internship and residency at the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences in 2019, he joined the Utica Park Clinic. Dr. Else's interest in medicine stemmed from a personal experience as a child. Following a traumatic accident at a young age, which required him to rely on a team of doctors to get him back to his normal life, it inspired him to pursue a career in the medical field. Dr. Else's passion for medicine could be seen from the moment he stepped on the OSU-COM campus and throughout his training. He was actively involved with the OOA serving on the Bureau on New Physicians and Residents, Bureau on Legislation, and attending Osteopathic Medicine Day at the Capitol for several years.

## 2021



# AWARDS OF



**Gary Bastin** has had a life-long passion for public service. Beginning with his military service in 1970, Mr. Bastin went on to serve the in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for 14 years, holding several leadership positions during his tenure. Mr. Bastin began working with the OOA in 2000 as our lobbyist and helped guide the Association through countless legislative issues. The Association will be forever grateful for the exceptional work he did.



**Robin R. Dyer, DO**, earned her Doctor of Osteopathy degree in 1992 from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Before becoming an osteopathic physician, Dr. Dyer earned her Master's in Music Education from Oklahoma University. Board certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine as well as family medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine, Dr. Dyer is dedicated to training and mentoring future osteopathic physicians. Dr. Dyer serves as a professor and chair of the OMM department of OSU-COM as well as the associate dean for the office of academic affairs. Colleagues and students alike admire Dr. Dyer's unwavering passion and devotion with one describing her as authentic, humble, and resilient. The result of Dr. Dyer's inspiring leadership has impacted generations of osteopathic physicians and the profession as a whole.



**Governor Bill Anoatubby** of the Chickasaw Nation began his work for the Chickasaw Nation as the health services director before continuing on in public service. His great vision, wise planning, and forward-thinking has brought incredible success not only to the health and lives of Chickasaw citizens, but to our great state as well. Governor Anoatubby has been a long-time friend and supporter of the Association and osteopathic profession. We greatly appreciate Governor Anoatubby and the lesson in excellence he provides for us all.

## 2020

# APPRECIATION

**Dale Bratzler, DO, MPH**, is a Professor in the Department of Health Administration and Policy; Associate Dean in the College of Public Health; and, a Professor in the College of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He assumed the role of Chief COVID Officer for the University of Oklahoma in June of 2020. He also serves as the Chief Quality Officer for the three-hospital health system and faculty practice at OU Health.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Bratzler has participated in research on prevention of surgical infections and on adult vaccination. Board certified in internal medicine, he is a Master Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists, and a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Over the last year, Dr. Bratzler has been an exceptional leader in the fight to keep Oklahomans safe throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Commissioner Col. Lance Frye, MD**, received his Doctorate in Medicine from Loma Linda University, School of Medicine, Loma Linda, California in 1993. He completed an internship in family medicine in 1994 and a residency in obstetrics and gynecology in 1997. Frye completed additional training in urogynecology and pelvic reconstructive surgery at The University of California in 1998.

After practicing medicine for several years, Dr. Frye's desire to serve his country led him to join the Air Force in 2005 after receiving his commission through the Officer Training Corps. He entered active duty Air Force as a flight surgeon at Nellis AFB, and transitioned to the Air National Guard, moving to Tulsa, Okla. in 2010. Dr. Frye was deployed in support of both Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Commissioner Frye is recognized for his incredible efforts to the State of Oklahoma during an unprecedented global health crisis.



We sadly lost **Former Senator Mark Snyder** last year but his legacy lives on and we did not want to miss the opportunity to publicly recognize and thank him.

Senator Snyder is described as “a longtime friend of the osteopathic profession, your presence on our team invites confidence and inspiration. Although you are not a man of many words, when you speak it is with honesty and integrity – something desperately needed in the political world yet not always present. Your patient, practical approach always brings calm to the chaos of advocacy. You are highly regarded and respected in all circles which brings even more weight to your wise, gentle diplomacy. The OOA is grateful for your expert insights and keen ability to view issues from all sides. It is truly our honor to have worked alongside you and for your friendship. Thank you for your dedicated service to the osteopathic profession, to Oklahoma, and to our country.”



