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RURAL MICHIGAN

20% of nonmetropolitan counties in the U.S.
HAVE NO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

RURAL COUNTIES
account for 75% of Michigan’s land mass and
19% of the population.

24% of rural children nationally
LIVE IN POVERTY
U.S. News & World Report has released its annual evaluation of the top graduate schools in the United States, and the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine for the 11th year in a row is in the top 10% among all medical schools in the nation for primary care education. The rankings are based on a variety of factors including peer assessments, student achievement, selectivity and — in this particular category — the number of graduates who enter primary care.

Rural Michigan accounts for about 19% of the state’s population, 75% of the state’s landmass, and a whole passel of stereotypes.

Many regard life in the country as more laid-back, isolated, and healthy than urban life. But the truth of the matter is that rural people work long and hard hours, have an extensive social network, and a health status that is no better than their urban peers, even when adjusted for age. (Overall rural communities show a higher crude death rate, but their populations tend to be older.)

Economically, Michigan’s rural populations are poorer. According to the 2000 census, less than a fourth of the population was below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in metropolitan counties, while almost a third of the population was below 200% FPL in rural counties.

MSUCOM has, since its inception, been addressing the healthcare needs of the rural people of Michigan. Among our 4,324 living alumni, two-thirds have remained in Michigan, serving in 78 of Michigan’s 83 counties. We host in our college the Michigan Center for Rural Health, an organization directed by 12 state organizations, to “coordinate, plan, and advocate for improved health for Michigan’s rural residents and communities.” Our Department of Psychiatry conducts telepsychiatry sessions with numerous patients in rural settings, offering care they could get no other way.

We support maintenance of the critical network that is necessary to keep rural citizens healthy in our state — the 187 Community Health Centers, 35 Critical Access Hospitals (all of which have fewer than 25 beds), and the 155 Rural Health Clinics.

Keeping “pure Michigan” healthy was a mandate of our founding by the state legislature, defending care for the state’s rural populations is part of that responsibility, and MSUCOM has been instrumental in meeting that standard.

William D. Strampel, D.O., Dean
RURAL MEDICINE

A Focus on Small Town Care

by Craig Reed

Rural counties face some of the greatest physician shortages in the nation. Fewer than 4% of recent graduates from all U.S. medical schools go on to practice in such settings. In Michigan, roughly 20% of the population lives in one of the state’s 57 rural counties. John Barnas, executive director for MSU’s Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH), and his team support students interested in practicing rural medicine and provide resources to help already established rural healthcare providers.

“The needs in rural healthcare are very broad. Geographically, there are a lot of places that need more providers. Primary care providers are often in the greatest demand but specialists are sorely needed as well,” said Barnas. “We assist in about 125 searches annually for healthcare providers needed in rural areas — roughly half of those are in primary care.”

MCRH efforts often focus on students who were raised in small towns or on farms. “People who grew up in the rural lifestyle are the ones who usually wish to serve in small communities,” said Steve Shotwell, director of recruitment services for MCRH. “It can be very different from practicing in a more urban setting. You handle more of your patient’s concerns yourself because there are either no specialists in the area or they are a several-hour drive away. It is not the type of medicine everyone wishes to do, but there are some who enjoy the challenge. You also have to be comfortable with having to travel large distances to do your shopping, for example, and bumping into patients at the grocery store, baseball games, or community events. When you practice in a small community, you’re fully immersed in it. Almost everyone is going to know who you are, and it’s not uncommon for patients to walk up to you on the street to ask you about a knee that’s been bothering them for a couple days or some other health concern. To succeed, physicians need to be comfortable in this type of environment.”

“There are various national programs which help attract providers to rural medicine. There are loan forgiveness programs for those who serve in underserved areas, and J-1 visas for foreign physicians who wish to do the same,” said Shotwell. “Rural areas are almost all underserved in Michigan.”

