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Message from the Dean

Douglas L. Wood, DO, PhD, FACOI, Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine

As we have moved from summer into fall and soon into the winter Season, it seems that we have become very busy with many internal issues to address plus many external meetings, conferences, and other activities where we should be represented. The purpose in this writing is to update you on some of these activities.



OMED Update

OMED is the yearly American Osteopathic Association meeting. As in past years, this meeting consisted of many presentations one could attend, as well as displays in a large convention center and small receptions. UNECOM sponsored an evening reception and presentations for many of our alumni who were attending the conference. The turnout was high and provided an opportunity for us to update everyone on the College's activities.

It is of interest that the area in the convention center which attracted the most attention was a Gallup Organization tool called *Strengths Finder* which allowed one to determine his/her strengths and how to utilize these strengths. We all have different strengths and bringing them together can make one strong COMMunity!

We look forward to seeing you at next years' meeting October 15-21, 2015 in Orlando, Florida.

FALL CME/REUNION WEEKEND

This past October, we held our annual Fall CME/Reunion Weekend. The attendance at this meeting was substantial and above what has been experienced in the past. The program itself was full of interesting presentations which were well attended by those who were on campus. This event also provided an opportunity for various faculty and administrators to provide up-to-date information about the College. Having attended several of the events myself, I can tell you that the support for the College is strong and I feel will continue to grow.

Place a hold on your calendar, next year's CME/Fall Reunion is tentatively scheduled for October 9-11, 2015.

WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Also in October, we had our White Coat Ceremony. For those of you who are not familiar with this ceremony it is an event founded by the Arnold Gold Foundation in 1993. This year was our 18th such ceremony. The emphasis is to "create a psychological contract for professionalism and empathy" in medicine. Dr. Jacqueline Cawley was the keynote speaker for this event. She is a 1989 graduate of COM and currently is Senior Medical Director for Clinical Integration at MaineHealth. We were honored to have someone of her caliber speak at this event. Her message was inspiring to all especially the first year students on how there are no limits on what one can do as an osteopathic physician.

The number of attendees exceeded our expectation and our best estimate is that approximately 1,400 people were able to share this important event with our students where we are able to emphasize some of the soft aspects in being an excellent physician.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Most of you readers of the COMmunicator are probably aware that the University is involved in a Capital Campaign entitled "*UNE Moving Forward*". The goal of the campaign is to raise at least \$60 Million. To date, about \$43 Million has been raised. The campaign has three themes:

1. Opportunity - Opportunity consists of scholarships, global learning and student research.
2. Innovation - Innovation will help fund the College of Dental Medicine endowed professorships, Interprofessional Education (IPE), lectures and programs in the College of Pharmacy and Marine Science.
3. Place - Place has to do with campus improvements. For the COM, our aim is to enhance scholarships for students; eventually have an improved simulation lab which will enhance student learning; and monies to support continued innovation.

STRATEGIC PLAN

We continue to move along with the implementation of our Strategic Plan. Several small groups have been formed which are essential in making this plan a reality. Our vision is challenging but so are many other things in life. The vision, "*To be the preeminent College of Osteopathic Medicine*" is realistic and something we all work towards daily.

NATIONAL BOARD UPDATE

Recently we received Board Scores from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), of our students who have taken the various levels of the Boards within approximately the last year. A sample of the data received follows:

Level 1 (usually taken after the second year of medical school)

School Pass Rate: 9th out of 30 schools

Average Mean Score: 9th out of 30 Schools

Level 2 (which has two parts and usually taken in years 3 and 4)

Cognitive Evaluation: 1st out of 29 schools

Performance Evaluation: 5th out of 29 schools

Level 3 (usually taken the first year after graduation)

School Pass Rate: 1st out of 28 schools

Mean Score: 4th out of 28 schools

So, quite obviously our students are doing well!

In closing, there has been a lot of activity internally and externally and I appreciate all levels of participation from each and every one of you. This cannot do this alone, we are a COMMunity!

I wish all of you a great winter and Holiday Season.

SPOTLIGHT STORY: Students on a Mission

Editor's Note: We decided instead of an interview with one or two outstanding individuals for the Sept/Oct COMMunicator we would highlight several outstanding students who took their summer vacation to make a difference. Each story is unique and offered an incredible experience. We hope you take the time to read each one. If you have a story you would like to share in the next edition, email Katie Vincent at kvincent1@une.edu.

