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the OOA Staff!*

Mykayla, Allison, Jacob, & Audrey

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Allison C. LeBoeuf, JD
CEO/Executive Director

tion, and targeted resources. I invite every OOA member to join us in these efforts to ensure that the human needs of your profession are met and acknowledged.

The cohesive and informed leadership of our Board of Trustees has never been stronger: as an Oklahoma Osteopathic Physician, you can rest assured that your profession is in excellent hands. This year we celebrated the addition of wonderful new trustees, Mark Callery, DO and Jeanette Kelley, DO representing our Tulsa and Oklahoma City districts, respectively. We were also thrilled to have the dedicated Shanell Gray, DO, as our resident trustee from Tahihina, Oklahoma.

After the last two overall successful legislative sessions, we face an uphill battle this year at the State Capitol, with challenges approaching from many sides. The issues are many, and we anticipate bills addressed will include legislation on abortion, vaccines, price transparency, and prior authorization, to name only a few areas. While we are early in the 2023 legislative session, I encourage all members to participate actively in our monthly Legislative Bureau meetings, virtually or in person, to inform our advocacy with your knowledge and priorities. This includes, first and foremost scope of practice, where the solution to the rural healthcare workforce shortage must prioritize the necessary place of physicians as leaders of the healthcare team for the safety and optimal outcomes of patients within our State.

The OOA staff is enthusiastically committed to serving our members, and we look forward to seeing you soon at the upcoming 123rd Annual Convention, May 4-7, 2023, at the Sheraton Hotel in Downtown Oklahoma City. Virtual attendance options will also be available. We hope you will continue to visit the OOA Central Office whenever you are in the neighborhood, and we wish you a very happy and prosperous 2023!

As the OOA celebrates the close of another year, our 122nd in existence, we are grateful for our members' warm support, diligent advocacy, and thoughtful participation throughout this great state. Emerging from the turbulence and uncertainty of the pandemic period, our leaders sought to place a renewed focus on member services, ensuring that your association meets the needs of each member where they are. Moving our membership bureau meetings to an accessible evening format allowed for broader member participation and fostered an open and creative dialogue that informed our member service offerings. The value of this input and your generous participation cannot be overstated.

The Physician Wellness Taskforce represents the crowning achievement of that renewed conversation, striving to answer the needs of a profession that has faced not only environmental stressors in an unprecedented multi-year public health crisis, but has also borne the brunt of ever-increasing regulatory burdens to practice. This task force, chaired by new OOA board member Mark Callery, DO, strives to advance the health and well-being of physicians and student doctors in Oklahoma through thoughtful advocacy, social awareness, continuing educa-



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Applications due February 28, 2023

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2. A typed letter indicating any specific financial criteria or factors that you believe will impede your commitment to osteopathic education without scholarship support, along with your anticipated postgraduate practice plans.
3. Letters of support from one osteopathic medical college faculty member, one osteopathic physician and one community leader. These letters will assist the selection committee in affirming standing with the college, professional demeanor, character, and ability and willingness to participate in community activities.
4. A transcript indicating cumulative GPA and class ranking.

Scholarship applicants must be lawful residents of the United States and meet one of the following requirements:

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2. **Independent students** must have lived in Oklahoma in some capacity other than as a full-time student at a post-secondary institution for a period of at least 12 consecutive months prior to matriculation to medical school.

Candidates must be able to demonstrate good standing at their college regarding academics, finances and conduct.

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1. Preference will be shown to applicants who have completed two years of osteopathic medical education and who indicate a desire to practice in Oklahoma.
2. Class standing and cumulative grade point averages will be a major determining factor in granting scholarship awards.

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Scholarship awards will be deposited with the Office of the Bursar of the College and credited for tuition, books, fees and other applicable educational expenses. Funds will not be payable directly to the student.

Other Information

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OEFOM will make available the minimum amount of scholarship funds allocated by September 1, annually.

Applications are due by February 28, 2023, and awards will be announced at the OOA's 123rd Annual Convention.

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OEFOM Endowed Scholarship

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RESEARCH 14th ANNUAL POSTER SYMPOSIUM

We are proud to share with you the winners of the 14th Annual Poster Symposium. This competition is just one of the many ways that the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association supports osteopathic students and residents. The mission of the Research Poster Symposium is to showcase current osteopathic research and stimulate interest in future research projects. This is accomplished through the exchange of ideas and information between participants of the symposium and attendees of the OOA Winter CME Seminar.

First Place (\$2,500): Henry Gutierrez, DO, PGY-2: “Increasing Advance Care Planning: A Follow Up on Previous Quality Improvement Measures”
(This award was sponsored by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association)

Second Place (\$2,000): Cassie McCoy, BS, OMS-II: “Trends and Disparities in Unmet Childhood Mental Health Care Needs: Analysis of National Survey of Children’s Health 2016-2020”
(This award was sponsored by the Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine)

Third Place (\$1,500): Kelsi Batioja, BS, OMS-III: “Associations of Social Determinants of Health and Childhood Obesity. A cross-sectional analysis of the 2021 National Survey of Children’s Health”
(This award was sponsored by the Osteopathic Founder’s Foundation)

Congratulation to these up-and-coming osteopathic physicians. The future of osteopathic medicine is bright with you leading the way.

Below, you can read the abstracts submitted by our winners.

