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Founders Day is another “classy” reunion!
The cover of this Digest truly conveys the spirit of Founders Day. Alumni embraced and re-established old friendships throughout Founders Day/Alumni Weekend '95, held January 27-28.

During this annual tradition, alumni recapture their PCOM years by reminiscing with former classmates back on campus. But this year's Founders Day was special. Alumni not only reflected on the past; they also saw a glimpse of PCOM's future. Touring the campus, alumni saw the first signs of our major campus renovation project. Construction crews have started implementing our Master Facilities Plan, which includes upgrading teaching facilities, renovating buildings, constructing a student activities center, building a parking garage and creating a true campus atmosphere.

The renovations aim to enhance our reputation as the nation's finest osteopathic educational institution and one of the country's best medical colleges. Funds raised by our capital campaign, The PCOM Mission, will help finance the project.

I invite those of you who didn't attend Founders Day to visit the campus and see firsthand how we're improving. I'm sure you will be proud of our plans for growth.

With our spirits still riding high from the Founders Day activities, we look ahead to the renovations and a successful capital campaign to secure PCOM's future.

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President's Perspective

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This year's O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal recipient, Lester Eisenberg, DO, '38, FACOOG, a devoted PCOM obstetrics and gynecology professor for 17 years, holds a special place in the hearts of many alumni. As a staff physician at Osteopathic Hospital of Philadelphia, 48th and Spruce Streets, Eisenberg delivered the babies of countless PCOM students and alumni.

"Dr. Eisenberg was a pioneer in obstetrics," says Quentin R. Flickinger, DO, '51. "He delivered my four children, and I admired him because he was always looking for new methods to incorporate into his practice."

Eisenberg only regrets that he never kept an exact count of his deliveries. He estimates he delivered or helped deliver 3,000 babies.

Eisenberg began teaching at PCOM in 1954 as an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology. He was appointed clinical professor in 1965 and became department chairman in 1969. That year, Eisenberg received the PCOM Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. He was named professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology in 1987.

PCOM President and CEO Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, '59 remembers Eisenberg as one of PCOM's best and most respected faculty members. "Dr. Eisenberg was more than a great lecturer – he made the students feel good about being DOs," recalls Finkelstein.

Emanuel "Manny" Fliegelman, DO, '42, was a student of Eisenberg's. "The junior and senior medical students were assigned to perform deliveries in Southwest Philadelphia under his supervision," says Fliegelman. "Many houses didn't have electricity so we would deliver by kerosene lamps. If we had a problem, Dr. Eisenberg would help us, and we all regarded him highly."
Fliegelman, a PCOM obstetrics and gynecology professor, credits Eisenberg with getting him on the faculty. "When Dr. Eisenberg knew I was interested in teaching, he let me visit his class for a few minutes to teach," says Fliegelman. "After awhile he had me cover entire lectures."

"Eventually, he asked me to take over his class while he was away for several months. Soon, I was a faculty member, too."

In addition to teaching at the College, Eisenberg practiced for many years at PCOM. After graduating in 1938, he practiced at Osteopathic Hospital and the three former PCOM OB-GYN clinics.

Eisenberg has fond memories of working with the late H. Walter Evans, DO, '17, when Evans was PCOM chairman of obstetrics and gynecology. "In those days, deliveries cost $50 for clinic patients," remembers Eisenberg. "But Dr. Evans would waive the fee if they couldn't pay, and he would always hold their hand and walk them to the door after the appointment."

PCOM's clinics made the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology appealing to Eisenberg. "Very few internships were available then because there weren't many hospitals in the country," he says. "PCOM's clinics gave me the clinical experience that few graduates could get."

In 1942, World War II interrupted Eisenberg's medical career. He entered the Army in lieu of his brother Victor, who was slated to be drafted. "The draft board personnel were very kind," he recalls. "They knew Victor was the breadwinner of the family, so they came to our house and said they could enlist me instead."