Off to Peru

By Feier Liu, OMS II

In June, seven UNECOM students traveled on a medical mission trip to Cusco, Peru. Despite the lack of internet and hot water, we enjoyed our time there a lot. It was both fun and educational. The first week was spent shadowing doctors and taking care of kids with congenital and developmental issues. In the second week, we all examined patients and recorded findings for supervising doctors to make final diagnosis. During our weekends, we took time off and visited Machu Picchu (pictured) and Lake Titicaca.

This was a great experience and we couldn't have done it without the help of the Global Education Department and the COM Office of Constituent Services!



Panama & Costa Rica

By Kelly McVan, OMS II

This past summer, eleven first year students, including myself, went to Panama and Costa Rica on a medical mission trip through the International Service Learning organization. During our time there, we went on house visits in medically underserved communities to offer appointments at the clinic to anyone who needed medical care. The following days, we cared for patients at our temporary clinic and provided them with much needed medications. Many of these patients had never seen a doctor before. Although the language barrier was sometimes a challenge, we had translators assisting us. On our last day, we had a morning devoted to children in the community during which we played games, painted faces, and did arts and crafts with the kids. The entire experience was eye-opening and made all of us realize how much we take for granted. Not only did we get to practice the clinical skills we spent the past year learning, but we were given the opportunity to experience another culture and meet some amazing people. I would like to thank the UNECOM community for all of their help in our fundraising efforts.



To Shed a Brighter Light

by Irma Hashmi and Kristen Nash

This past summer, we traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to implement an educational study at Rumah Solehah, a half-way home for HIV positive women. Our goal was to use a novel, interactive and culture-specific education program to teach these women about the nature of HIV as well as how to prevent transmission and limit progression of the illness. Despite our limited sample size, our research efforts provided surprising results.

Rumah Solehah is located just outside the bustling city of Kuala Lumpur and houses, on average, five to six HIV+ women.

Founded by a group of physicians and run by an astute and enthusiastic matron, Rumah Solehah seeks to provide unique resources for these women, including free health checkups, resume workshops and even

informal matrimonial opportunities. Many of the women who transit in the half-way home contracted HIV from their husbands and due to the social stigma of the disease were ostracized from their villages. Still others are former prostitutes seeking to re-build different lives.



We found the worth of our efforts not in the statistical significance of the pre and post-tests but in the voices of the women with whom we worked. The ladies took our program as an opportunity to share some of their most intimate experiences and hardships. Their stories were distressing at times, both for them to re-live the experience and for us to witness their pain. During one instance, a woman described her interactions with her then-husband (he had died from AIDS.) A dominant man, her husband would engage in painful sexual intercourse with her. As her narrative continued, she could no longer contain herself and spoke rapidly as tears streamed down her face. Because she was speaking in Malay, there was a significant lag between her narration and our comprehension via our translator. Then it hit us: each night the husband knowingly transmitted the virus to her.

In that moment, as we searched for water and a tissue to calm her, our purpose had become far greater than assessment of a novel educational program. It became a daily therapy session for a few individuals with very little support in their lives. The women all responded very positively, and we were able to see their moods blossom in our short time there. We are honored these women opened up to us, and thought two American girls who had traveled halfway across the world as worthy of helping them, or in the very least, caring enough to listen to them.

Summer Connections in Geriatric Medicine

by Andrea Gaul, OMS II

During the summer after my first year of medical school, I enjoyed the wonderful opportunity of participating in the Summer Institute in Geriatric Medicine at Boston University Medical Center. Through this experience, I was able to meet with a number of my peers from across the country who are interested in Geriatrics, as well as leaders, clinicians, professors, and researchers in the field. We discussed social health, policy, research, and medical care for older adults. Additionally, we created a research proposal and joined attending physicians on home health visits in the community. For the remainder of the summer I worked with physicians at George Washington University to investigate the cost effectiveness of less port robotic surgery for benign gynecologic conditions. It was very restorative to travel on the weekends and meet with friends and family.