1ST PLACE | HENRY GUTIERREZ, DO, PGY-2

“Increasing Advance Care Planning: A Follow Up on Previous Quality Improvement Measures”

Henry Gutierrez, DO, PGY-2; Ashton B. Clayborn, DO; and Eric Gillette, DO

Introduction:

We previously reported on mechanisms to address barriers to advance care planning (ACP) and access to advance directives (AD) within our health system. Over the past three years, two quality improvement projects were completed with aims of increasing discussions on ACP between resident physicians and their patients and to improve access to ADs in our electronic health record system. Prior to these projects, we found it cumbersome to determine if a patient had a scanned directive document on file and to extract the AD for use in end-of-life scenarios that required rapid retrieval. The data presented here reflects three years of follow-up since the quality improvement initiatives began.

Objective:

The previous quality improvement projects were undertaken with the goal of increasing ACP discussions and improving ease-of-use of our electronic health record to quickly determine if a patient has an advance directive on file and hasten retrieval if the document existed. In addition, we hoped that the access icon created for this purpose will serve as a reminder for physicians to increase documentation of patients’ wishes by encouraging advance care planning. Initial data indicated success; and this data reflects 3 years of follow up.

Methods:

- Initial quality improvement efforts included use of an educational video as a prompt for ACP discussions between physicians and their patients.
- The multi-dimensional project included a policy change to ensure that ADs were honored in all clinical settings within our health system.
- Next followed conceptualizing and programming an access icon in our electronic health record that secondarily served as a reminder to physicians to assist in ACP and composition of ADs when such documentation was not scanned into the patient’s chart.
- Follow up data was collected on the number ACP discussions held by running a query for the code 99497 for each fiscal year in the electronic health record system.

Conclusions:

- Efforts to increase the number of ACP discussions held were successful.
- There was a nearly 18-fold increase in the number of ACP discussions documented and coded over the three-year period.
- Limitations of the project include difficulty in extracting data from the electronic health record necessitating the query for the code 99497 (indicating documented ACP occurred); however, this also reflects dependence upon physician coding and documentation.

2ND PLACE | CASSIE MCCOY, BS, OMS-II

“Trends and Disparities in Unmet Childhood Mental Health Care Needs: Analysis of National Survey of Children’s Health 2016-2020”

Cassie McCoy, BS, OMS-II; Pedro Braga, BS, OMS-II; Covenant Elenwo, MPH, OMS-II; Michael A. Baxter, MD; Tessa Chesher, DO; & Micah Hartwell, PhD

Introduction: With 20% of children experiencing mental health disorders, ensuring mental health care (MHC) accessibility is critical. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated MHC challenges. Assessing trends in children’s unmet MHC needs from 2016–2020 may aid in overcoming MHC barriers.

Purpose: Our primary objective was to analyze the trends in pediatric unmet MHC needs from 2016-2020. Our secondary objectives were to identify 1) disparities among demographic factors, 2) state-level changes, and 3) potential effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Methods: We conducted an observational study of the National Survey of Children’s Health, estimating five-year trends of unmet MHC needs. We calculated each state’s percent change between 2016-2019 and 2019-2020. We measured associations, via logistic regression, between children’s unmet MHC needs and demographic factors.

Results: From 2016-2020, on average, 19.14% of children had unmet MHC needs. Nevada (28.72%) and Montana (10.92%) had the highest and lowest rates of unmet MHC needs, respectively. Children ages 3-5 (AOR: 1.62; CI 1.13-2.33) were significantly more likely to have unmet MHC needs than ages 6-10. Compared to White children, Black children (AOR:1.91; CI:1.46-2.50) were significantly more likely to have unmet MHC needs. Unmet MHC was also significantly associated with household income but not urbanicity.

Conclusions: From 2016-2020, there were no significant improvements in pediatric unmet MHC needs. Unmet MHC needs disproportionately occur in Black children and those aged 3-5. Improving MHC accessibility through advocacy, optimized payment options, and expanding evidence-based programs may alleviate MHC barriers.

3RD PLACE | KELSI BATIOJA, BS, OMS-III

“Associations of Social Determinants of Health and Childhood Obesity. A cross-sectional analysis of the 2021 National Survey of Children’s Health”

Kelsi Batioja, BS, OMS-III; Covenant Elenwo, MPH, OMS-II; Amy Hendrix-Dicken, MA; Lamaii Ali, MD; Marianna S. Wetherill, PhD; & Micah Hartwell, PhD

Background: Childhood obesity is a growing health problem in the United States, with those affected having an increased likelihood of developing chronic diseases at a younger age. Social determinants of health (SDOH) are known to influence overall health. Children with low socioeconomic status (SES) have been shown to be overweight and have poor health outcomes. Therefore, our primary objective was to use the National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH) 2021 data to determine current associations between childhood obesity and social determinants of health (SDOH).

Methods: We conducted a cross-sectional analysis of 2021 NSCH to extract data from questions related to the SDOH domains. We extracted sociodemographic variables to use as controls and constructed bivariate and multivariable logistic regression models to determine associations, via odds ratios, between SDOH and child obesity.

Results: We found that children identified as having obesity were more likely than non-obese children to experience SDOH in all domains. Children identified as having obesity were significantly more likely to experience food insecurity when compared to non-obese children (AOR = 1.39; 95% CI: 1.13-1.17).

