Ribbon Cutting

PCOM School of Pharmacy - Georgia Campus
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

12:00 Noon
Friday, November 12, 2010

625 Old Peachtree Road NW
Suwanee, Georgia
Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Mark Okamoto, PharmD, Presiding
Dean and Chief Academic Officer
PCOM School of Pharmacy - Georgia Campus

Welcome
Dr. Okamoto

Invocation
Michael Deimling, PhD, RPh
Associate Dean for Academics and Assessment

Pledge of Allegiance
Student Pharmacist Marco Ragins
"Sergeant First Class, USA (Ret.)"

Introductions and Recognitions
Timothy Poole, PharmD

Greetings
Matthew Schure, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Remarks
Mr. John P. Kearney
Member, Board of Trustees
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Why Another School of Pharmacy for Georgia  
John Fleischmann, EdD, MBA, MPA  
Campus Executive Officer

Response  
Student Pharmacist Albertine (Tina) Kazmark  
Inaugural Class Chair

Cutting the Ribbon  
Dr. Schure, Mr. Kearney, Dean Okamoto, Board of Trustee Members  
and Georgia Campus PCOM Leadership  
Also Participating  
Student Pharmacists Albertine Kazmark and Marco Ragins

Closing Remarks  
Dr. Okamoto

Please join us for light refreshments in the rotunda at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Tours of our School of Pharmacy will be offered until 1:30 p.m.  
and will depart from the rotunda.
A Brief History

While the PCOM of 2010 bustles with the intellectual activity of 2,287 professional and graduate students in a variety of programs at its Georgia and Philadelphia campuses, the College has grown from a small seed planted more than a century ago. When osteopathic schools were forming throughout the country in the 1890’s, two students at the Northern Institute of Osteopathy in Minneapolis, Mason W. Pressly and Oscar John Snyder, targeted Philadelphia as a future home for an osteopathic medical college. The two pioneering osteopathic physicians followed through with their vision, incorporating the Philadelphia College and Infirmary of Osteopathy on January 24, 1899.

The first PCIO class, comprised of only two students, graduated in February 1900 from the fledgling college. The College prospered and has continued to grow. The medical curriculum intensified, research was initiated, and clinic and hospital services grew rapidly as the medical school’s student body and faculty expanded dramatically.

Graduate programs were added to PCOM’s academic offerings in 1993, and today PCOM’s graduate students pursue studies at the master’s and doctoral level in biomedical sciences, counseling and clinical health psychology, clinical psychology, school psychology, organizational development/leadership, forensic medicine and physician assistant studies. In 2004, PCOM established its first branch campus in Gwinnett County. This new academic facility features full educational resources, student services, and technological links to the Philadelphia campus. August 15, 2005 marked one of the proudest days in PCOM’s history - the first 86 Georgia Campbell - PCOM students began their osteopathic medical education.

Now, a new era has dawned with the PCOM School of Pharmacy - Georgia Campus. This new professional school bears witness to PCOM’s commitment to Georgia and the surrounding states to offer professional healthcare education at the highest level possible.

The faculty and administration are pleased that you are with us on this important day in PCOM’s history as we celebrate the opening of the PCOM School of Pharmacy - Georgia Campus and embrace the promise of our GA-PCOM students’ futures in the professional communities of pharmacy and osteopathic medicine.
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