## 2021

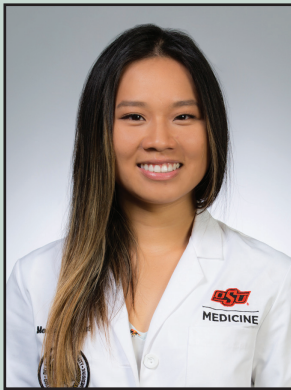


# OEFOM

## OKLAHOMA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



First-year Student Doctor Jordyn Austin is from the OSU-COM Tahlequah Campus. She's lived in Oklahoma her entire life and enjoys spending time with her loved ones and friends while watching sports, shows, movies and crafting. Staying active is important to her and she has enjoyed many intramurals offered through OSU-COM as well as the outdoor adventures in Tahlequah. Jordyn is a big advocate for taking care of her health and encourages others to be conscious of their own health needs. She now tries to advocate for helping patients learn their bodies while staying healthy through extracurricular activities like clubs and research. Student Doctor Austin wanted to become a DO because she felt her practice structure mirrors the Osteopathic philosophy and tenets. Congratulations Student Doctor Jordyn Austin for receiving the OEFOM Endowed Scholarship of \$2,500.



Third-year Student Doctor Lynn Bui is from the OSU-COM Tulsa Campus. This rising student's aspiration of becoming an obstetrician and gynecologist gradually developed when she learned more about the disparities affecting women's health. Currently, Lynn conducts research addressing sexuality-related health disparities such as LGBTQ community health gaps and Oklahoma's HIV/AIDS burden within urban and rural communities. She loves spending her free time outdoors hiking, lifting weights, and being a plant mom. Lynn hopes to continue dedicating her time to serving underrepresented communities and contributing to public policy. Congratulations Student Doctor Lynn Bui for receiving the Bob Jones Endowment Scholarship of \$2,500.



First-year Student Doctor Diego Dominguez is from the OSU-COM Tulsa Campus. He was born and raised in El Salvador, until the age of 12. His personal experiences opened his eyes to certain issues present in his community. While applying to medical schools, he wanted to find a school that would give him all of the attributes needed to reach and assist the underserved in his community. He firmly believes the osteopathic philosophy will provide him with the skills to serve the underserved and teach him how to treat patients as a whole and not a system of symptoms and diseases. Congratulations to Student Doctor Diego Dominguez for receiving the OEFOM Endowed Heritage Scholarship of \$2,500.



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

First-year Student Doctor Hayden Fox is from the OSU-COM Tulsa Campus. He is a Northwest Oklahoma City native and has been a Cowboy fan since his undergrad years. He was inspired to go to medical school because of the experiences he's had in healthcare settings when he developed a blood clot during football season his junior year of high school. A big interest of Hayden's is sports. He loves everything Oklahoma State University athletics (particularly football) and is an avid OKC Thunder fan. He tries to tune in any time he can during the craziness of medical school! Congratulations Student Doctor Hayden Fox for receiving the Osteopathic Founder's Foundation Endowed Scholarship of \$2,500.



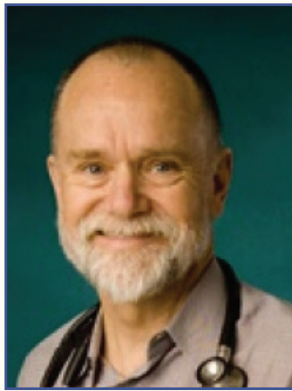
Third-year Student Doctor Richard Freeman is from the OSU-COM Tulsa Campus. He is an aspiring cardiothoracic surgeon and a father to his ten-year-old daughter, Emelia. The path up to this point has been anything but traditional, from selling homes to putting out fires and running 911 calls, one could say his life has been exciting. One of his hopes from this endeavor is to show Emelia what it is like to be passionate and follow a dream. Eventually, he would like to return to Oklahoma and give back to the community that has given him this opportunity. Congratulations Student Doctor Richard Freeman for receiving the Bob Jones Endowment Scholarship of \$2,500.