Conclusion: Our study found that the food insecurity domain of SDOH was significantly associated with childhood obesity. Improving policies for programs such as SNAP as well as addressing lack of access to nutritious foods, especially within food deserts, may help alleviate some food insecurity. Improving access to adequate amounts of nutritious foods is critical in addressing childhood obesity and thus decreasing risk of chronic disease.

GOOGLE DONATES \$250,000 TO OSU FOR K-12 STEM OUTREACH PROGRAMS

BY MACK BURKE



Students participate in bottle rocket launches during the Engineering Adventure summer STEM camp at OSU.

Google recently donated \$250,000 to Oklahoma State University to support elementary, middle and high school outreach programs aimed at sparking an interest in STEM fields.

The donation will be divided equally between OSU Center for Health Sciences' Cowboys Calling STEM outreach programs and the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology's (CEAT) Engineering is Everywhere initiative, both of which are aimed at elementary through high school students.

"We are grateful to partner with Oklahoma State University to champion programs that strengthen Oklahoma's STEM education and workforce," said Andrew Silvestri, Google's head of community development in Oklahoma. "Oklahoma State's commitment to talent and workforce development will open the door for students across the state to suc-

ceed while positioning Oklahoma to be a leader in STEM fields.

"Google is proud to support students and inspire them to pursue STEM learning opportunities right here in the state."

Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell said he is thankful for Google's donation and ongoing commitment to promoting STEM careers in the state.

"Providing Oklahoma children with quality STEM education is necessary for the future of our state," he said. "I am confident this partnership will help create a brighter future for our students."

Dr. Paul Tikalsky, dean of CEAT, said Google's support for CEAT's K-12 initiative Engineering is Everywhere is an investment in the next generation of innovators.

"We are impacting thousands of young Oklahomans every year with a goal of raising college readiness for a generation of diverse and bright young minds," Tikalsky said.

The donation and commitment from Google will allow OSU-CHS to continue to spark an interest in medicine and health sciences in children and teens across Oklahoma.

"Since our founding 50 years ago, OSU Center for Health Sciences and our College of Osteopathic Medicine have worked to improve the lives of Oklahomans. One way we accomplish that is by introducing elementary and secondary students to careers in medicine and science through our Cowboys Calling programs and events," OSU-CHS President Johnny Stephens said. "This donation from Google will be instrumental in growing and improving our outreach programs and impacting even more students across the state."

OSU-CHS and its Cowboys Calling initiative host several outreach events each year for elementary to high school students, including Operation Orange, Pre-Health Round Up, Dr. Pete's Immersion Camp, Way Cool Science and Teddy Bear Clinics — all aimed at getting students, especially those in rural and underserved communities, interested in medicine and health sciences.

"The goal of all our programs is to introduce students to the many options available to them in the field of health care," said OSU-CHS Outreach Managing Director Bria Taylor. "I cannot thank Google enough for this amazing gift. It will truly change lives as we tap the potential of future medical professionals, who will in turn improve the lives of those in their community."

CEAT plans to host two STEM Symposiums in the spring for students, teachers and school administrators to learn about engineering. In addition to the 30-plus STEM camps already planned, an additional four summer camps will be offered in rural communities in Oklahoma. The funding also will enable CEAT to help with other activities and events such as STEM Saturdays and STEM family nights.

"We are so excited about this amazing gift from Google. Our K-12 STEM department wants to extend our efforts across Oklahoma making sure we are reaching all kids that might not have the opportunity to be impacted with STEM principles and disciplines," said Brandy Mays, program manager of CEAT's DOD STEM program. "Google is helping make all this possible, and we are proud to work with them to help Oklahoma's youth explore and expand their opportunities."



Oklahoma State University President Kayse Shrum (left) helps Eddy Kang and Logan Peck (right) during an intubation exercise during Operation Orange at OSU in Stillwater in June 2021.

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OSU MED STUDENTS STUDY INEQUALITIES, GAPS IN OPHTHALMOLOGY RESEARCH

BY SARAH PLUMMER



Christian Hemmerich, a second year medical student at OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

A team of OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine students from both the Tulsa and Tahlequah campuses spent six months researching, writing and then publishing an article that analyzed previous studies conducted into inequalities of ophthalmology care. They found notable inequalities among Black and Hispanic patients that led to negative outcomes.

The students' research also found no specific studies that examined inequalities in LGBTQ patient populations, and their findings were published in the peer-reviewed journal JAMA Ophthalmology

Christian Hemmerich is a second-year medical student at OSU-COM and lead author of the study.

"Our research team recognized that deficient ophthalmologic care is costly to patients, making the identification of groups not receiving adequate care of vital importance," Hemmerich said. "Overall, lower-income patients were more likely to have vision impairment,

use eye care services less and have lower adherence to eye examinations."

Hemmerich's fellow authors include OSU-COM second-year student Garrett Jones, OSU-COM third-year students Jordan Staggs and Rigel Bacani, third-year OSU-COM at the Cherokee Nation student Reece Anderson, and Office of Medical Student Research Director Matt Vassar, Ph.D. The team looked at 75 ophthalmic research articles published between 2016 and 2021 that discussed health inequities.

Hemmerich said they found substantial research gaps in the ophthalmologic literature pertaining to the LGBTQ community, race and ethnicity, and rural and under-resourced areas.

