Campus News

- On January 29, 2016 we dedicated the new Student Health Center/ Metabolic Research Center. President Kadish, Senior Provost Berkley and Provost Hopkins were in attendance along with several local luminaries. On February 24th we initiated the Metabolic Research Center with our first research participant under the oversight of Dr Jean-Marc Schwarz in conjunction with our collaborating colleagues from UC Davis.

- Dr David Steinberg, Founder of Steinberg Diagnostic Medical Imaging in Las Vegas generously donated a new DXA GE machine to the Metabolic Research Center

- Dr Randy West, a University Advisory Board Committee member, along with Quest Labs donated a chair and centrifuge to be used in the Metabolic Research Center

- In January 2016 TUC campus was awarded by the NorthBay Business Journal “Healthiest Companies to Work For.”

- Both the COM and COP Academic buildings are in process of a facelift with the painting of the exterior of the building.

- On January 1, 2016 Richard Riemer DO officially started as our new Senior Associate Dean. Dr Riemer a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine completed a neurology residency at University of California Davis Medical Center where he also served as chief resident. Dr Riemer’s training also includes a mini-fellowship in Epilepsy at Bowman Gray School of Medicine and as a preceptor and Fellow in Chronic Spine Pain Multidisciplinary Rehabilitation at the PRIDE Rehabilitation Institute of Dallas
COM News

- The 2017 US News and World Report for the 7th consecutive year noted TUCOM-CA as one of the top 15 medical schools in the nation for having our graduating students choose a primary care residency (57%).
- On March 15, 2016 Drs. Shubbrook, Schwarz, Hendriksz and Clearfield presented at the Health and Medicine Forum for the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco a program titled “An Osteopathic Approach to the Obesity Epidemic.” This program can be accessed: http://www.commonwealthclub.org/media/podcast
- On March 24, 2016 TUCOM was part of the White House Pledge “Beginning Fall 2016, we will require all students to take some form of prescriber education in line with CDC guidelines in order to graduate.”
- At the 2016 AACOM meeting in Washington DC Stacey Pierce Talsma DO and Joe Talsma received a Society of Osteopathic Medical Education (SOME) award for their COAR program.
- We received confirmation from the AOA for a 3 year Accreditation/Level 3 Accreditation with Commendation at a Category 1 CME sponsor. Also in March 2016 the Accreditation Council for the Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) approved our CME program with a Provisional Accreditation until March 21, 2018. Congratulations to Sarah Passage CME coordinator for both these accomplishments.
- Welcome to Howard Feinberg DO who will starting in July 2016 as our new Regional Director of Medical Education and Clerkship Performance in the Clinical Education Department. Dr Feinberg comes to us from the Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine where he served a Clinical Professor and formerly as Director of Medical Education for Northern Kentucky and Dean.
- Tour student body continued its reign at the Stanford Ultrafest program. 80 OMS 1 & 2 students take part in session that included evaluation of abdominal aorta, cardiac windows, deep venous system and ultrasound guided access.
**Student News**

The Class of 2016 completed their residency match and once again we matched 57% of the class pursuing a primary care residency. 52% of the matches were in ACGME programs, 42% in AOA and 6% in military. 39% of matches were in California and 36% of the AOA matches were to OPTI-West programs.

“First time” match results included, among others: Thoracic Surgery at University of California Davis, Pediatrics at Emory University, Pathology at Stanford University, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at New York Presbyterian - Columbia/Cornell, Anesthesiology at Washington University – Barnes Jewish Medical Center, Obstetrics and Gynecology at Georgetown University, Neurology at University of Texas-Southwestern, Internal Medicine at University of Texas – Houston, Emergency Medicine at University of Minnesota – Hennepin County, Family Medicine Kaiser Vallejo.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 for a stellar four years and a tremendous residency match.

TOUCH point hours for 2015-16 were 4211 which represent community activities ranging from the student run clinics, the Teen Life conference and the Mini-Med School as the myriad of volunteering services provided. Alexander Frantzis OMSII was a platinum recipient with > 150 hours of community service. 11 OMS received gold status (100-150 hours) and 28 OMS received silver status (50-100 hours).
Student News continued

• The COM Class of 2018 Pinning Ceremony occurred on April 21st with John JJ Burk OMS IV providing the student perspective on their upcoming clerkship experience.