Eisenberg served four years as a soldier in the Army's anti-aircraft artillery section and was discharged with the rank of captain. Although DOs weren't recognized by the military, many Army physicians honored Eisenberg's medical credentials. "In New Guinea, when new physicians would come in, they would update me on the latest in medicine," he says. "I would tell them what was happening with the war."

Except for his military service, Eisenberg always used his DO degree, and was accepted and treated with respect everywhere he went. "My PCOM classmates and I did very well; we didn't have to take a backseat to anyone," he adds.

PCOM is also special to Eisenberg for personal reasons. He met his late wife, Berta, when she was a PCOM nursing student and came to him for OMM treatments. At that time, nursing students were required to receive regular
"Although I miss practicing, it has to be left to the younger physicians," notes Eisenberg. "I had a great career, and I had a lot of fun."

An innovative physician, Eisenberg introduced vacuum extractors to PCOM to replace forceps in deliveries. He also introduced epidural analgesia to the College. Eisenberg's prominence in the medical field was recognized by President Nixon in 1970, when he served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

The last 12 years of Eisenberg's 45-year medical career were spent as a hospital medical director/director of medical education. He worked at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital and Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Michigan, where he stayed ten years.

A Philadelphia native, Eisenberg, 83, retired in 1983 and lives in Virginia. "Although I miss practicing, it has to be left to the younger physicians," he notes. "I had a great career, and I had a lot of fun.

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"Lester Eisenberg is one of PCOM's unsung heroes who gave the College his blood, sweat and tears with little recognition," says Finkelstein. "Because of him, many students went on to do great work in medicine.

"The O.J. Snyder award is our way of saying thanks for everything he's done for the College and the osteopathic medical profession."
At the 1995 Founders Day/Alumni Weekend, PCOM honored a man dearly missed on campus.

The late Robert Berger, DO, '58, devoted pediatrician, professor and associate dean, received the Alumni Association Certificate of Honor posthumously for his years of dedication to PCOM. Berger died February 14, 1994 at age 62 after a brief illness.

As associate dean for undergraduate medical education, Berger was instrumental in integrating first- and second-year curriculum to give students a more cohesive approach to learning. The new curriculum, which integrates the basic and clinical sciences, was implemented this year.

Berger was also the driving force behind PCOM's innovative standardized patient program, which enhances students' clinical and communications skills through simulated patient scenarios. "Bob was the person who years ago said PCOM should have this program," says Robert Cuzzolino, EdD, associate dean for academic administration. "He took the project from nothing to what it is today: an invaluable teaching tool for our students."

Berger joined PCOM's faculty in 1976 as an assistant professor of pediatrics, and in 1984 was promoted to full professor. He was named assistant dean for clinical education in 1986, and in 1993 was elevated to associate dean for undergraduate medical education. Berger also chaired PCOM's department of pediatrics.

Despite his increasing responsibilities at PCOM, Berger always spent at least one day a week teaching or seeing patients on campus. He was honored with PCOM's Lindback Award for distinguished teaching in 1991. He was also a long-time member of the AOAs Committee for Post-doctoral Training.

"The students were his life," says Hannah Berger, his wife. "He anguished with them when they were in pain and was ecstatic when they achieved something. He loved sharing his knowledge with them."

With a sub-specialty in developmental disabilities, Berger served as medical director of The Summit School for children with learning disabilities. The school was founded in 1969 by Berger, Arnold Melnick, DO, '45 and four others. Summit was started when Berger and Melnick, who practiced pediatrics together for more than 12 years, discovered that schools didn't have adequate programs for children with developmental disabilities. When school systems start-ed providing these programs, Summit closed in 1982.

A music lover and banjo player, Berger was one of the first members of the Philadelphia Folk Song Society. The College was treated to his talents at the 1992 "PCOM Student Follies." Berger, along with fellow professor/musician Patrick Coughlin, PhD on guitar and a student on viola, played several folk songs to the audience's delight.