First-year Student Doctor Liza Ann Whitaker is from the OSU-COM Tahlequah Campus. She is a Del City, Oklahoma native, a "foodie," reading nerd, and a mother to three wonderful children. She describes herself as a nontraditional medical student, a first-generation college graduate, and a second-generation immigrant. These three titles alone have a major impact on the person she is today and the future physician she will be for her patients. Her strong desire to serve Oklahoma communities that are underserved and underrepresented makes her extremely grateful for the opportunity to learn osteopathic medicine at OSUCOM and to the OEFOM for supporting and graciously granting her this scholarship! Congratulations to Student Doctor Liza Ann Whitaker for receiving the OEFOM Endowed Heritage Scholarship of \$2,500.



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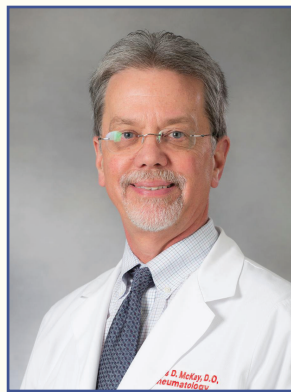
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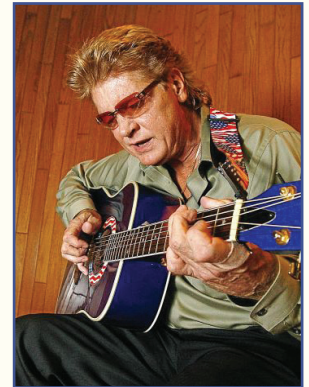
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If you'd like to participate, please contact Maegan Dunn at [maegan@okosteo.org](mailto:maegan@okosteo.org) or 405.528.4848.

## *Lunch with Leaders*

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We're gathering several of our OOA past presidents and current members to share their expertise, our association's rich history and, most importantly, give you a chance to network and ask questions.

It's scheduled for Noon on Saturday, August 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn & Edmond Conference Center and it's completely FREE!

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## *New This Year: Hybrid Seminar*

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association realizes that our community remains involved in direct patient care and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the profession is of the utmost concern.

Due to the continued prevention of COVID-19, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association has determined that it would be in the best interest of our members to offer our Summer CME Seminar both in-person and virtually.

## *The OOA*

The mission of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association is to advocate for the osteopathic profession and promote the health and well-being of all Oklahomans. The OOA is the voice for all Oklahoma DO's. No matter what your specialty, no matter where you work or who you work for.

## *Welcome Back Y'all*

Our practice has evolved more rapidly than ever with the advent of new requirements for utilizing electronic health records and telemedicine, open-note transparency to patients, and the continually dynamic landscape created by a pandemic with its challenges for access to care. The solidification of the availability and viability of virtual CME has even changed the way we continue to stay updated in physician practice habits and education. How does all of this translate to staying relevant and delivering care to those who need us tomorrow?

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## *Questions?*

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE



## FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

- Noon-6pm Registration Opens
- 2pm O Mi! A Semi Paradigm Shift?  
Mark A. Keuchel, DO, FACOEP, FACEP  
(certified emergency medicine, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 3pm Opioid/Pain Management  
Atul A. Walia, DO  
(certified pain management & anesthesiology, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 4pm Break with Exhibitors
- 4:15pm COVID-19 Update in Oklahoma  
Dale W. Bratzler, DO, MPH, MACOI, FIDSA  
(certified internal medicine & infectious diseases, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 5:15pm Unintentional Overdose Deaths/Opioid & Meth Use Disorders  
Jedidiah J. Perdue, MD  
(certified addiction medicine & psychiatry, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 6:15-7:30pm Welcome Back, Y'all Cocktail Reception

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

- 7am-6pm Registration Opens
- 8am History of Pandemics  
Natasha N. Bray, DO, MSEd, FACOI, FACP  
(certified internal medicine, Tahlequah, OK)
- 9am Neurosurgery  
Nathaniel D. Stetson, DO, FACOS  
(certified neurological surgery, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 10am Break with Exhibitors
- 10:15am Psychiatry  
V. Ray Cordry, Jr., DO  
(certified psychiatry, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 11:15am Orthopedic Surgery  
Kristopher Avant, DO  
(certified orthopedic surgery, Oklahoma City, OK)