News & Events

COM Orientation 2014

This year's COM Orientation for first-year students was held over two beautiful summer days on the Biddeford campus. The outgoing and enthusiastic members of the Class of 2018 joined COM faculty, staff, and Orientation Leaders (second-year COM students who wore fashionable and bright neon green t-shirts) in the usual activities and presentations to orient them to their surroundings. New additions to the schedule included "Getting Through Week One"—a handy presentation filled with tips from second-years, "Four Seasons"—an interactive presentation by Dr. David Wayne to help students understand how their personality type might influence their study style, and extra time for tech help from both staff and students in an effort to ensure that new students would be computer-ready by Monday morning.



Lots of social time was included as well! Second-years led the newbies in several ice-breakers, and these first-years jumped right in! Other fun activities included a mixer at Run of the Mill, a BBQ and Field Day for new students and their families, and the annual pre-Orientation rafting trip on the Kennebec River. Bowling at Bayside Bowl in Portland was a favorite activity again this year, and as one first-year student bluntly stated, "Dean Kelley kicked our butts."



Can you guess what they are spelling?

On behalf of the Office of Constituent Services, thank you to everyone who participated in and helped with Orientation this year. An extra special thanks goes out to our Orientation Leaders who gave so much of their free time and effort to make this year's Orientation one of the best yet! For additional COM Orientation 2014 photos visit our [Facebook page](#).



Experience a “Day in the Life of a Medical Student” with NYLF

by Erin Gosekamp, OMS II & NYLF Student Coordinator

National Youth Leadership Forum sent three groups of high school students to UNECOM for a “Day in the Life of a Medical Student,” this past summer. National Youth Leadership Forum is a summer medical program for high school students who are interested in exploring a career in healthcare. Students spend a week at Babson College, in Boston, attending seminars, and visiting medical campuses throughout New England. Groups of almost 50 students each visited campus on three separate days throughout June and July.

The goal of each visit was the same – introduce students to an abbreviated version of medical school. Volunteers from the classes of 2016 and 2017 worked with the students in the osteopathic manipulative treatment and gross anatomy labs. They also covered basic radiology, and diagnostic techniques, focusing on the use of stethoscopes. To finish the day, and incorporate UNECOM's integrative curriculum, students were broken into smaller groups to engage in case-based discussion. Volunteers presented a case to the groups, and students were expected to use analytic reasoning and the information they learned throughout the day to develop a picture of the patient, as well as several differential diagnoses.



Student Hosts from L-R: Julia Ringel, OMSII, Mike Munger, OMSII, Tim Horan, OMSII, Lara Musser, OMSII, Erin Gosekamp, OSMII, Jordan Faloon, OMSIII, Katy Hanson, OMSII & Gavin Kuns, OMSII

Feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive. For many, UNECOM was their first introduction to osteopathic medicine. The hands-on, integrative approach was well received. UNECOM volunteers were the main force behind the success. Student feedback mentioned several volunteers by name. Students said their favorite part of the trip was the ability to spend all day with medical students.



NYLF Students Tour UNE's Biddeford Campus

Thank you to our student volunteers, fellows, OCS office, and participating faculty for a fantastic summer!

2014 CME/Reunion Weekend

Approximately 100 people pre-registered for the 2014 Fall CME/Reunion program held October 10-13th. Attendees received 22 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credits. Presentations included topics such as Medical-Legal Update Marijuana, Counterfeit Medicines, Obesity and Tick-borne and Mosquito-borne illnesses. [View presentations.](#)



Ryan Smith, DO '10 presenting at CME Weekend

The Dean's Lecture was given by Jacqueline Cawley, DO '89, who also gave the White Coat Ceremony speech the evening before.

In addition to the CME program, some new enhancements included the Specialty Speed Networking opportunity where alumni interfaced with first & second year students talking about their specialties, including training & lifestyle. Special thanks go to Guy Williams, DO '84, Steve Zanders, DO '99, Christina Bordeaux, DO '09, Ryan Smith, DO '10, Colin O'Reilly, DO '04 and Eric Matthews, DO '07, for their participation in this new enhancement.