His other hobbies included biking, skiing, woodworking, reading and trivia, especially movie trivia. "He would joke that if people ever wanted a piece of useless information, they should come to him," recalls Hannah.

PCOM Dean Kenneth J. Veit, DO, '76 says not a day goes by that he doesn't think about Bob Berger. "He was totally dedicated to the College, never losing sight of PCOM's goal of educating our students," remembers Veit. "Bob was a fascinating man who lived life to the fullest, and we miss him in every activity."

Bob Berger is greatly missed by the PCOM family and his own family: wife Hannah and children Eric, Audrey and Daniel.
In a short time, Herbert Lotman’s leadership has benefited PCOM immeasurably,” says Galen S. Young Sr, DO, ’35, PCOM chancellor. “He realizes a college is only as strong as its alumni support. Plus, he has a keen interest in a solid curriculum and an astute understanding of the business of education.”

As PCOM’s Chairman of the Board, Lotman has been a tireless advocate of the College and the osteopathic medical profession. Alumni expressed their gratitude at the 1995 Founders Day celebration, when Lotman received the Alumni Association Certificate of Honor.

Lotman, who joined PCOM’s Board of Trustees in 1990, was unanimously elected chairman in 1992. He came to the board with an excellent understanding of the profession and its history — thanks to his family. Five members of his wife’s family are PCOM alumni. His association with the College and osteopathic medicine continued when his daughter married Scot Fisher, DO, ’82. Fisher’s family includes two other PCOM alumni.

“I firmly believe DOs are better prepared than MDs to practice medicine today because of their expertise in OMM and their preventive, holistic approach,” explains Lotman. “We have a great story to tell, and we need to work with the AOA, POMA and other osteopathic medical schools to get the word out about the benefits of osteopathic medicine.”

“Mr. Lotman has brought invaluable expertise in business management and fiscal oversight to the Board,” says James H. Black, DO, ’62 (Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy), president of PCOM’s alumni association board of directors. “His positive contribution to the College has been readily apparent to alumni.”

Lotman’s overall goals for PCOM are to keep the College financially stable, improve communications with alumni, and enhance PCOM’s reputation as one of the finest medical schools in the country.
The Greer family samples hors d'oeuvres at the dinner dance. Clockwise from left are Jordan Greer, DO, '82, holding three-month-old baby Grete; his wife, Sallie; and sons Jordan II and Hunter.

Alumni Recipients of the Certificate of Merit

Larry Cohen, DO, '74
William J. Herbert III, DO, '78
David L. Lukens, DO, '66
John F. Manfredonia, DO, '78
George W. Northup, DO, '39
Norman E. Vinn, DO, '77

Reminiscing, reviving old friendships and learning what's new on campus is the theme of PCOM's annual Founders Day celebration. During Founders Day/Alumni Weekend January 27-28, approximately 400 alumni returned to their alma mater to do just that. The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night dinner dance at the Adam's Mark Hotel, which included class reunions and the presentation of alumni awards.

The College's most prestigious award, the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, was presented to Lester Eisenberg, DO, '38. Eisenberg was a highly respected faculty member and practicing obstetrician and gynecologist at PCOM's Osteopathic Hospital for many years.
Recognized with the Alumni Association Certificate of Honor were Herbert Lotman, PCOM chairman of the board of trustees, and the late Robert Berger, DO, '58, PCOM associate dean and chairman of pediatrics.

Also honored was William J. Herbert III, DO, '78, a family practitioner in Hermitage, Pa., who was presented with the College's first "Affiliated Teacher of the Year" award.
Spirits Ride High at 99th

REMINISCING WITH A PROFESSOR. Victor J. Sobolewski, III, DO, '83, left, president-elect of the Wisconsin Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, reminisces at the convention with his former professor, Stephen S. Fedec, DO, '71, PCOM professor of family medicine and physician at the College's Lancaster Avenue Health Care Center.