- 11:45pm Lunch with Leaders  
Students, residents, & fellows are encouraged to attend for networking. Everyone is welcome!
- 12:45pm Legislative Update  
LeRoy E. Young, DO, FAOCOPM *dist.*  
(certified occupational & preventive medicine, Oklahoma City, OK)  
Jami Longacre  
(OOA Lobbyist, Broken Arrow, OK)
- 1:15pm OSU-COM's Dean Talk
- 1:45pm Coffee Break with Exhibitors
- 2pm Sign-in required to receive credit → Proper Prescribing  
Dale Derby, DO  
(certified anesthesiology, Tulsa, OK)  
Michael T. Leake, Jr., JD  
(Exec. Dir., OK State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 3-5pm Sign-in required to receive credit → Risk Management  
L. Earl Ogletree, Esq.  
(Wiggins, Sewell & Ogletree, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 5:30-10pm Welcome Back Shindig!  
BBQ, bouncy house, games, & music by: 

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

- 7am-Noon Registration Opens
- 8am Cardiology  
Chelsea Gilbertson, DO  
(certified eergency medicine, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 9am Sports Medicine/OMT  
Phillip A. Nokes, DO  
(certified family medicine/OMT & sports medicine, Edmond, OK)
- 10am Immunology/Allergy  
Nalin U.G., DO  
(certified internal medicine, Oklahoma City, OK)
- 11am General Session

**Schedule is subject to change. Updated schedule & session information will be available online ([www.okosteo.org/upcoming-cmes-events](http://www.okosteo.org/upcoming-cmes-events)) & on the OOA Summer Seminar YAPP as it is confirmed.**

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## TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION

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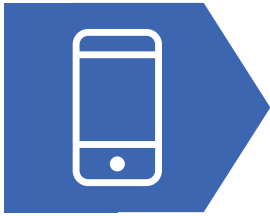
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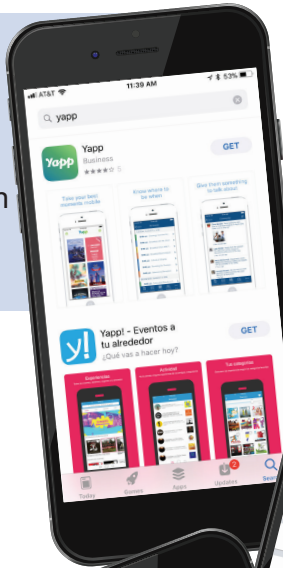


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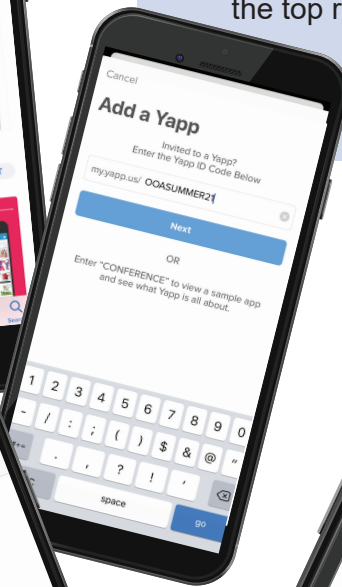
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# LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY UPDATE



By Allison LeBoeuf, JD,  
Jami Longacre & LeRoy E. Young, DO, FAOCOPM dist.

This year the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association has worked tirelessly to safeguard the interests of our members across the state and to advocate against policies that would negatively impact your patients in Oklahoma. Many of you joined us in these efforts, participating by calling and emailing your legislators and joining with OOA leadership in visits to the state capitol.

Thanks to your hard work, we were successful in defeating many bills this session that would have had major impacts on physician scope of practice. Notably, Senate Bill 478 was stopped in the HHS Committee; this bill would have expanded prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses, and add the definition of the term “licensed practitioner” under the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. House Bill 2164, which would have added psychologists to the defined list of occupations who can call themselves “physicians” was also defeated, failing to make it out of the House, along with HB 2595 which would have increased the period of time a physical therapist can treat a patient without a referral from 30 to 60 days. Senate Bill 516, which would have allowed physicians to supervise an

unlimited number of physician assistants died in conference. These are only a handful of the bills the OOA and our allies advocated against during this session.