Social activities included the Founder's and Alumni Reception on Friday evening. The Alumni Association awarded their first ever "Honorary Alumni" designation to representative of the NEOA (New England Osteopathic Association) – who represented the Osteopathic Physician Founders of the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Accepting the designation on behalf of the organization included Chet Suske, DO, John Chang, DO, Bill Kirmes, DO, John Goulding, DO, and Howard Mitz, DO.

The Class of '84 was present in force celebrating their 30th reunion at the Founders' Reception as well as the Lobster Bake on Saturday evening. Winners of the Pennant Award, given for the class with the largest attendance, had the Class of '84 in first place followed by the Class of '94.



UNECOM Class of '84 with Dean Douglas Wood, DO

CONTEST: Can you name everyone in the picture? If so, email rsas@une.edu. The first person to answer correctly will be revealed next month. There is even rumor of a prize!

Special thanks are given to Reunion/CME co-chairs Sue Berlin, DO '84 & Steve Zanders, DO '99 and committee members William Bograkos, DO '85, Christina Bordeaux, DO '09, Jennifer Salisbury, DO '10, Ryan Smith, DO, '10 and Eric Lubiner, DO '94 for the design of a rich CME program and social activities. Thanks are also given to Student Representative Kendra Albert, '15/16, Sean Caffyn, '16 and Megan Emmich, '17, along with UNECOM CME staff Doreen Merrill and Suzanne Lavigne. [Visit our Facebook page for additional photos from this event.](#)

Reunion dates for 2015 are set for October 9 -11, 2015 on the Biddeford Campus. Reunion classes include those ending in 5s and 0s.

2014 UNECOM White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony took place on October 9, 2014 at Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland with an overflowing crowd in attendance. More than 1400 people were at the event when the Class of '18 received their white coats, a symbol of the profession they are entering.



Jacquelyn Cawley, DO '89 gave the keynote speech, and representatives of the Maine Osteopathic Association and Maine Medical Association were present to give greetings and welcome on behalf of their respective professional organizations.



Dr. Jacquelyn Cawley, '89



Of note, the Class of '18 included two legacy students; Eric Hall, son of Diane Dubois-Hall, DO '86 and Tyler Weisberger, son of Steve Weisberger, DO '83. Currently each of the four classes has a son, daughter, niece or nephew of an alumnus enrolled within the institution. [Visit our Facebook page for additional 2014 UNECOM White Coat Ceremony Photos.](#)

Body Donor Memorial Service

On September 13, 2014, the UNECOM Memorial Service took place on the Biddeford Campus. Musical prelude was given by the Sympathetic Tones. Second year medical students, Irma Hashmi, Jeff Mosko, and Joseph Schmidt, in addition to dental student Jackson Threet, gave thoughtful comments and appreciation to those who have donated their own or a loved one's body. Chaplain Jacquelyn Thornton conducted the ceremony.

Faculty, Staff & Students

Congratulations to **Robert Abdu, OMS II** on attending Geisel School of Medicine's Leadership Course at Dartmouth. The intensive week long course offered Student Doctor Abu the ability to work with and learn from other participants in the course including physicians and community leaders from around the country, members of the boards of trustees at several hospitals, residency directors, nurses, medical students, department chairs, NIH funded researchers, lawyers, deans and CEOs. He described the course as "phenomenal".



Stephanie Corriveau, OMS II, was interviewed by the University of Maine Presque Isle talking about what great things she has accomplished since graduating UMPI in 2012. Congratulations Stephanie!! Read the article.



Holly Laird, OMS III, was recently named Student Representative to the AOA Council on Continuing Medical Education by AOA President, Robert S. Juhasz, DO. Student Doctor Laird is also currently enrolled in UNECOM's Master in Medical Education Leadership program (MMEL), slated to finish in 2015. We know Student Doctor Laird will represent her fellow students well!



Pioneering New Ways of Conducting Science

by Timothy McLerran, OMS II & 2014 Sarnoff Fellowship Recipient

My time in San Diego has been a real adventure. My PI, Dr. Mohit Jain, is full of enthusiasm and fresh ideas, our experimental approach is pioneering new ways of conducting science, and even our building is brand new. We collaborate closely with two other labs, combining several key resources that allow us to approach old problems in completely new ways. It's easy to get lost in all of the intriguing possibilities, so the challenge has been to prioritize and focus on one thing at a time. We are doing just that, though. I am currently working with a team to develop a system of genome-wide gene knockout screens to identify genes that are critical to the metabolic shifts observed in diseases like cancer and heart failure. We will assess the downstream metabolic effects of these genes in follow-up studies using high-throughput mass spectrometry.