"There were many surprising findings, however, some of the most noteworthy were that zero studies investigated inequities within LGBTQ groups and only 27 percent of studies that focused on race and ethnicity inequalities included American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander patients," he said.

The article suggests future studies should examine and investigate barriers to clinical study and medical trainee recruitment, patient values and preference studies, and the implementation of telemedicine in under-resourced areas.

"I feel honored to have this research published in such an esteemed journal," Hemmerich said. "I am incredibly grateful to have this opportunity and to use the JAMA platform to share our research and contribute to the scientific literature."

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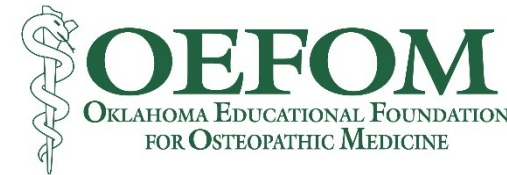
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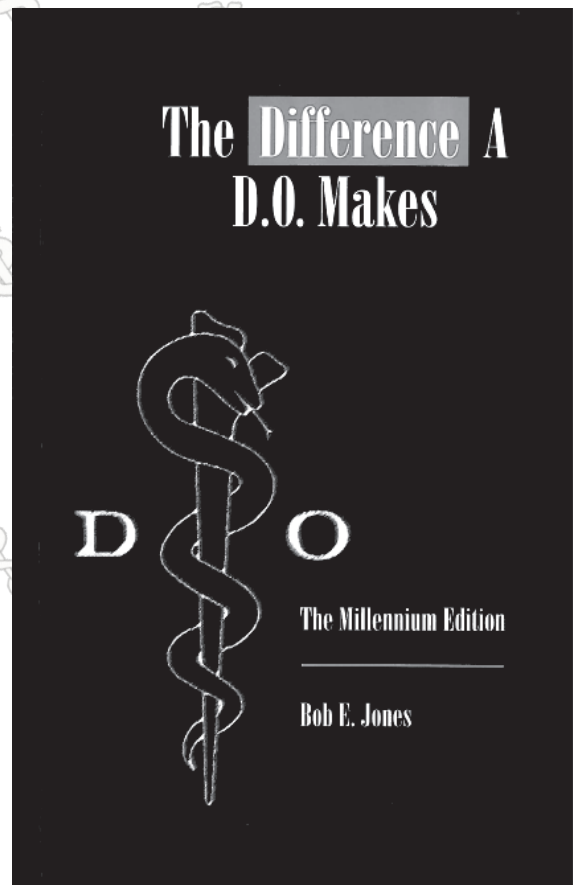
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In Memorium



Gary Lee Postelwait, DO, was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma in August 26, 1953. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Osteopathic Medicine in 1982 after completing his undergraduate in 1975.

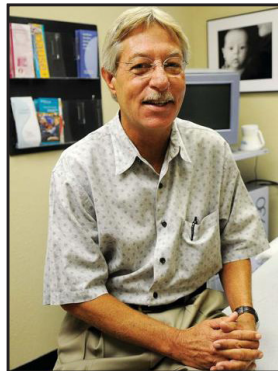
Gary worked as a doctor of internal medicine with his own practice in Broken Arrow for many years. He sold his practice during his successful recovery from cancer.

He is survived by his wife Karen Denise Postelwait, originally of Vinita; their two children, Blake, his wife Beth, their children Bryn and June; Jeff, his wife Megan, their children Xander and Archer; his brother Larry, his wife Sandy, their children Scott, his wife Sarah, their children Ty and Gavin; and niece Jennifer Nottingham, husband David and their children Easton and Lynlee; his nieces Nicole Millikan, Carly Paige Tway; and his nephew Kevin Coulter Tway; sisters in law Tammie Tway and Cindy Millikan and a host of friends and colleagues.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Margaret "Faye" Postelwait.

In life, Gary loved inviting his family over for cookouts and swim days in the summer, target shooting, fishing, and motorcycle riding. He was also an avid audiophile and could often be found tinkering in the garage or taking care of his yard.

Gary's faith was important to him, and he often donated his time to the free clinic his church ran in Broken Arrow, providing medical care at no cost.



Terry Badzinski, DO, left this world on September 19, 2022 at age 71 after a brief illness. He was born on April 28, 1951 to Albert and Margaret Badzinski in Cherokee, OK where his father was a pharmacist. Terry graduated from Enid High School in 1969, and from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in psychology in 1973. He enrolled in the inaugural class of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He graduated from there in 1977 to begin his life's work and fulfill his calling as a physician and trainer of young physicians.

As a primary care physician in Oklahoma City, his passion for Women's Health was confirmed and he returned to Tulsa, completing his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology from Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital in 1986. During that time his heart was drawn to his patients' struggles in infertility, so he completed extra training focusing on that at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. To this day, it's hard to walk through a grocery store without at least once hearing, "There's my baby doctor!"

Dr. Badzinski is loved by many for the lives he has touched, enhanced, and made possible. He passionately and tirelessly shared his skills, knowledge, calmness, and humor with hundreds of students, residents, and colleagues.

The needs of those myriads always preceded his own. In quiet, he read history for the lessons learned. He loved travel, and even when not traveling, would travel vicariously through maps, atlases, and reading.