“We also work with MSUCOM’s OsteoCHAMPS program to get rural high school students interested in medicine,” said Barnas. “Last summer, we sponsored three high school juniors to attend the program. They came down and loved it. We hope to continue this and increase the number we sponsor.

“Part of attracting younger people to more remote areas can be done by making certain the technology they are accustomed to is available,” continued Barnas. “As Internet access grows and technology improves in these areas, patient care will improve and doctors will have an easier time staying up-to-date on the latest medical information. We want small towns to have excellent medical care.”
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SUMMER 2011
HIGHLIGHTS
by Craig Reed

In rural medicine, your role as a physician can be quite broad, as '98 alumna Pat Connally can explain. “After my residency I went to a family practice group in rural Wyoming,” said Connally. “Together, we covered three counties. We did everything from obstetrics to end-of-life care. We were the emergency room providers in our 24-hour critical access hospital and handled quite a bit of trauma and internal medicine. It was a very demanding practice.”

Connally regularly uses osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) as part of her practice. “I accepted a position in Colorado doing non-surgical orthopedic treatment,” said Connally. “I used OMM frequently on my patients, especially for their back issues. Unfortunately, I was a little too effective. My job was to screen patients for the spine surgeons. Most patients I treated didn’t require surgery. After 18 months, it was agreed that I would leave the practice. OMM has proven very useful in my rodeo sports medicine practice,” continued Connally. “The contestants respond well to treatments. A lot of times you are right there when something happens, and can treat them right away. The next day they are back competing with little or no impairment.”

Connally also volunteers on medical mission trips to Guatemala. “I feel very driven to serve the underprivileged. Their needs are so huge,” she said. “We’ll see around 600 patients in three days with a four-person team: me, another doctor and two nurses. We went to medical school to make a difference in other people’s lives. When you are the only medical care they will get in a year, you are making a difference. It’s medicine in its purest form.”

RURAL MEDICINE
Medicine’s Purest Form
by Craig Reed

Practicing rural medicine has its challenges and rewards, as '95 alumnus Thomas Fasbender points out. “We get to do a wider number of things in our practices,” he said. “The nearest place we can refer patients is in Grand Rapids, which is a five-hour drive, so it is our responsibility to learn everything we need to know to ensure they receive the best care possible. One of the challenges is that since there are few doctors around, sometimes I am the only one available to handle something that comes up on the weekends or a phone call at 2:00 in the morning.”

Growing up in Stanwood, Michigan, Fasbender completed his residency in the Detroit area, but wanted to return to rural living. “I enjoy seeing my patients at church, the grocery store, or other places I frequent,” he said. “When you’re a doctor in a small town just about everybody knows you. You’re immersed in the community.”

Being a rural doctor has one unique feature you don’t hear about in more urban areas. “I’ve had a lot of instances of what I call ‘parking lot medicine.’ I’ll be walking to the store and one of my patients will drive up beside me, roll down the window and ask questions about their symptoms or a prescription they are taking,” said Fasbender. “I have a good memory so I can usually answer their question. It’s never bothers me when people do this. In fact, it’s part of what I enjoy about rural living.”
Physicians for Human Rights

Artistic Support for Healthcare

MSUCOM’s Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) student group hosted their annual PHR Art Fundraiser at Gone Wired Café in Lansing on Thursday, February 10. More than 40 students and supporters attended the event to bid on a variety of donated art objects.

“We made the event a silent auction this year,” said PHR President Ayman Founas, a second-year MSUCOM student. “Bidders were competing pretty aggressively on a number of art pieces, especially during the final minutes of the bidding process. While the auction was taking place, (second-year student) Ian Hudson, a violinist, and (first-year student) Maria Hassan, a pianist, provided our event’s entertainment, which helped make the event a success.”

More than $600 was raised for Friendship Clinic, a MSUCOM-affiliated clinic in Lansing which offers free and reduced-rate healthcare services to indigent members of the community. “All of our expenses for the event were covered by a grant we received from MSU’s Council of Graduate Students (COGS) so every dollar we raised went directly to Friendship Clinic,” said Ayman.