• 13 COM students were selected in the 7th cohort to the Gold Humanism Honor Society. These students were nominated by their peers based upon their embodiment of the ideals of humanism in medicine: Compassion, Professionalism, Commitment to the highest standard of patient care, Ethics and Volunteering in the community: Andrea Lewis, Ari Simon, Ben Ramsden-Stein, Catherine Stanecki, Emily Reinig, Hassie Cooper, Hattie Pearson, Imran Masood, Odrin Castillo, Robin Martin, Sarah Perrin, Selene Wheless, Tracy Krinard.

• In 2015 Martha Benitez OMS II and Tyler Fleming OMS II received a Bay Area Albert Schweitzer Fellowship for their work in colorectal cancer screening. Student Doctors Benitez and Fleming have been recognized for their work in raising the colon cancer screening rates at La Clinica from 16% to 89% using a new “high touch” protocol that established one-on-one contact with patients to gain their commitment to complete the testing screen. For their work S/D Benitez and Fleming presented their results at the American Cancer Society’s National Colorectal Roundtable. They join recent recipients Melissa Belec OMS III who in 2014 received the Fellowship for working with the People’s Garden of Vallejo to help organize a “mobile garden” and get nutrition facts, vegetable seedlings and fresh produce into the hands of the public and in 2013 Soaman Dizechi OMS IV received a Bay Area Albert Schweitzer Fellowship for providing nutrition and fitness information to low income Hispanic/Latino families. Other prior Touro students Michael Herndon and Jennifer Tran were also recipients of this prestigious fellowship.

Congratulations to Elaine Ho OMS IV who was our nominee for the DO Class of 2016 National Student DO of the year award.
Department Updates

Primary Care and Solano County Clinic

- Gail Feinberg DO, M.Ed has been selected to follow Patricia Rehfield DO, MPH as the Chair of the PCD Department. Dr. Feinberg will leave her current position as Regional Assistant Dean West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and Director of Medical Education at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital’s Family Medicine Residency in Ashland Kentucky. We welcome Dr. Feinberg who will start in June and thank Dr. Rehfield for her leadership and dedication over the past four years as the department chair. We are extremely fortunate that Dr. Rehfield will remain on as faculty in the department which will give the department additional depth and institutional history.

- On February 20 at the Annual OPSC convention in San Diego Dr. Abraham Pera was inducted as President and received a joint resolution from state legislators Senator Lois Wolk and Assembly Member Susan Bonilla on his ascension to OPSC President. Congratulations Dr. Pera!!

- At the same OPSC convention Senior Associate Dean Dr. Richard Riemer was elected Vice President of OPSC and Dr. Clearfield was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award.

- On April 16 Dr. James Foy received the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians Career Achievement Award.

- Dr. Alesia Wagner and Dr. Audra Lehman were both promoted to Associate Professor.

- Dr. Farrell was the faculty advisor for this year’s Teen Life Conference of our website. For more exciting info: [http://externalrelations.tu.edu/media/pressrelease/03012015_teenlife.html](http://externalrelations.tu.edu/media/pressrelease/03012015_teenlife.html)

- Dr. West is again leading the faculty and students in values clarification and professionalism with the Healer’s Art course.

- On June 4th Dr. Patricia Rehfield will represent our institution at the Coalition on Physician Education in Substance Use Disorders (COPE) which will bring educators from California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii together to discuss this important topic.

- The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) acknowledged Drs. Alesia Wagner and Dr James Foy for their contributions in Health Promotion/Disease Prevention item review and Dr. Tami Hendriksz for her contributions on the COMAT Advisory Committee. Dr. Wagner was also recognized for her role as a CDM Master Rater.