He is preceded in death by his parents and survived by many who will always love and cherish him. He is survived by his wife Jean, of the home, his son Nicholas of Oklahoma City, his brother Gary of Jupiter, FL., and by nieces and nephews Lori Bird of Oklahoma City, Laine Floyd of Rockingham, NC, and by Davin and Aaron Badzinski of Jupiter, FL.

Terry would not presume to have anyone take of their time to honor his life, but the family hopes that the many who were so richly affected by his life well lived will keep him alive in their thoughts and prayer and well wishes.



James Aubrey Coder, III, DO, was born on Wednesday, September 16, 1942 in Quincy, Illinois, the son of James Aubrey Coder, Jr. and Anne Ruth (Gorton) Coder. He passed this life in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sunday, January 1, 2023. He was 80 years of age.

Dr. Jim Coder was a 1960 graduate of LaBelle High School, LaBelle, Missouri. He married Joani Hopkins on December 26, 1961 in LaBelle. He received a Doctorate from Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1968. After his internship at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, they moved to Broken Arrow and he started his first medical practice in the office behind Petric Drug Store. In November of 1971, Dr. Coder built Broken Arrow Family Clinic and was joined later by his brother, sister, brother-in-law, daughter, and nephew in practice. He also was an investor in Coder Properties with his son, brother, and nephew. Dr. Coder was an avid golfer and a longtime member of Cedar Ridge Country Club. He enjoyed traveling to his cabin in Colorado and to his retirement home in South Texas with family and friends. He was a model HO train collector, who at one time had a large room dedicated to his trains. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Dr. Coder is survived by his wife, Joani Coder; his 3 children, Dr. Rachel Whitehouse, Steve Coder and wife Debbi, Suzie Pittman and husband Hunter; his 9 grandchildren, Cassidi Scheer and husband Taylor, Makenzi Hillenburg and husband Drew, Dailey Whitehouse, Kason Coder and wife Payton, Jake Whitehouse and wife Anna, Sam Pittman, Piper Pittman, Kyler Coder and Crew Coder; his 9 great grandchildren, Charleston, Tripp, Delta and Doc Scheer, Hampton and Blair Hillenburg, Rizzo, Army, and Dovie Coder.

He was preceded in death by, his parents, Aubrey and Anne Coder, brother, Dr. Art Coder, and brother-in-law and sister, Dr. Jim and Dr. Carol Howard.



In Memorium



Stanley Kendall Rogers, DO, passed away Saturday, November 26, 2022, at the age of 87.

He was born March 7, 1935, to Dr. Kendall and Mrs. Nelle Rogers (White). He grew up in Oklahoma City, attending Cleveland Elementary, Taft Junior High, Oklahoma Military Academy and graduated from Classen High School.

After high school, he attended Westminster College where he pledged Phi Delta Theta and completed his undergraduate at Central State University. He was accepted to the Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Following in his father's footsteps by obtaining his doctorate.

While in school, a friend set him up on a blind date with Annelle Huetter. Six months later Stan proposed. The two married on December 18th, 1960, at First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, Kansas. They lived in Tulsa while Stan completed his internship and Annelle began her career as a Registered Dental Hygienist. Two years later, the senior Dr. Rogers convinced his son to move back home and join him as a partner in his practice.

Stan loved being a physician and practiced until April 2022, when he was no longer physically able. Outside of work Stan loved spending time with his family and friends. He loved to travel and play golf. After getting his pilot's license, he and Annelle often flew a Cessna to visit their favorite travel spots. He was actively involved in the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and a member of the India Temple Shrine. He was a charter member of New Covenant Christian Church. He was an avid football fan; a lifelong Oklahoma Sooners season ticket holder and an owner of the Oklahoma City Plainsmen, a short-lived farm team for the Dallas Cowboys many years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Kendall Elizabeth; his son, Jeffrey Allen. He is survived by his wife, Annelle; his daughter, Hayley; his granddaughter, Kaylyn and great-granddaughter Willow; his grandson, Eston and his wife Jaimie and great-granddaughter Aiden; and his beloved dog Boots.



Ken Bowlware, DO, age 55, passed away on 12/23/2022. Ken was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend, and physician. He was born on November 14, 1967, in Muskogee Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Dr. Karen Bowlware (53), daughters McKenna (21) and Payton (15), mother Judy Bowlware and her partner Dave Ellingson, brother Dan Bowlware, wife Angela and their children Brooks, Jacob, and Jessica. He also leaves behind multiple extended family members, friends, and his two cats.

Ken grew up in Edmond, Oklahoma. He graduated from Edmond Memorial High School in 1986 and was a debate team member.

He then attended and graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a B.S. in biology. After college, he briefly worked at Oklahoma City Community College as a teaching assistant before attending Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he graduated with a Doctorate of Osteopathy in 1997.

He attended a residency in family medicine at OU College of Medicine- Tulsa. Ken practiced family medicine for 22 years, mostly in Norman and south Oklahoma City. He had a successful career in medicine and was loved by his patients. However, the accomplishment he was proudest of was his two beautiful daughters, McKenna and Payton.

In addition to his family, he was passionate about Sooner Football and never missed watching a game, either in person or televised. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and had many memories growing up listening to their games on the radio. He had a love of many art forms, especially literature, music, and movies. He loved traveling and was fortunate enough to count a trip to Germany as his trip of a lifetime. He also enjoyed yearly beach trips to South Padre Island with close family friends.