PHR’s 20 members use the art fundraiser as one way to promote greater access to healthcare.

“We believe everyone should have access to basic medical care,” said Ayman. “Not everyone has health insurance or can afford to pay for such expenses out-of-pocket. By supporting facilities like Friendship Clinic, some of these essential needs can be addressed.”

Las Vegas Night and Charity Raffle

A Star-studded Night

The MSUCOM Student Government Association (SGA) Annual Las Vegas Night and Charity Raffle for 2011 was a dazzling success. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their friends and family attended the event at the beautiful Eagle Eye Golf Club in East Lansing on Saturday, January 15. The theme for the event was “Red Carpet/Hollywood,” and all the stars were out!

Blackjack, craps, the money wheel, and roulette tables were busy with individuals trying their luck to win and to raise money to benefit Special Days Camps and MSUCOM student organizations. Special Days Camps provides a memorable camping opportunity in a medically safe environment for children with cancer and their families.

Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and event sponsors, more than $20,000 was raised this year.
New Faculty

Internal Medicine

*Elisabeth Chapaton-Rivard, D.O.*, is an ’07 graduate from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. She completed her residency at Sparrow Health System in Lansing. Before becoming a physician, Coppola had a career as a physician assistant and certified exercise specialist. She joins us as an assistant professor.

*Elena Coppola, D.O.*, is an ’07 alumna who completed her residency in internal medicine at Sparrow Health System in Lansing. Before becoming a physician, Coppola had a career as a physician assistant and certified exercise specialist. She joins us as an assistant professor.

*Saniya Khan, M.D.*, graduated from medical school at the Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan, and completed her residency at Loyola University Medical Center. Her research includes studying sepsis outcomes in obese patients, attitudes toward sex education in Pakistan, and issues for pregnant women with diabetes. She joins us as an assistant professor.

Radiology

*Brooke Lemmen, D.O.*, is an ’06 alumna who recently completed her sports medicine fellowship in East Lansing. An active member of the community, Lemmen has been the coach and physician for a variety of gymnastic clubs and competitions, and a volunteer physician in Okemos at Playmakers’ Injury Clinic. She joins us as an assistant professor.

Neurology and Ophthalmology

*Douglas Postels, M.D.*, comes to us from the Presbyterian Medical Group in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he served as a pediatric neurologist and head physician of the neurology department. He has published a number of papers on topics such as bacterial meningitis in children, Tourette’s syndrome, and severe pernicious anemia. He joins us as an associate professor.

Promotions

*William Cunningham, D.O., M.H.A.*, has been appointed assistant dean for academic affairs in western Michigan. “The college has strong ties in the region, especially with the alumni who volunteer their time to educate our students,” said Cunningham. “It’s important to support them so our students continue to receive a quality education.”

Before joining MSUCOM, Cunningham was the executive vice president and chief medical officer for Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which has been recognized as one of the “Top 100” hospitals in the nation for three consecutive years. He has spent eight years on the governing board for the Statewide Campus System and in 2007 received MSUCOM’s highest honor, the Walter F. Patenge Medal of Public Service.

“If you teach students to always put the patient first,” said Cunningham, “then the patients will receive the best possible care.”

*Mark Notman, Ph.D.*, has been named associate dean of planning, finance, and administration. Notman has been on the MSU campus since 1979 and affiliated with MSUCOM since 1984. He received his Ph.D. in medical anthropology in 1991, focusing his dissertation on medical cost-containment. Since 2004, Notman has been the executive director of Administrative Services, and is currently the chief technical officer for MSUCOM, associate professor for the Department of Osteopathic Surgical Specialties, and associate adjunct professor for MSU’s Department of Anthropology.