Perhaps the biggest fight we faced this year was the Health Care Authority’s attempts to implement “SoonerSelect”, a managed Medicaid program that would essentially out-source management of Oklahoma’s Medicaid population to big, multi-state (in some cases multi-national) insurance companies, putting even more delays, denials, and red tape between the patient and their doctor. The OOA was a named petitioner in a lawsuit to stop this plan from going forward without proper legislative approval and appropriate rulemaking: this lawsuit was successful at the Oklahoma Supreme Court, with a 6 to 3 opinion handed down in our favor. With our coalition allies and the involvement of concerned members, we were also successful in getting a guard rail bill (SB 131) put in place before this court victory to protect against the negative effects of managed care should it go through. It is very likely the OHCA will push forward with managed care this fall and in 2022, so the OOA will continue to participate in the fight against this plan.

The impressive success of the OOA’s advocacy efforts this year could not occur without the passionate engagement of our members. It is your relationships with your local representatives and senator that allow our organization to effectively fight for your interests. As the only organization within our state advocating for the Osteopathic Profession, the OOA is grateful for your support and involvement now and in the future.



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Brothers Tyler Snyder (left) and Taylor Snyder (right) recently graduated together from OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. Tyler begins his family medicine residency with Cherokee Nation Health Services and Taylor is starting his pediatrics residency in Tulsa. (Photo credit: Matt Barnard)

## Brothers Graduate Medical School Together

By Sara Plummer

This summer is just the second time in nearly 25 years that brothers Tyler and Taylor Snyder aren't living under the same roof. Both graduated together from the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 15.

The brothers — who are members of the Cherokee Nation — grew up in Westville, Oklahoma, and have been roommates as they worked their way through medical school. Tyler, who is a year and a half older than Taylor, was attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville studying poultry science before being joined by his brother there, who was pre-med.

"I had the idea my senior year of high school that I wanted to be a doctor," Taylor said. "I had an ear infection that

ruptured my ear drum. As I was sitting in the doctor's office I thought "This is something I could do."

Tyler said he soon knew that poultry science wasn't his future, so he decided to check out medicine with his brother.

Both brothers volunteered at a veteran's hospital and shadowed several physicians in the Cherokee Nation Health System, where they had received care in the past.

"The Cherokee Nation has been instrumental to us. We shadowed with them, we've utilized the health care system, we've been awarded scholarships. We both received an Indian Health Service Scholarship," Tyler said.

When it came time to apply to medical schools, both brothers had different reasons for choosing OSU.

“All but one of the doctors I shadowed was a DO and I had great experiences with all of them. It was important for me to go to a DO school,” Tyler said.

For Taylor, it was more about where he felt the most at home. “I came to OSU and everyone was friendly and supportive. OSU was definitely the best fit for me,” he said. Tyler and Taylor said having each other there made them better students. “My brother was always a year ahead of me and he always made good grades so it pushed me to do just as well, if not better,” Taylor said.

It was the same for Tyler. “Taylor pushed me a lot to make better grades in our undergraduate years. I think that helped me push myself in medical school,” Tyler said.

They were also each other’s study partner and cheerleader. “Med school is a very stressful time. Having that built-in support system was really helpful,” Taylor said.

In July, both begin their residencies in different cities. Tyler

will begin his Family Medicine residency at the Cherokee Nation Outpatient Health Center in Tahlequah.

“I liked the clinic and I felt I could make a bigger impact there,” Tyler said. “It’s important to give back. So many people have helped us along the way at the Cherokee Nation.”

Taylor matched with OSU Medicine Pediatrics and will begin his residency this summer in Tulsa.

“I always wanted to go into pediatrics. It was inclination when I was 17 years old,” Taylor said. “But eventually I want to go back as well and practice near home.”

While they were close before, Tyler said the experience of going through and now graduating from medical school together just brought them even closer.