- Welcome to new faculty:
  - Tina Mason MD (started in January) who previously served as an Associate Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of Wisconsin
  - Also welcome the first class of PCD Fellows to start with the new academic year
    Class of 2017: OMS Tracy Krinard and OMS Ari Simon
    Class of 2018: OMS James McKinney and OMS Katherine Yu
Departmental news

OMM

- Dr. Mitchell Hiserote, DO, has decided to step down as Chair of the Department and a national search is in process to find our next Chair. We want to thank Dr. Hiserote for his leadership and dedication in leading the OMM Department for the past two years as he joins Dr. John Glover who was Chair from 2006 until 2014. Under both Dr. Hiserote and Dr. Glover’s leadership, the department and its faculty have flourished as leaders within our profession.

- Dr. Glover was re-elected to the Board of Governors and the Nominating Committee of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO). Dr. Glover has served on the AAO Board since 1994. We thank him for his service to the profession.

- Our Student SAAO chapter was one of four nationally to receive the Presidential Accolade Award, acknowledging the club’s combined impact and promotion of OMM.

- The new Class of OMM Fellows are Danielle Franzini and Trista Fuchs, who join 2nd year fellows Sara Modlin and Beatrice Akers and graduating fellows John Burk and Cuong Quach, congratulations to our new fellows.

Welcome to new faculty:

- Nicole Pena DO will be starting in July. Dr. Pena is completing her Chief Residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, NYC

Basic Sciences

- Welcome to new faculty:

  - Andrea Taylor PhD, Professor in Anatomy to start in July 2016. Prior to joining our faculty Dr. Taylor was an Associate Professor with tenure in both the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Duke University School of Medicine and the Department of Evolutionary Anthropology in the Graduate School at Duke University
Global Health

- The “Fundamentals of Global Health” course has ????? students currently enrolled for those interested in applying for the Certificate of Global Health.
- At the consortium of Universities Global Health Conference OMS Yassmin Atefi and Shasha Chen were one of three finalists for the student section on “Millenium Development Goals” for their work with Helping Babies Breathe in Ethiopia.
- Atif Caleem and Celia Chao (Class 2016) are the first two COM students to graduate in the Global Health Pathway Certificate Program.

Alumni News

- Major Kamal Singh Kalsi Class of 2005 was awarded Bronze Star for his work as the medical officer running the emergency room at Camp Dwyer in Helmand province in Afghanistan in 2011. In November 2015 Dr Kalsi was featured in Wall Street Journal as part of Sikh Coalition who advocates for and works with the Sikh US military personnel to allow them to keep their turbans and beards which are important elements of their South Asian religious faith.

Former faculty and administrator, Dr Greg Strebel, D.O. passed away on 5/7/16. Dr. Strebel was a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine graduate of the class of 1990 from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona (now Western University of Health Sciences). Dr. Strebel’s career at Touro spanned from 2002-2013 and he contributed greatly to the growth, success, and culture of what TUCOM is today. His contributions to our college included fulfilling the capacities of: Assistant Professor Clinical Faculty to the Primary Care Department (PCD), Course Coordinator for the PCD, Vice Chair of the PCD, Director of early Clinical Experience, Director of Postgraduate Education, and Assistant Dean of Clinical Education. Dr. Strebel moved to Oregon in 2013 where he opened a private practice but continued to work with TUCOM. A scholarship in Dr Strebel’s name is being established, please contact Marni Churchill Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Marni.churchill@tu.edu
Research Updates

• The 15th Annual TUCOM Research Day occurred on April 14, 2016 with a record 95 posters. Dr Gugliucci provided a 125 page research book for the event. Keynote addresses from Robert Lustig MD MSL Professor of Pediatrics at UCSF on “What is the metabolic syndrome and why are our children getting it? “highlighted the event. Two faculty presentations were also highlighted by Jay Shubrook DO Professor PCD titled “Changing the progression of Type 2 diabetes.” and Carinne Brody DrPH, MPH Assistant Professor in CEHS titled “Reaching hard to reach and hidden populations with health services: A case study from Cambodia.”

• In February 2016 edition of the journal Obesity Drs Schwarz, Mulligan and Gugliucci along with their team reported the results of their NIH funded study that demonstrated isocaloric fructose restriction improved markers of metabolic syndrome in children with obesity metabolic syndrome irrespective of weight change.

• In February 2016 Dr Miriam Gochin received a R21 NIH grant titled “Mechanism of indole compounds as HIV infusion inhibitors.” in the amount of $393,250.