Stephen Roy Barnes, DO, and Susan Elaine (Proffer) Barnes passed away together on July 25, 2022, after almost 32 years of marriage, joined together on July 28, 1990, in Tulsa, OK.

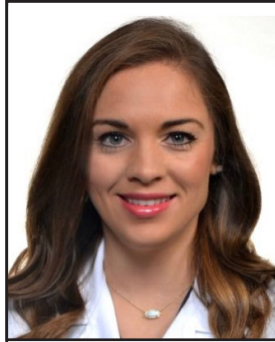
Stephen was born on Sept 11, 1954, in Enid, OK, to Jim and Oleta Barnes. He enjoyed teaching Oklahoma State University's Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, gardening and pickling, baking banana bread, baseball, woodworking, being a grandpa/great grandpa and collecting Pez dispensers and baseball cards.

Sue was born on April 1, 1953 in Van Nuys, CA, to Morris and Dorothy Proffer. She enjoyed being an entrepreneur with StyleDots, teaching wreath making, bragging on her kids, and being a grandmother and great grand mother. As a couple, Steve and Sue were the embodiment of being loving to others and reflected a love for their Savior. They were always focused on pointing others to Jesus, spending time with family, and loving on friends, neighbors, and others far and wide.

They are survived by daughter Christina Darden, son Aaron Book, daughter Amanda Arthur, son James Barnes, Steve's sister Wendy Hardgrove, Sue's brother, Paul Proffer, and Sue's sister, Betty Benivegna, and predeceased by Jim and Oleta Barnes, Morris and Dorothy Proffer, Chuck Proffer, Joe Proffer, and Bob Proffer.



In Memorium



Brittany Rene McShane (Cross), DO, entered the arms of Jesus on September 28, 2022 at the age of 32. She was born March 25, 1990 to Lonny and Debra Jo Cross (Althaus).

Brittany grew up in Edmond and attended Oklahoma Christian School from Pre-k to 12th, graduating in 2008. She was an extraordinarily talented soccer player and loved it, along with many other sports. She went on to attend Oklahoma State University where she became a member the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. While attending OSU Brittany was named one of the Top Twenty Freshman and was selected to be a member of the distinguished Mortar Board Honor Society. She graduated in 2012 and then went on to pursue her passion for medicine. She graduated from Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2017. Brittany was president of her medical school class and was chief resident of her residency. She was also named Student Doctor of The Year in 2017. Brittany was an incredibly compassionate physician, colleague and friend. She loved her career and was dedicated to serving others.

Brittany married the love of her life, Andrew McShane, on March 11, 2017. Together they enjoyed many amazing trips and created endless memories wherever they went. They shared a passion for the outdoors and hiking and in January 2020 right before the Covid-19 pandemic, they were blessed with the opportunity to hike Machu Picchu, which they successfully and joyfully completed together. Brittany loved spending Saturdays together with Andrew watching college football where she rooted strongly for her OSU Cowboys. More recently, Brittany began to share in Andrew's love of golf. She set her heart in it and was determined to become a golfer alongside him. On November 4, 2020, Brittany and Andrew became parents to the most perfect baby, Carter Jack McShane. Brittany referred to Carter as her little munch (munchkin). Carter was the light of her life, and she completely adored him. He loves dinosaurs because of her and he will always be reminded of her love and adoration for him.

The impact that Brittany made on earth during her brief time will last forever through the numerous lives she touched. She will be missed immensely by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in passing by her mother, Debra Jo Cross and her grandparents, Marilyn and Bernard Althaus.

Those left to continue her legacy include her loving husband, Andrew McShane; precious son, Carter Jack McShane; father, Lonny Cross and Roberta Botello Cross; mother, Penny Cross; mother-in-law, Marianne McShane Suelter; grandparents, Sondra and Jim Pitts; sister, Mackenzie Cross; brother, Corbin Cross; brother-in-law, Marc McShane; sister-in-law, Aubrie McShane; sister-in-law, Kellie Suelter; and nieces, Ava McShane and Cora McShane. Brittany is also survived by countless loving extended family, colleagues, and friends who will all miss her dearly.



Donald Wayne Hahn, DO, was born in French Camp, California on Wednesday, June 4, 1941, to Lawrence and Annabelle (Weaver) Hahn. He passed from this life to his eternal home in heaven on Friday, July 29, 2022, at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 81 surrounded by his wife and children.

Don was the second of five children born to the Hahn family. His father died in a trucking accident when Don was only seven. Shortly after, his mother and siblings moved to Oklahoma to be near her family. He attended Tahlequah High School and played tuba in the marching band. They specialized in a maneuver known as the "rotating T". He graduated from there in 1958. After high school, Don joined the U.S. Navy and served twenty years from 1958-1978. After his time of active duty, he returned home and enrolled at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he received his D.O. Degree. "Dr. Don" was primarily an Emergency Room Physician at various hospitals and the last decade of practice he worked for Ascension Medical Group of St. John Hospital.

He became the father to eight children, seven sons and one daughter. Don was very involved in his children's lives, coaching both baseball and football, camp doctor for Cub and Boy Scout summer camps, and was supportive of all his children's activities. He seemed to have the winning strategy in building pinewood derby cars and shared his wisdom with his sons who used it to win many races through the years. During football season he would set up a makeshift clinic at the back of his Suburban to give sports physicals to boys who couldn't afford them. He taught Sunday School and served along with his wife, Jane, on the baptism team at Battlecreek Church in Broken Arrow.

