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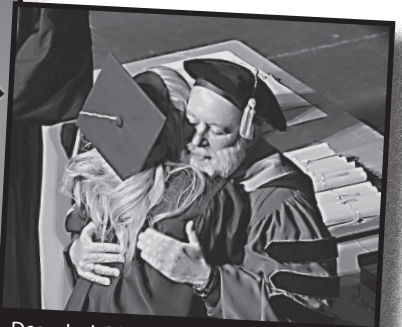
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Hip, Hip, Hooray!



Ingrid Prikryl, D.M.D., Irina Kopyov, D.M.D.



Dean Jack Dillenberg hugs graduate



Brent Milne, D.M.D., Morgan Smith, D.M.D., Chad Eardley, D.M.D.



L-R (back): Allison Levans, Gavin Christensen, Sarah Salman, Ashlee Berger, Jessica Ray, Ashley Johnson, Laura Sellinger (front, L-R) Matt Roper, Joseph Bull, Brad Milde, Brent Milne

Photos by Ben Arnold

The Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health graduated its first class of dentists Saturday, May 19, at the Mesa Arts Center in Mesa, Arizona. Fifty-three graduates received their Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree.

“I can’t believe this day has arrived. We have all worked really hard and have made a lot of sacrifices to walk across

that stage and it felt amazing,” said Shuana Hayes.

“This commencement marks an important milestone for ATSU and the state of Arizona,” said James J. McGovern, Ph.D., president of A.T. Still University. “Not only are the 53 students graduating from the only dental school in Arizona, but these graduates have demonstrated a profound

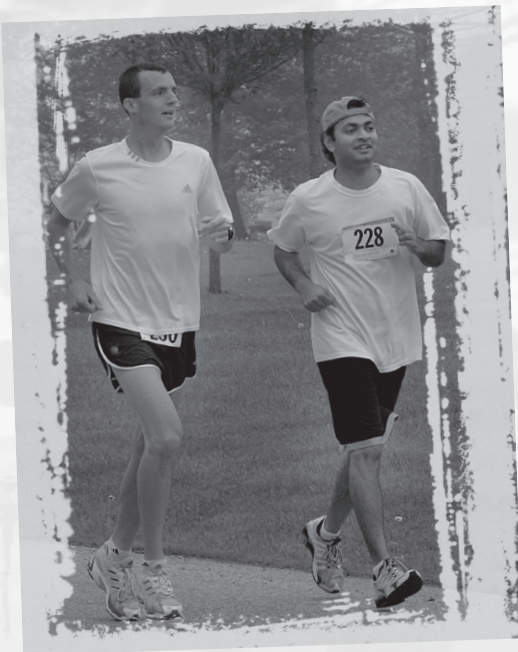
sense of compassion, integrity and ability. They already are becoming leaders in improving community health and wellness.”

Richard H. Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., FACS, 17th U.S. surgeon general, vice chairman, and chief executive officer of Canyon Ranch, and president of Canyon Ranch Institute, delivered the commencement address.

Run 4 Fun

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association helped sponsor the 2007 Friends of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) 5k Run/Walk. All proceeds of the race are used to support the children and volunteers of the CASA program. To find out how you can become a volunteer, go to nationalcasa.org.

Best time male: Alan Heineker 15:59
Best time female: Jodi Berman 21:24





Fitness Friendly



When it comes to creating a fitness and wellness friendly environment, ATSU ranks high with the American Heart Association (AHA). Representatives of AHA recognized the University for its outstanding efforts to create a healthy environment in Missouri and Arizona. ATSU is the only institution in Arizona to receive any level of recognition, and one of only four in Missouri.

Dan Martin, director of ATSU's Thompson Campus Center on the Missouri campus and the University's

unofficial "fitness guru," said recognition from the AHA was especially important because of the association's reputation as a health policy resource.

"When the American Heart Association says something, from CPR techniques, to blood pressure management, to exercise routines, people take it as fact and act immediately," Martin said.

"That they have recognized ATSU as the gold-standard for fit-friendly work and education environments is a great endorsement for our University and an incentive

to work every day to make them even better."

The AHA evaluated organizations based on physical activities offered or encouraged; nutrition policies, alternatives, or incentives; and institutional culture.