With these data, we will expand upon and refine a complex, systematically-generated model of cellular physiology in states of health and disease. Extrapolations from this model will yield testable hypotheses which will focus further research on those areas which are most important to the given disease process but which are not yet understood. Living in San Diego is fun, as you might expect. I recently surfed for the first time, and riding a bike to the lab every day has been one of those simple joys that keep a smile on my face. As fun as it has been, I do really miss my friends in the class of 2017. When this adventure is over, I'll be happy to return to New England. Until then, I wish you all the best!

Student of the Month Recognition

Osteopathic Medical Students (OMS) who serve as role models for their classmates and who stand out for making a difference in their campus community are nominated by the Student Government Association (SGA) to be a Student Doctor of the Month. We congratulate the following medical students:

August/September 2014

Congratulations Medical Scholars Satadru Pramanik, OMS I and Patrick Bagley, OMS II for being elected as the Student Doctor of the Month for the Month of August. In September, we honored John Cooper, OSMI & Jeannine Jeha, OMSII. A shout out to the winners, all nominees and those individuals who have worked hard and gone above and beyond their way to help and improve the Student's experiences here at UNECOM.



Satadru Pramanik, OMSI



Patrick Bagley, OMSII



John Cooper, OSMI



Jeannine Jeha, OMSII

Student Clubs & Organizations

Parkinson's Ride

By Neil Krulewitz, OMS II

As an avid cyclist and an aspiring physician, when I first learned of the New England Parkinson's Ride I decided immediately that I must participate. Although I am fortunate to not have any immediate family members afflicted by Parkinson's disease, I have witnessed its debilitating effects on those who suffer from it and the numerous difficulties family members face. I believe that the ride is an excellent means to raise awareness and research funding for this terrible disease. It was a great pleasure to ride alongside hundreds of cyclists from across the continent and all walks of life, brought together by a passion to help those who suffer from Parkinson's disease.



As a medical student, finding the proper balance between academic pursuits, extracurricular endeavors, and personal hobbies can often be overwhelming. Although I have been cycling competitively for several years, it serves a greater purpose as a therapeutic break from academia.

Weather permitting; I make an honest attempt to ride at least three or four times each week, usually for about two hours each ride. There is something powerfully restorative in listening to bicycle wheels on the pavement, watching the landscape roll by, and breathing the clean Maine air. Interestingly, I find myself better at organizing my academic responsibilities around a ride, when I know I must be productive to afford the time to ride my bicycle.

Mental Health Week

By Joe Schmidt, OMS II

In an effort to spread awareness of the importance of student mental health, the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine Neurology/Psychiatry Club teamed up with Student Support Services/Counseling Services in early September to produce a week of events targeted toward the entire University of New England student body. Sparked by the realization that very few students know about and where to access our school's therapeutic services, these events were specifically designed to spread awareness of the counseling office's location and available services, as well as encourage a mentally healthy life in general. Our overall goal was a push to normalize the idea of counseling and seeking help if one should ever need it.



The week started off with a plethora of activities. Students across both the Biddeford and Portland Campuses wore yellow and blue wristbands sporting the words, "UNE Student Support Services: Mind-Body-Spirit", a symbol of our camaraderie and campus-wide peer support system. Open houses on both campuses were held by Student Health Services in addition to several lunch lectures pertaining to stress management and effective learning. Cassie Rodrigues, a second-year medical student and extremely talented artist, composed three human-sized paintings that were displayed in high-traffic areas around both campuses. The subjects in these paintings were young adults who had all in some way benefited from counseling. [Listen to UNE's interview with Cassie.](#)

In addition, the beautiful music of Carleigh Nesbit, another second-year medical student and singer-song writer, performed a stress-melting Bluegrass Country concert in Windward Cafe.