“It’s an honor to receive such recognition,” said Notman. “My job is a team sport. I can’t do it well without the support of the staff I work with every day and the many people affiliated with the college and our university that I regularly interact with. I’m a facilitator; by no means do I do this solo.”
KATIE MOLINA

Extolling Osteopathy

Attracting the best and brightest students to MSUCOM requires educating undergraduate and high school students about osteopathic medicine and showcasing the opportunities the college has to offer. For two years now, Admissions Counselor Katie Molina has been working primarily in southeast Michigan creating partnerships with local schools.

“One of our main points of focus is outreach to local high schools,” explained Molina. “We’re working to get students aware and interested in osteopathic medicine at a younger age. We now have various programs in place with high schools in Detroit, Macomb County, and surrounding areas.”

Teaching high school students about osteopathic medicine is only the first step. Molina works with local universities and community colleges as well to keep students aware of the profession. “We have established several pre-SOMA student organizations which help educate undergraduates about the profession and give members opportunities to interact with current osteopathic medical students and to meet practicing D.O.s,” said Molina. “We conduct various presentations, and represent the college at several high school and undergraduate events throughout the year. We also invite interested students to visit the southeast sites and experience medical school themselves.”

After the workday is through, Molina enjoys competing in athletic events and being outdoors. “My husband and I enjoy kayaking as well as participating in road races,” said Molina. “I also play competitive sand and indoor volleyball which is a lot of fun. I’m working on my master’s in art and counseling, which I will be completing in May.”

JAMES POTCHEN

A Lifetime Building Human Capital

The name “James Potchen” has been synonymous with words like “enterprising” and "visionary" as well as MSU’s Department of Radiology for more than three decades. His list of credentials and accomplishments are as varied as they are impressive. He was dean of management resources at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, founder of nuclear medicine departments at Harvard Medical School and Washington University School of Medicine, authored numerous books and played an integral role in helping MSUCOM’s Terrie Taylor acquire the first MRI for the African country of Malawi – just to name a few of his many successes.

“My parents lived in Grand Rapids and MSU is where I went to school. This is my hometown. I was delighted when MSU said they were going have a medical school (the College of Human Medicine),” said Potchen. “MSUCOM arrived on campus later. Osteopathic medicine has changed a lot in my time. (Former) Dean Mike Magen helped make it what it is today.”

Potchen is well known for a variety of aphorisms which reflect his priorities. “My goal has always been to add value wherever I go by building human capital,” said Potchen. “The only thing that matters is people.”

Potchen’s recent transition to chairperson emeritus will allow him to add more value into the lives of others — especially students.

“I won’t be involved as much in the daily administrative decisions anymore, but otherwise I’m going to do what I’ve always done: teach,” said Potchen. “I have always enjoyed teaching, especially philosophy, leadership, and responsibility — all critical elements for success whether you are a first-year undergraduate or a health care professional.”
2011 MOCF Ball

Puttin’ on the Glitz

On behalf of the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation and the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the 2011 MOCF Ball – “Puttin’ on the Glitz.”

Despite the Michigan weather, more than 800 guests joined us for a wonderful evening in support of the college and the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation.

We are pleased to report that the 2011 event generated net proceeds of approximately $300,000. All of the proceeds will be added to the MOCF Endowment fund at MSU. Over the past six years, this event has resulted in an increase of more than $1.3 million to the endowment, supporting student scholarships, community outreach, and educational programs at MSUCOM.

We anticipate that next year’s event will be another sold-out evening, so we encourage you to mark your calendars now for the 2012 MOCF Ball, which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at The Henry – Autograph Collection, Dearborn.

Thank you again for your support of the MOCF, the MSUCOM, and the osteopathic profession in the state of Michigan.

Together we DO make a difference! We look forward to seeing you next year!
The family of Dr. William and Angie Athens joined the event in honor of their parents.