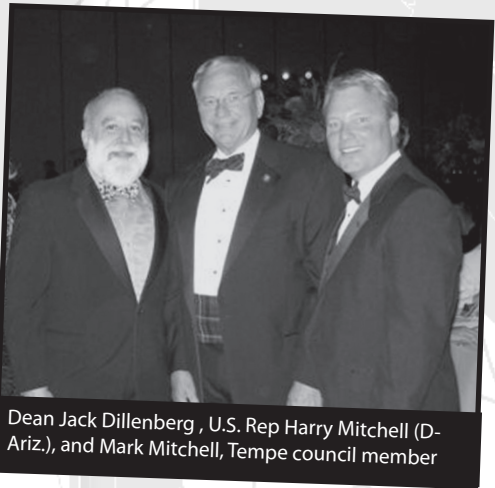
"Providing wellness and fitness options to our faculty, staff, and students not only follows our institutional mission, but is also good common sense when you're talking about the bottom line of a business and controlling costs," said James McGovern, Ph.D., ATSU president.

McWilliams & Samuels present at NRHA

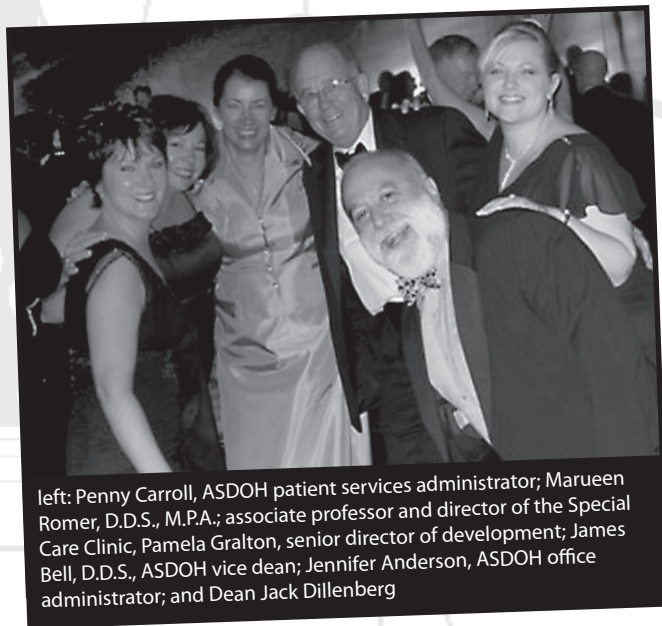


Thomas McWilliams, D.O., associate dean at the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona and Michael Samuels, Ph.D., chair of the masters in public health and masters in health administration programs at the School of Health Management, were speakers at the National Rural Health Association 2007 Annual Conference. McWilliams' presentation, *A New Model for Education*, examined the role of osteopathic medicine in rural health and the need for reform of medical education. Samuels talked about the new medical education model for rural underserved communities.

Governors Ball



Dean Jack Dillenberg, U.S. Rep Harry Mitchell (D-Ariz.), and Mark Mitchell, Tempe council member



left: Penny Carroll, ASDOH patient services administrator; Marueen Romer, D.D.S., M.P.A.; associate professor and director of the Special Care Clinic, Pamela Galton, senior director of development; James Bell, D.D.S., ASDOH vice dean; Jennifer Anderson, ASDOH office administrator; and Dean Jack Dillenberg

The 21st Annual Governors Ball was held May 5 at the Pointe South Mountain Resort in Phoenix. ASDOH's Project C.A.R.E. (Compassion, Accommodation, Respect, and Empathy) at the dental school received 25 percent of the Ball's proceeds.

Project C.A.R.E. focuses on oral healthcare service delivery to the special needs population. The Special Care Clinic, along with Project C.A.R.E., have been operational for less than a year and have already become pivotal resources for special needs dental care in Arizona. The clinic is recognized as one of five national "Center of Excellence" sites by AmeriChoice. The funds received from the Governors will partially support a special needs registered dental assistant.

Distinguished service award

Andy Jackson, admissions counselor, is this year's Distinguished Service Award recipient.

"Jackson has unconditional positive regard for everyone. That means that regardless of your personality, your title, your size, your strengths or your weaknesses, she will respect and be of service to you." said Donna Brown, human resources director.



Andy Jackson, admissions counselor, Stephen Laird, D.O., academic affairs associate dean