• In April 2016 Dr Jay Shubrook received a grant from Astra-Zeneca for “Efficacy of Saxagliptin 5 mg Co-administered with Dapagliflozin 5 mg compared to Saxagliptin 5mg or Dapagliflozin 5 mg all given as Add-on therapy to Metformin in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes who have Inadequate Glycaemia Control on Metformin Alone” in the amount of $113,497.

• In May 2016 Dr Stacey Pierce-Talsma and Dr Mitch Hiserote were awarded an AOA grant of $10,000 for Qualitative Analysis of Current OMS year III and IV Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Curriculum Strategies and the Development and Innovation of a New Paradigm

• In May Dr Gugliucci chaired a session on Health and Nutrition at 107th AOCS Annual meeting and Expo in Salt Lake City

• Dr. Gugliucci co-chairs the organizing committee for the 2nd Iberoamerican Congress on AGES and Health, together with faculty from Mount Sinai NY, European and Latin America Universities.
Recent manuscripts published

- Hermel E. Caspase-12, rheumatoid arthritis, and the dog that didn’t bark. 2016. Immunogenetics Online Access, in press.
- Leibold C, Shubrook J, Drozek D, Nakazawa. “Effectiveness of CHIP in Reducing Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors in Appalachian Population with Type 2 Pre-Diabetes Mellitus and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.” JAOA February 2016; 116:84-91
- Bramstedt K, Colaco,C De Silva, Rehfield,P Blumenthal-Barby, Perceptions of US and Australian Medical Students and Instructors About Clinical Professional Attire: LAPEL Study JAOA 2016;116(4):244
**Recent Presentations**

- Malouf P *Use of Pediatric illness scripts as a Point of Care Tool for clinical reasoning: a Multi-Center Study* COMSEP Annual Meeting St Louis April 2016
- Malouf P *Ready for Launch: Taking flipped classroom from Buzzword to Blastoff* COMSEP St Louis April 2016
- Davis G, Hartwig W *Preceptor competency scores identify COMLEX 2-PE humanistic failure risk* April 2016 AACOM Annual Meeting Washington DC
- Weiss J *EPA Exemplar* April 2016 AACOM Annual Meeting Washington DC
- Velasco HE *“WARM: wellness, Academics, Resilience and Mindfulness”* April 2016 AACOM Annual Meeting Washington DC
- Davis G, Pearce M, Weiss J, Pierce-Talsma S. *Proposal for an osteopathic professional activity (EPA)* April 2016 AACOM Annual Meeting
- Pierce-Talsma S, Hiserote M. *Analysis of OMS year III and IV osteopathic manipulative medicine curriculum* April 2016 AACOM Annual Meeting
- Pierce-Talsma S, Talsma J, Lehman A. *A yoga elective for anatomy reinforcement and mindfulness training* April 2016 AACOM Annual Meeting Washington DC
- Shubrook J *Making your practice more efficient* ACOFP National Meeting April 2016- Puerto Rico.
- Shubrook J *Diabetes Mastery Series* May -- Raleigh NC, and Memphis Tenn
- Shubrook J *Treating type 1 diabetes in adults* ADA Clinical Conference May 2016 Jacksonville FL
- Gugliucci A. *Antioxidant Clinical Trials failed to reduce CVD outcomes: the end of the oxidative stress hypothesis. 107th AOCS Meeting and Expo Salt Lake City
- Shubrook J *Type 1 diabetes in primary care* ADA Clinical Conference May 2016 Jacksonville FL
- Shubrook-J *Diabetes is Primary* ADA Scientific Sessions June 2016 New Orleans
- Shubrook J *Insulin pumps and sensors* OPSC San Diego CA
- Malouf P. *Pediatric screening tools.* OPSC San Diego
- Gayer G, Weiss J, Clearfield *Fundamentals for an Osteopathic Obesity Designed Study (FOODS): the educational effects on medical student’s attitudes regarding obesity.* 20th IAMSE 2016 Leiden, Netherlands
UPCOMING EVENTS
Congratulations to all our students for a remarkable year,
And a special round of congratulations to our 2016 graduating class.

The COM Class of 2016 Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Zellerbach Hall on the Berkeley campus on May 31st