Dean William Strampel (center) with Dr. William and Angie Athens (left) and Dr. Lynn and Amelia Brumm (right), Honorary Co-Chairs of the 2011 MOCF Ball

Garden City Hospital CEO Gary Ley, MSU Board of Trustees Secretary Emeritus Marylee Davis, Ph.D., Associate Dean Gary Willyerd, D.O., and Senior Associate Dean Donald Sefcik, D.O.

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On May 5, the Class of 2011 completed their transition from medical students to alumni at MSUCOM’s Hooding and Commencement Ceremony, held at the Wharton Center on the MSU campus. Dean William Strampel, along with keynote speaker Edward A. Loniewski, president emeritus of the American Osteopathic Association, and Michigan Osteopathic Association President George T. Sawabini offered congratulations and a few words of wisdom to the graduates. Lindsay R. Rubin, president of the Class of 2011, reflected on experiences of medical school, and families and friends erupted in applause as graduates officially obtained their Doctor of Osteopathy degrees.
With Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed budget still under consideration by the legislature, everyone in the healthcare field is waiting anxiously to see how negotiations play out and how they may affect health care for thousands of Michigan residents. While the governor’s budget seems to hold harmless Medicaid payments to physicians, legislators continue to debate and work through the details.

At the time of this writing, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Community Health Budget for fiscal year 2012 has reduced graduate medical education (GME) funding to a $100 placeholder, effectively zeroing out the program. While there has been talk of restoring some funding to the program, it’s unclear what if anything can be done. What is clear, however, is that any cuts to GME funding will have far-reaching effects on critical physician residencies in Michigan and on the health of some of our most vulnerable citizens.

The teaching hospitals that host medical residents provide a disproportionately high level of health care services for Medicaid and uninsured patients. This includes uncompensated and charity care as well as primary care to the state’s uninsured and underinsured populations. Like investments in the overall Medicaid program, GME is also a vehicle to draw down federal matching funds, assisting in reducing Michigan’s status as a donor state. For every $1 we invest, Michigan receives an additional $2 in federal funding.

This is not tuition funding. And while the subcommittee’s action may be intended as a temporary accounting measure, it risks millions of dollars in critical funding that ensures access to care for thousands of Michigan patients. Citizens in urban and rural areas have little choice but to depend on these GME professionals to deliver lifesaving care. A loss of this funding could result in human consequences.

As part of our Partnership for Health with the Michigan State Medical Society and the Michigan Health & Hospital Association, the Michigan Osteopathic Association has voiced strong opposition to this measure and we will continue to do so as long as this critical funding is in danger.
Aerial Medicine

By Craig Reed

The United State’s involvement in Iraq has meant several MSUCOM alumni have deployed to the region, including ‘93 alumnus Lt. Col. Salvador Renteria.

“The first time I enlisted was in 1976. I served in the Army as a basic combat medic for six and a half years,” said Renteria. “I was encouraged by my superiors to go to medical school. After I was discharged, I took their advice and applied to MSUCOM. While in school, I decided to enlist with the National Guard. This decision eventually led me to practicing in California and then going to Iraq in 2004 for what would be the first of several deployments.”

Renteria is valued for his leadership skills and his knowledge of aviation medicine.

“I helped open the first three aviation clinics in the State of California,” he said. “At that time, I was the only aviation-trained physician in the state.”

In November, Renteria will be deployed to Iraq again, but with new responsibilities and goals.

“I will be the 40th Combat Aviation brigade surgeon when I return to Iraq,” he said. “I will be in charge of training Iraqis in aviation medicine, improving their professionalism, and creating a formalized aviation program using the resources they have available.”

While no longer performing cardiac surgery, Renteria is regularly reminded of the lives he has saved.

“Servicemen and women who were my patients come up to me from time to time and thank me,” he said. “Looking into a kid’s eyes and seeing their gratitude for what you did — there’s nothing else like it.”

Development

The Giving Experience

by Craig Reed

Contributing financially and volunteering to teach our students are important ways to support MSUCOM, yet these aren’t the only means. Another is by creating overseas experiences, as David MacIntosh and Lorah Wright-MacIntosh are preparing to do in Kenya.