“Even though we went to high school and undergrad together, medical school is a different animal,” Tyler said. “We were forced to rely on each other. I wouldn’t change it.”



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### August 5, 2021

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Virtual and Oklahoma City, OK

### August 13-15, 2021

OOA 2021 Summer CME Seminar, "Welcome Back Y'all"  
Virtual & Edmond, OK

### September 2, 2021

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings  
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Virtual & Oklahoma City, OK

### September 6, 2021

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### September 28, 2021

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### October 7, 2021

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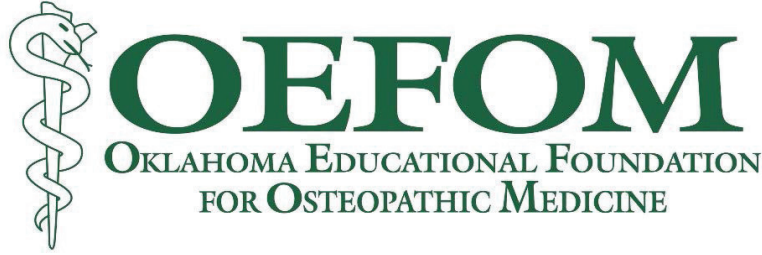
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The Oklahoma Osteopathic Educational Center was built in 1985 and is home to the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and its staff. This building is in great need of updates and repairs. Your contribution, of any amount, would be greatly appreciated and will go towards funding for necessary repairs to interior water damage, paint and flooring, and technology updates.



We need to raise \$50,000 this year to repair and preserve the Educational Center.

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## OOA Members Continue to Lead OSU-COM at Cherokee Nation

The Summer of 2021 marks a period of big change for two of our members in Tahlequah.

At the end of June, William J. Pettit, DO, MA, retired as Dean of the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation. Before that position, Dr. Pettit served as Provost & Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for OSU Center for Health Sciences.

With Dr. Pettit's retirement, OSU named OOA Member Natasha Bray, DO, MSEd, FACOI, FACP, as Interim Dean. Dr. Bray has been Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Accreditation. Before that, Dr. Bray served as a Clinical Associate Professor in Rural Health at OSU Center for Health Sciences.

The OOA congratulates Dr. Pettit on his well-deserved retirement and Dr. Bray on her new leadership position!

*We would love to include your good news in the next edition of Oklahoma D.O.!*  
**Contact Jeff Bardach at [jeff@okosteo.org](mailto:jeff@okosteo.org) or 405.528.4848 to submit yours today.**



*(left to right) Dr. & Mrs. William & Marnie Pettit with Pistol Pete, Dr. Natasha Bray & OOA Executive Director Allison LeBoeuf, JD*

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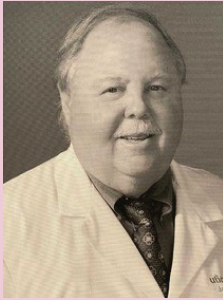
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# In Memory: Deaths in the Osteopathic Family



Sam Stauffer, age 68 of Tulsa, OK passed away June 3, 2021 in Tulsa. He is survived by his loving wife, Patty and sons, Joey and Jon.

James S. Stauffer (Dr. Sam) was born April 16, 1953 in Shawnee, OK, to James S. and Helen Stauffer. He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Greene, in 1975. Sam attended Altus Junior College, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the

University of Oklahoma where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacology.

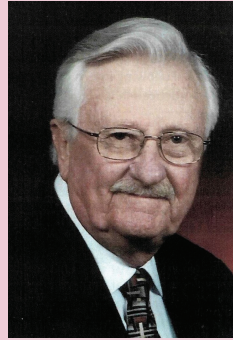
After graduating from pharmacy school, Sam attended Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa (now OSU College of Medicine), in 1980 and completed his internship at OCOMS in June 1981. One day later, he set up his practice in Oologah, OK, along US 169, where he created a thriving medical facility out of an old bait shop. He was ultimately board certified in family medicine. The Oologah Family Clinic soon became an established and well-known resource for ailing people and was crucial to the area's development.