We figured that students are much more likely to use the school's available services if they know exactly where to go. Keeping this in mind, the fitness club happily joined in to hold special daily workouts that took place in the parking lot of the Counseling Office. Emily Shangraw, Dayna Yorks, and Brian Holahan, all second-year medical students, demonstrated that mental health and physical health go hand-in-hand. Each of these students used their individual skills to host midday workouts, open to all UNE students, which included cross fit, aerobics, and running. Thanks to all the UNE students, staff, and faculty who helped make this week a success!

Take a Break and PAWS!

The Integrated Medicine Club hosted a PAWS (Pets Against Work-related Stress) event September 16th on the Alford Lawn. Students welcomed the opportunity to take a break during block week and hang out with some special four-legged friends.



Fellowship Scholarship & Abstract Opportunities

We continually strive to present our students with scholarship and abstract opportunities as they become available. Instead of explaining each of these opportunities in their entirety, we have listed a brief description and linked them to their respective websites. If you have additional questions, please contact us at comsa@une.edu.

- 1.) **Call for Abstracts:** Students are invited to submit an abstract for the [fifth Collaborating Across Borders Conference](#) (CAB V). **Abstract Submission Deadline: December 19, 2014.** [For more information.](#)
- 2.) **Call for Abstracts:** [The New England Science Symposium](#) (NESS). [Submit an abstract, register and learn more about this conference](#), held on April 11, 2015 at Harvard Medical School. **Abstract Submission Deadline: January 15, 2015.**
- 3.) **The Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE).** The 2015 FASPE Medical program will run from June 14 to June 25. **Completed applications must be received by Tuesday, December 23, 2014.** To apply or to learn more about FASPE please visit: www.faspe.info. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Thorin Tritter at ttritter@FASPE.info.

- 4.) **Minority Scholars Award** - The AMA Foundation is committed to increasing the number of minority physicians to better reflect the needs of our increasingly diverse society. Approximately eight to thirteen Minority Scholars Awards are given annually, each in the amount of a \$10,000 scholarship. Nominees must be a current first or second-year student and a permanent resident or citizen of the U.S. **All nominations are due by March 6, 2015 by 5pm CST.** Recipients will be announced in June.
 - 5.) **2015 Sherry R. Arnstein Minority Student Scholarship** – **Entries must be post marked by March 30, 2014.**
 - 6.) **SOMA Members** – Available scholarships - [See website for details.](#)
 - 7.) **ACOFM Members** – Available scholarships - [See website for details.](#)
 - 8.) **Seed Grant Research Program** -The AMA Foundation established the Seed Grant Research Program in 2000 to encourage medical students, physician residents and fellows to enter the research field. [ApplicationWord File.](#) Please submit applications to seedgrants@ama-assn.org by **December 5, 2014 at 5pm CST.**
 - 9.) **UN Development Operations Coordination Office** is offering opportunities for students enrolled in a graduate program to internship at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Beijing, Beirut and Santiago. Interested and qualified applicants should send application to intern@un-doco.org. Please put "DOCO Internship" in the subject lines. Deadlines for applications will vary based upon departments' needs and availability. [For more information.](#)
 - 10.) **Air Force Health Professionals Scholarship Program** - For more information visit their website or contact Technical Sergeant Lorna Allen at (781)270-4134 Ext. 203 or email: lorna.allen@us.af.mil.
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Alumni Notes

- Congratulations to **Ellen Lauer, DO, '09** on recently being featured in The DO Magazine. The article discussed how Dr. Lauer, known as "Painbow Brite" in the roller derby arena, and her roller derby teammates have visited various different locations to speak with students about bullying. The message Dr. Lauer and her team are projecting is skate don't hate. [Read the full article.](#)
- Heartiest congratulations to **Dr. William Bograkos, DO '85**, who was elected as president elect; and Dr. Silberman who was re-elected as secretary/treasurer – both for 2 year terms. They will serve with fellow officer Dr. Morrone, president and board members; Dr. Herron, Dr. Kusher, Dr. Dekker, Dr. Lande, Dr. Wyatt and Dr. Kotz, immediate past presidents.
- We would like to thank the following alumni and friends who took the time to present at the 2014 UNECOM CME Program (shown in order of the program):

Ryan Smith, DO '10, Ron Ashkenasy, DO '86, Lacey McIntosh, DO '10, Jacquelyn Cawley, DO '89, Charlie Cichon, BA, Erika Pierce, PA-C, Joseph Py, DO '84, Peter Bell, DO '84, Eric Lubiner, DO '94, James Tracy, DO '84, Howard Glass, DO, Charlie Radis, DO, Franklin Hubbell, DO '91, Matthew Gilbert, DO '03, Mary Elizabeth Hanley, DO '95, Ron Pope, DO '98, Gary Winn, DO '99, Steven Weiss, DO '85, Mark Henschke, DO '88, Barry Gendron, DO '89, Kristy Perkowski, DO '09 and Richard Smayda, DO '96.