“I spent some time working in a hospital in Chogoria, Kenya, after my internship,” said David. “More recently I have spent several years teaching cardiology to fourth-year medical students doing their tropical medicine rotation at the University of Malawi with Dr. Terrie Taylor. I thought such an arrangement would be possible in Kenya as well so they can learn about a different culture while learning tropical medicine.”

“The fourth-year students who will be with us will develop a new appreciation for all the technology we have here in the United States and the strong clinical skills Kenyan doctors have to hone,” said Lorah. “The hospital we’ll be taking students to next February is located in a poor region of the country. Medical insurance doesn’t exist here. Patients have to make decisions on whether they should get treatment primarily on how much it will cost.”

As members of MSU’s Jonathan L. Snyder Donor Society, Lorah and David also help to alleviate some of the costs students face attending medical school.

“Our donations are to help the students so they don’t have as much debt as they could have otherwise,” he said.

“We’ve been given a lot and we’re very fortunate. I really appreciate the education I got at MSUCOM and would like to sustain it,” she said. “It’s a great school. We will keep supporting it.”

Alumni in Action
Upcoming Events

August 4-7  MAOFP 2011 Summer Family Medicine Update Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, MI *Alumni reception on the 5th*

September 9  Osteopathic Open Forest Akers Golf Course MSU campus

September 9-10  Silverfest Weekend MSU campus

October 12-16  ACOI Convention San Antonio, Texas

October 30 – November 3  AOA Convention Orlando, Florida *Alumni reception on the 1st*

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SEMINAR IN THE SUN 2011: VOLCANOES IN COSTA RICA

Traveling to the RIU Guanacaste Hotel in Costa Rica, participants in this year’s “Seminar in the Sun” enjoyed the lush landscape and earned credit for an outstanding CME program chaired by Dr. Jayne Ward. Nearly 100 participants enjoyed a break from winter while learning the latest in primary care practices.

NEW MSUCOM ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

**Craig Magnatta**

Oxford, MI  
*Alumni Class: 1978*

**Accomplishments:**  
Past-president of the Michigan Osteopathic Association, past-president of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians, past-president of the Oakland County Osteopathic Association, and a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and its Scholarship & Student Loan Committee

Dr. Magnatta has been in the medical field for more than 31 years, with 22 years spent in his current private practice, Meadowbrook Family MedCenters of Troy and Oxford. In addition, he is a member of the Department of Family Medicine at North Oakland Medical Center, POH Regional Medical Center and Beaumont Hospital, Troy.

**Kathleen Rollinger**

St. Clair Shores, MI  
*Alumni Class: 1986*

**Accomplishments:**  
President of Macomb County Osteopathic Association, member of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians Education Committee

Rollinger completed her residency training at Bon Secours Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program. Her special interests include women’s medicine, low-risk obstetrics and pediatrics along with family building. She enjoys community service, traveling and volunteering for Girl Scouts of America.
MAOFP

MSUCOM hosted an alumni reception in Bellaire, Michigan, in conjunction with the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians (MAOFP) 2011 Winter Update for Family Practice. The event, held on January 22, drew a record 200 MSUCOM graduates and supporters to watch MSU basketball on wide-screen TVs while exchanging their favorite stories from their time as osteopathic medical students.

ACOFP

San Antonio, Texas, hosted the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Annual Convention this year from March 17-20. More than 40 MSUCOM alumni, family, and friends attended our college reception.

During the convention, ’77 alumnus Joseph Cook was recognized with ACOFP’s Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to a family physician who exemplifies the highest quality of dedication to the profession and the promotion of osteopathic medicine.

PUTTING OSTEOPATHIC PRIDE INTO ACTION

Change is in the air. This year Rick Snyder was sworn into the governor’s office promising to fix the state’s budget while making Michigan a more welcoming environment to business.