AT THE HELM. "Captain" Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, '59, PCOM president and CEO, sails the "San Francisco Spirit." Alumni and guests enjoyed a cocktail reception aboard the yacht.

DISPLAYING FUTURE PLANS. Getting ready to greet alumni at PCOM's exhibit, standing, left to right, are Hale T. Peffall Jr., executive director, PCOM alumni relations and development; Bobbie Meals, son of Robert L. Meals, DO, '56; and Kenneth J. Veit, DO, PCOM dean.

RENEWING OLD FRIENDSHIPS. Catching up on old times at the convention are, left to right, Pat DiTommaso, DO, '80, Pam Trullinger, PCOM capital campaign manager, and Stephen Kosmorsky, DO, '80.
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PCOM STUDENT WINS AOA RESEARCH COMPETITION. Congratulations to Donna Hargrove, PCOM '96, who won the student poster competition at the annual AOA Research Conference. She was awarded $250 for her poster presentation, “The Effect of Cardiopulmonary Bypass on the Levels of 2, 3-Diphosphoglycerate in the Red Cell.” The competition was sponsored by Marion Merrell Dow Laboratories. Co-authors of the study were, left, Bren Ankrum, Hargrove's husband; right, Francis P. Sutter, DO, '76, PCOM associate professor of surgery; and, not shown, Charlotte H. Greene, PhD, PCOM professor of physiology and pharmacology.
Outstanding Students Recognized

Alumni Fellowship
Third-year students David L. Cute and Steven Urbaniak each received a $1,000 PCOM Alumni Association fellowship to pursue their interest in neurology during their senior year. Left to right are David L. Cute; Steven Urbaniak; Carol Fox, PCOM assistant dean for admissions and enrollment management; and Hale T. Peffall Jr., PCOM executive director of alumni relations and development.

Gina Simelaro Scholarship
Right: Francis N. Ogbolu, PCOM '95, was awarded the Gina E. Simelaro Memorial Scholarship in recognition of his academic achievement. The $2,000 scholarship was established in 1986 by Dr. & Mrs. John P. Simelaro in memory of their daughter Gina. Left to right are John P. Simelaro, DO, '71, professor and chairman, PCOM department of internal medicine, and chairman, division of pulmonary medicine; Francis N. Ogbolu; and Carol A. Fox, PCOM assistant dean for admissions and enrollment management.

Avallone Scholarship
Left: Melissa Kress, DO, '94, and Joshua Goldberg, PCOM '96, received the Martha and Michael J. Avallone Memorial Scholarship in recognition of their academic achievement and future potential. The scholarship was established by Michael E. Avallone Sr., DO, '59, right, in memory of his parents.

PCOM Students Mentor Philadelphia Teenagers
PCOM student members of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) introduced 20 teenagers from South Philadelphia High School’s “Health Academy” club to careers in medicine. On December 9, the high schoolers participated in a two-hour simulated cardiac and accident patient scenario at PCOM. Jessica Kasirsky, PCOM '97, middle, shows two South Philadelphia High School students how to take blood pressure.
PCOM Proud

Class of '97 Performs Community Service

Members of PCOM’s Class '97 participated in Philadelphia’s second annual Serve-A-Thon October 1 as part of a national day of community service. The students worked on painting, cleaning and gardening projects. Funds raised from pledges for the number of hours worked benefited Philadelphia’s sexually abused children. Front row, left to right are Daniel Taylor, Krista Reho and Joanna Rodgers; second row, left to right are Christopher Schreier, Patricia McQuillin, Monica Ardura, Denise Denler, Denise Klynowski and Boeu Chon.

SOMA Volleyball Tournament Benefits Special Olympics

PCOM's Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) raised more than $1500 October 15 at its annual volleyball tournament to benefit Philadelphia Special Olympics. Left to right are Dan Cochran, PCOM '97, event co-chair; Don White, president of Philadelphia Special Olympics; Liz Gernhardt, PCOM '97, event co-chair; and Mike Reichenbach, former Eagles’ middle linebacker.