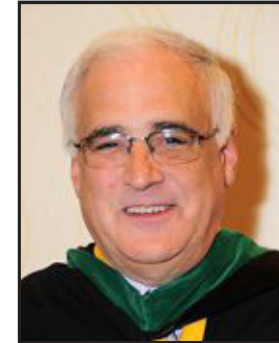
In his free time, Don enjoyed fishing, reading, westerns on TV, comedy movies, and golf. He carried spare golf balls in his front pockets as he knew he would be needing replacements before the round was completed. He was a long-time member of both the American Medical Association and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are wife, Jane, of the home in Broken Arrow; Son, Daniel Hahn of Owasso; Son, Michael Hahn and his wife, Brenda of Owasso; Son, Donald Hahn and his wife, Kathryn Santine of Tulsa; Son, Mike Duckworth and his wife, Shelly of Sapulpa; Daughter, Donna Bevenue and her husband, Chris of Frisco, Texas; Son, Andrew Hahn and his wife, Kenzie Owen of Cleveland; Son, Derek Hahn and his wife, Carly Mezier-Hahn of Oklahoma City; 11 Grandchildren and 15 Great Grandchildren; Sister, Janet Purvis of Conroe, Texas; Sister, Carolyn Gutierrez and her husband, Jim of Claremore

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Annabelle; Sister, Norma Duckworth; Brother, Larry Hahn; Son, Brian Hahn; Daughter-in-Law, Stephanie Hahn; and Granddaughter, Tabitha Duckworth.



In Memorium



David F. Hitzeman, DO, MACOI, 75, passed away peacefully on December 14th surrounded by his wife and family. David leaves behind his loving wife of 56 years, Rita. They have three amazing sons, Troy (Tammy) Hitzeman of Oklahoma City, OK, Tate Hitzeman of Frisco, TX and Travis (Courtnei) Hitzeman of Carrollton, TX. They are also blessed with seven beautiful grandchildren who were the light of his life.

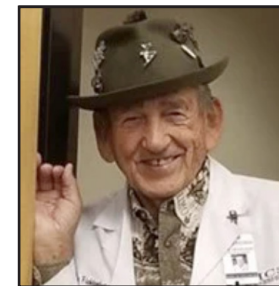
David is preceded in death by his parents, the Reverend Harold Hitzeman and Lucy Marie (Baumgartel) Hitzeman. He is survived by one brother Roger (Lee) Hitzeman and two sisters, Eunice of Wichita, KS, Linda of Jefferson City as well as two sisters-in-law, Judy Dullea from Colorado and Cris Wesbrooks of Augusta, KS. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

David and Rita knew right away they were meant for each other and married young. They have lived a true love story. They spent almost every day together, loved travel, friends and most of all, their family. David went to medical school at the Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine, graduating in 1974. After graduating they traveled to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and he completed his internship. He then moved his family to Wellington, Kansas to practice general medicine for one year. It didn't take long for David to realize that he wanted more than general medicine. The family moved to Tulsa in 1976 for his residency at OOH where he continued to practice internal medicine for over 40 years until he retired.

David was always a champion of promoting osteopathic medicine and treating the underserved, by serving on numerous committees, and advocating for the profession. In the late 1990's, he was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma as Commissioner for the Physician Manpower Training Commission for the State of Oklahoma where he headed up an initiative to combat the physician shortage in rural Oklahoma by addressing medical school debt to encourage doctors to practice in rural parts of the state. The broad influence he had on the osteopathic profession was evident by the multitude of awards he won over his lifetime, the national and local advocacy he led, and the changes he helped to make to ensure DOs were represented where policy was being made.

David served on the Board of Directors for the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI), and on numerous committees. He was recognized as a Master Fellow of the ACOI, was named ACOI's Internist of the Year in 2012 and received ACOI's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of a lifetime of service and exemplary dedication to the profession in 2022. He also admirably served on the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) House of Delegates as an Oklahoma representative for over 30 years and as the AOA's representative to the AOA Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC), a select volunteer group of physicians that represents the entire osteopathic profession in helping shape Medicare relative values. Over the years, he also received many state and national awards including the Physician of the Year Award from the Osteopathic Founders Foundation, the Outstanding and Distinguished Service and Physician of the Year Award given by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association as well as the Clinician of the Year Award, which he won three times from 2002-2012. These accolades earned him the nickname the "Warrior" by his colleagues.

We've lost our husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend today, however, heaven gained an angel. David was a loving family man and a true legend in the osteopathic world and will be remembered and missed by all.



Hans Fichtenberg, DO, loving husband, father and friend to so many, left to be with our Savior on December 9, 2022. Hans was born in Brownien, East Prussia Germany on January 17, 1929.

Hans was preceded in death by his mother and father, Rudolph and Emilie (Lange) Fichtenberg, sisters Dorthea Limpert, Marta Kilp and brother Daniel Fichtenberg.