The governor’s proposed budget requires sacrifices from many sectors. One of the most notable for us is the proposed $222 million cut to public universities. This 15% reduction in the state’s commitment to higher education is a wake-up call for those of us who care deeply for our alma mater: MSUCOM needs us to step up to the plate. If we wish for our college to continue to be the top osteopathic medical school in the nation and maintain its standing in the top 10% of all medical schools for primary care education, we will need to reach into our pockets and help buffer the college from budget cuts that it will inevitably face in the coming fiscal year.

Back in the 1960s, when college pioneers were working hard in Pontiac, pursuing the vision for a new osteopathic medical school, Michigan D.O.s agreed to tax themselves in order to support the college and secure the future of the profession. Now with more than 4,300 alumni, MSUCOM can rise from the ashes of budget cuts stronger and more vibrant than ever – if we commit to making it so.

Mary Jo Voelpel, D.O., president, MSUCOM Alumni Association
Board of Directors
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CME: “Sports Medicine” – 7.25 hours of Category 1A credit. Fee Hall, East Lansing, MI. Tuition is $125. Chairperson is Larry Nassar, D.O. Contact Jan Falls or Meghan Tappy at (517) 353-9714 or fallsj@msu.edu.

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MSUCOM Convocation and White Coat Ceremony – 11:00 a.m. – Wharton Center, MSU campus.

6-10
CME: “Craniosacral Techniques: Part III” – 36 hours of Category 1A credit. Fee Hall, East Lansing, MI. Early bird tuition is $1200; full tuition is $1400. Chairperson is Barbara Briner, D.O. Contact Jan Falls or Meghan Tappy at (517) 353-9714 or fallsj@msu.edu.

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The 13th Annual Osteopathic Open Golf Tournament – Annual fundraiser to benefit MSUCOM students’ loan funds, educational improvements, and the MSUCOM Alumni Association – Forest Akers West Golf Course, MSU campus. Contact Kim Camp at (517) 432-4979 or kim.camp@hc.msu.edu.

9-10
Silverfest Weekend Events – Celebrating the silver anniversary of the Class of 1986 and honoring the Classes of ’76, ’81, ’91, ’96, ‘01. Includes continuing medical education on Friday afternoon, a reception on Friday evening, and a Saturday tailgate prior to the MSU vs. Florida Atlantic football game – East Lansing, MI. Contact Kim Camp at (517) 432-4979 or kim.camp@hc.msu.edu.

13-17
CME: “Craniosacral Techniques: Part II” – 36 hours of Category 1A credit. Fee Hall, East Lansing, MI. Early bird tuition is $1200; full tuition is $1400. Chairperson is Barbara Briner, D.O. Contact Jan Falls or Meghan Tappy at (517) 353-9714 or fallsj@msu.edu.

28-31
CME: “Direct Action Thrust: Mobilization with Impulse” – 32 hours of Category 1A credit. Fee Hall, East Lansing, MI. Early bird tuition is $1000; full tuition is $1200. Chairperson is Carl Steele, D.O. Contact Jan Falls or Meghan Tappy at (517) 353-9714 or fallsj@msu.edu.

12-16
American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI) Annual Convention – San Antonio, Texas. For more information, visit www.acoi.org

30- Nov. 3

For a complete listing of MSUCOM events check out our Web calendar: www.com.msu.edu and click on “Calendar”
Michigan Center for Rural Health shares how they support physicians in outlying areas

A stellar night at the MOCF “Puttin’ on the Glitz”

We celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2011

WHAT’S INSIDE:

JOIN US in celebrating the Classes of ’76, ’81, ’86, ’91, ’96, ’01

OSTEOPATHIC OPEN 2011
September 9
Forest Akers West Golf Course
(New Location)

SILVERFEST 2011
September 9
CME and Reception
MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center
(New Location)

September 10
Tailgate and Football Game
MSU vs. Florida Atlantic

2011 SAVE THE DATE Silvelfest & Osteopathic Open