Auxiliary Enjoys Night Out

Dorothy Meals, wife of Robert L. Meals, DO, '56, hosted a dinner at her home for members of PCOM's student auxiliary. Mrs. Meals, recording secretary of the Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (APOMA), is advisor to the PCOM group of 34 members. Spouses of the medical students meet monthly to share experiences and enjoy an evening out. Front row, left to right are Cynthia Curry, Ellen Benton and Patrice Clemens; second row, left to right are Debbie Grogan, Mrs. Meals, Rose Cunningham, Sherry Carnuccio, and Michelle Marchetti; and back row, left to right are Stephanie Matsko, Debbie Blasingame and Margaret Flynn.
Navy Rear Admiral James H. Black, DO, '62, was exposed to DOs early in life by his mother, who has a strong belief in osteopathic medicine. "My mother tells me I had pneumonia several times when I was very young, and she attributes my survival to the care I received from a DO," says Black, the 1995 president of PCOM's alumni association board of directors. Black's childhood doctor was the late George Stineman, DO, '32. During high school and college, Black was a patient of the late William L. Martz, DO, '50, who became his mentor.

So it came as no surprise that when Black decided to become a doctor, he wanted to be a DO. Martz's influence led him to apply to only one school: PCOM.

The Navy: a mid-course change

Black became the third osteopathic physician to attain flag rank in the Navy when he was promoted to rear admiral, lower half in September 1993. Stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, he serves as fleet surgeon for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He is also command surgeon for the U.S. Atlantic Command in Norfolk and medical advisor to the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, a NATO command.

Black's medical career didn't start with the Navy. After completing his anesthesiology residency at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital in Texas, he set up a private practice in Fort Worth. Although he enjoyed his specialty, after nine years he yearned for something different.

"At the 1974 Texas Osteopathic Medical Association convention, I stopped at the Navy exhibit where a recruiter was talking about the flight surgery program," says Black. "It sounded fascinating." He soon decided joining the Navy was the career change he needed.

At 38, Black was at least a decade older than his flight surgery classmates. "They were great to me, but it was hard keeping up with people fresh out of medical school," recalls Black.

His first assignment was to serve as senior medical officer on the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. "Once, to pick up patients from a submarine, I was strapped in a harness and hoisted from a helicopter to a destroyer, and then to a motor whale boat to get to the submarine," he says. "I couldn't see anything but water because of the very high seas. It was a wild experience for a new Navy doctor."

Other duties included serving as commanding officer at the naval hospitals in Oak Harbor, Washington and Yokosuka, Japan.

"If I had remained in private practice, I would never have had such exciting experiences as working on an aircraft carrier for 28 months or heading a hospital in Japan," says Black. "I'm never bored."

The Admiral has received numerous awards from the Navy, including three Legion of Merit awards and two Meritorious Service Medals. A charter member of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, he served as its president for two terms, 1982-84.

Goals for PCOM

Black, who has served on PCOM's alumni board for ten years, was the board's first military district representative. As board president, his goals are to receive total alumni support for PCOM's capital campaign and to increase membership and participation in the alumni association.

"It's important for the alumni to support the future of the College," says Black. "The PCOM Mission campaign is full speed ahead."
David Named Pediatric Plan Director

Izola B. David, DO, '85, has been appointed director of PCOM's Pediatric Practice Plan. She will serve patients at both PCOM's Lancaster Avenue Health Care Center and Rowland Hall pediatric health care center. David also is assistant professor, division of community medicine, department of pediatrics at PCOM.

Motel Appointed Director of Family Medical Center

Marta Motel, DO, '88, has been named director at PCOM's Family Medical Center at 61st and Chestnut Streets. Motel, who served her residency in family practice at PCOM, is a member of the AOA, POMA, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society.