- **COM Alumni - Save the date: SPEED NETWORKING with COM students**

We have chosen Saturday, March 7, 2015 for our next Speed Networking event, and we hope that you will be interested in participating! Our very first Speed Networking event last March was incredibly successful, with both students and alumni giving very positive feedback. COM alumni who attended last year included Kathleen Leahy '92, Joe Leahy '92, Audrey Okun-Langlais '86, Ellen Lauer '09, Jeff Holmstrom '83, and Andrea Berry '09.

More details on next year's event will be coming soon—if you are interested in joining us for this fun and valuable event please email Katie Vincent at kvincent1@une.edu. Thank you!

- **A note from Roger Pelli '86** – I am starting to develop an active Osteopathic consultative practice here in Presque Isle at TAMC. This practice will be embedded in our orthopedic Center of Excellence office space here on the main campus. This location was chosen to afford the Osteopathic Manipulative specialties access to the inpatient consultations, including the newborn nursery, as well as the outpatient consultations that would be seen within the orthopedic office area. I have been practicing in this community for 25 years now and know, full well, that this service will be busy and provide challenges that will stimulate those who enjoy and excel at the practice of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. I look forward to discussing this with those who are interested. You may call the phone number (207)768-4036. Please contact Pat Kelly at pkelley@une.edu for additional numbers.

Sincerely, Roger T. Pelli, DO, FACOFP

Attention UNE COM Alumni: Support Your Passion!

With a goal of raising \$60 million by May 2017, UNE Moving Forward is the largest fundraising campaign in the University's history; alumni support will make a historic impact. **Philanthropy is personal.** Your gift can (and should!) reflect your individual interests, your passions and what you love most about COM. Be counted by making a gift to the COM fundraising initiative that matters most to you.

If you are already supporting COM, **thank you!** In honor of UNE Moving Forward, please consider increasing your gift and/or making a multi-year pledge to the **COM Annual Fund**. The **COM Annual Fund** makes an immediate and personal impact on COM students by providing scholarship and research funds, supporting campus life activities such as clubs, and meeting student emergency needs.

If you wish to create a **COM Endowment**, we ask that you stretch your sights and goals in order to make the biggest impact in the area most meaningful to you. Endowed funds are invested to provide long-term income to support your passion—scholarships, endowed chairs and professorships, research, or other COM programs.

A **planned gift**—also known as a **legacy gift** or a **bequest**—is a way to support the campaign through your will, charitable trust or estate plan. Planned gifts are highly flexible. You can designate a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, a tangible asset such as real estate, or many other options. We (the UNE Office of Institutional Advancement) have helped individuals and families structure planned gifts for every type of estate. Please keep in touch and let us know if you are considering a planned gift, or if you've already designated COM in your will. www.une.edu/giving

Questions? Just want to say hi?

Contact Joan Fischer (207) 221-4598 | jfischer4@une.edu



In loving memory of:

Dennis Baily '82 - Urgent Care - South Shore Medical, Norwell MA

Constance Rowley -Colombo '88 - Pediatrics - Pediatric Care Corner (Proprietor), W.Bloomfield, MI

*Rev. Richard Gelwick - UNECOM Professor and Chair of Medical Humanities and Behavioral Medicine,
Retired Professor Emeritus in 1008.*

Alumni - Watch for updates from Reunion and OMED in the next edition.

Save the Date

Nov. 20, 2014: UNE Student Thanksgiving Dinner, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Decary Dining Hall, Biddeford Campus

Mar. 7, 2015: Speed Networking with COM students

Apr. 18, 2015: UNECOM Osteoblast!

Oct. 9 - 11, 2015: CME/Reunion Weekend - Recognizing classes ending in 5 & 0