For nearly 40 years, Sam focused on the health, welfare and medical needs of the Oologah community, becoming one of the most prominent citizens and leaders of Rogers County. In addition to a full schedule of patients, he was the physician for the Oologah Mustangs athletic teams as well as the doctor for PSO/AEP. He served as the Rogers County, OK, medical examiner and was chief of staff at Claremore Regional Medical Center. He also served on the Board of Directors for Lakeside State Bank and was a past president of the Oologah-Talala Public Schools Foundation and past president of the Oologah Chamber of Commerce -- all the while serving as assistant clinical professor at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Sam thrived on helping others and providing medical care to the families in the Oologah-Claremore area. He helped an incalculable number of people with everything from minor injuries to major, multi-people emergencies. The patients he had as children became parents themselves and returned to the Oologah Family Clinic as a new generation.

As accomplished and engaged as he was in his profession, Sam loved nothing more than spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren. Sam semi-retired in 2018 but was still active in medicine.

Sam was preceded in death by his mother and father. He is survived by his wife, Patty; two sons, Joey (and wife Whitney) of Tulsa, OK and their children, Meryl and Sam; and Jonathan (and wife Whitney) of Tulsa and their two children, Stella and Jack; two sisters, Susie Sunderland of Utah and Sara Carter of Tulsa; as well as many nieces and nephews.



Dr. Fredrick W. Boling, 94, was born in a farmhouse west of Edmond, Oklahoma to Fredrick W. Boling, Sr., and Florence Hargrave Boling on November 11, 1926. He transitioned to Heaven on April 26, 2021. He accepted Jesus at age eleven. His initial 8 years of education were spent attending Deer Creek Consolidated School. The family moved to a farm near Big Cabin, Oklahoma in 1940. He graduated from Big Cabin High School in 1944. He entered pre-medical studies at Northeastern Oklahoma

A & M College, Oklahoma University, and then University of Central Oklahoma, where he met and later married his sweetheart Wilma Lee Cave in 1950. He graduated a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in 1952. After intern and surgical training, Fred was certified in General Surgery, and practiced in Wyoming, Texas, and Oklahoma.

In 1965, Governor Clifford Hansen appointed Fred to serve a 4-year term on the Wyoming State Board of Medical Examiners. In 1968, he was granted Degree of Fellow by the American Academy of Surgeons. He was a lifetime member of the American Association of Physician Specialists (serving as President in 1972-73), American Association of Osteopathic Surgeons, American Osteopathic Association, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, and American Medical Association.

He served as Chief of Staff at hospitals in Wyoming, Texas, and Oklahoma. He spent the last 16 years of his surgical practice in Fairfax, Oklahoma. During that time, he also served as Adjunct Clinical Professor of Medicine and Surgery at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and was on the admittance board of student selection. He was the Osage County Medical Examiner for 4 years.

Fred and Wilma moved to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas upon retirement in 1993. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a three-week European tour and their sixtieth anniversary with an Alaskan cruise. During retirement he wrote and published four historical novels, many short stories, and magazine articles. He was active in Western Writers of America and served as President of Hot Springs Village Writers for several years. During his lifetime he was, among other things, a mayor, author, publisher, pilot, house renovator (in Riverton, Wyoming), hunter, outdoorsman, cook, member of the Hot Springs Village Barbershop Quartet, website builder, actor, golfer, kit car builder (Mercedes 1929 Roadster), historian, crossword puzzle master, avid reader, great joke teller with a dry quick-witted sense of humor and the greatest listener of all.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Lorraine and Shirley, brother Donald, and grandson John Blassingame. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Wilma, four children: Paul (Rosario) Boling, Amy (Robert) Blassingame, David Boling (Tammy Largen), Mark Boling, nine grandchildren: Alex (Lauren) Boling, Seth Boling, Cade (Ashley) Boling, Michael Blassingame, Daniel (Ksenia) Blassingame, Emily Grace (Brendyn) Todd, Gabriela (Blake) Carbone, Michelle Carbone, Marcela Carbone, seven great-grandchildren: Evelina Blassingame, Levi and Jaxon Todd, Theo and Fitz Boling, Izzy and Michael Carbone, and many nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family and friends.

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