Hans is survived by his wife, Sharon, sons Hans Fichtenberg II, Kurt Fichtenberg, Karl Fichtenberg all of Tulsa and daughter Heidi Stevens (Trevor) of Arlington, Texas. Grandsons Forrest Stevens, Addison Stevens and Imani Stevens of Arlington, Texas, and Logan Fichtenberg of Tulsa. One great granddaughter, Khalia Stevens of Arlington. One sister, Edeltraut Mueller (Horst) of Rotonda West, Florida, two brothers, Raymond Fichtenberg (Ursula) of Flint, Michigan, Ronald Fichtenberg (Mel) of Venice, Florida and Stepmother, Herta Fichtenberg of Port Charlotte, Florida. And many, many wonderful relatives.

Practicing medicine as a skilled Surgeon, playing tennis and traveling the world with Sharon and the Curry's were Hans' passions but first and foremost, his faith in God and his family and Sharon's family were at the top of the list.

Those of us who knew him will always carry the memories of his love, his big smile, his compassionate bedside manner and his love of caring for other. He will live in our hearts forever for he has left us the legacy of spirit for life.

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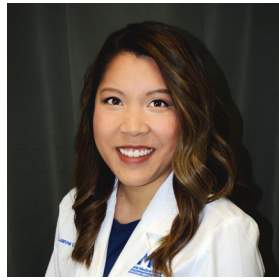
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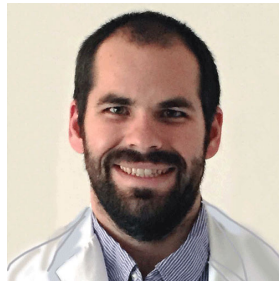
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NEW OOA SOUTHWEST DISTRICT PRESIDENT LUANNE SOLIS, DO & VICE PRESIDENT MAX GOATES, DO



Luanne V. Solis, DO, is an Obstetrician-Gynecologist at Comanche County Memorial Hospital in Lawton. Dr. Solis graduated from Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2016, and later completed her OB/GYN residency with OSU Medical Center in 2020. She is a proud mother of two beautiful boys, Lincoln and Levi, and enjoys traveling with her husband A.J. She is passionate about training the next generation of doctors and is looking forward to the opportunity to be active in the OOA as the Southwest District President.



Max Goates, DO, is a General Surgeon at Comanche County Memorial Hospital in Lawton Oklahoma. He is from Las Vegas Nevada. Dr. Goates completed his residency training in General Surgery at Oklahoma State University in 2021. Outside of medicine he enjoys spending time with his wife and kids. His hobbies include anything outdoors such as hunting, horseback riding and woodworking.

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OOA SUPPORTS 2023 OKLAHOMA SPEAKER'S BALL



From left: Allison LeBoeuf, JD, Jonathan Bushman, DO, and Rebecca Lewis, DO, at the 2023 Speaker's Ball.

The Oklahoma Speaker's Ball is an inspiring tradition, first begun in the 1960s by Oklahoma Speaker of the House of Representatives Rex Privett. Speaker Privett aimed to develop collegiality and rapport between newly-elected members of the House prior to the start of the legislative session. The idea was to bring together members of both parties, from all parts of the state on neutral territory to get to know each other as individuals, not just policy rivals. The non-partisan tradition of camaraderie has endured, but also expanded to include all those who have a hand in the legislative process including other elected officials, business leaders, community champions, and advocacy groups.

Along the way, Oklahoma Speaker's Ball also has become an important vehicle for showcasing and raising funds for some of Oklahoma's most impactful charitable organizations. Since just 2005, Oklahoma Speaker's Ball has donated more than three quarters of a million dollars to worthy causes across our state.

The OOA was thrilled to support the 2023 Speaker's Ball benefiting *J127 Ministry*, *Pivot: A Turning Point for Youth*, and *Westview Boys Home* in January. We look forward to a busy and productive legislative session ahead.



From left: Allison LeBoeuf, JD; Rebecca Lewis, DO; Timothy Moser, DO; Jonathan Stone, DO & Andrea Stone; Andrea Bushman & Jonathan Bushman, DO; Jeanette Kelley, DO, attending the 2023 Speaker's Ball.

Calendar of Events

January 1, 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
(OOA Office Closed, December 31)

January 3, 2023

Bureau on Membership (6 pm)
Held via Zoom

January 5, 2023

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
Oklahoma City, OK

January 20, 2023

Bureau on Legislation (7 pm)
Catoosa, OK

January 20-22, 2023

2023 Winter CME Seminar
"Time to Catch Up"
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Catoosa, OK

January 31, 2023

Bureau on Membership (6 pm)
Held via Zoom

February 1, 2022

Bureau on Legislation
(6 pm Dinner / 7 pm Meeting)
Oklahoma City, OK

February 2, 2023

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting
Oklahoma City, OK

February 7, 2023

Eastern District Meeting
OSU-COM at Cherokee Nation
Tahlequah, OK

February 12, 2023

Oklahoma City OMT Study Group
St. Anthony Family Medicine Residency
Oklahoma City, OK

February 28, 2023

Bureau on Membership (6 pm)
Held via Zoom

March 1, 2023

Bureau on Legislation
(6 pm Dinner / 7 pm Meeting)
Oklahoma City, OK

March 2, 2022

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
Oklahoma City, OK

March 12, 2023

Oklahoma City OMT Study Group
St. Anthony Family Medicine Residency
Oklahoma City, OK

March 28, 2022

Osteopathic Medicine Day at the Capitol
(12 pm Lunch / 2 pm Capitol)
Oklahoma City, OK



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