Egan Named Director of Roxborough Health Care Center

Anne J. Egan, DO, '91, has been appointed director of PCOM's Roxborough Health Care Center. As a student, she was selected as one of seven outstanding graduates by the faculty. Egan served as a chief intern at PCOM and received the 1992 Herbert Steinberg, DO award in internal medicine. As chief resident in family practice at PCOM, Egan received the 1994 Vickers Family Practice Resident Award.

Fox Assistant Dean Appointment Announced

Carol A. Fox has been named assistant dean for admissions and enrollment management by Dean Kenneth J. Veit, DO. Since joining PCOM's staff in 1967, Fox served as assistant registrar, registrar and assistant director of admissions and student affairs. In her new position, Fox will be responsible for all aspects of enrollment management at PCOM. Fox earned both her bachelor's degree in history and master's degree in health care management from Pennsylvania State University.

Farrell Receives Gender Equity Award

Donna R. Farrell, DO, '88, PCOM director clinical education, received the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) 1994 Gender Equity Award. She received the award for promoting a gender-fair environment for the education and training of women physicians and assuring equal opportunity for women to study and practice medicine. The award, sponsored through an educational grant from the Upjohn Company, was presented by the local AMWA chapter of first-year medical students at PCOM. Farrell, who is board certified in family practice, was previously clinical director at PCOM's Roxborough Health Care Center.

Casale Named Adjunct Professor

Toni Maria Casale, DO, '84, FACMQ, FACOFP, MPA, has been appointed adjunct professor in the department of family medicine, specialty of quality assurance/utilization review/managed care. Prior to the sale of the hospitals, Casale was associate professor of family medicine and chairperson of the department of utilization review and quality assurance.

Major campus-wide renovations are underway at PCOM. Approved by the Board of Trustees October 19, the Master Facilities Plan includes upgrading all campus buildings, equipping teaching facilities with state-of-the-art technologies and building a student activities center. Above, a bulldozer operator begins the expansion of Evans Hall classroom 153, which will seat 250 students.
JUST Published


Frederick J. Goldstein, PhD: featured in the article “Pain: How to cope,” Pulse (Courier-Post health magazine), November 1994, pp. 12E-13E.

Charlotte H. Greene, PhD; Domenic A. DeBias, PhD; Maryanne J. Henderson, DO, ’90; Rosemary Fair-Coley, DO, ’90; Bryan Dorf, MBA, PCOM ’95; Wanda L. Young-Seidman; and Alex L. Radin, PhD: “Healing of Incisions in the Tongue: A Comparison of Results with Milliwatt Carbon Dioxide Laser Tissue Welding Versus Suture Repair,” Annals of Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology, Vol. 103, No. 12, December 1994, pp. 964-974.


Howard Rosner, DO, ’84; M. Ghods, MD; George W. Lighty Jr., MD; J.E. Ren, MD; James D. Sink, MD; and Gary J. Vigilante, MD: “Cor Triatriatum in Adults,” Video Journal of Echocardiography, Vol. 1, 1994, in press.


CLASS Acts

1939

George W. Northup, DO, Scottsdale, Ariz., was a recipient of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association’s achievement award.

1944

James W. Payson, DO, Machias, Maine, was honored for his years of service to the community and to Down East Community Hospital in Machias.

Jacob B. Freedman, DO, Fort Lee, NJ; Charles Steiner, DO, Watchung, NJ; Theodore Weinberg, DO, Cherry Hill, NJ; and Walter L. Willis, DO, Beach Haven, NJ.

PCOM Dean Kenneth J. Veit, DO, ’76, left, presents a plaque to visiting professor Herman Friedman, PhD. Friedman is professor and chairman, department of medical microbiology and immunology at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. His November 1 lecture at PCOM was part of the Wellcome Visiting Professorships in the Microbiological Sciences, a program sponsored by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund through the American Society for Microbiology.
Alumnus has role in O.J. Simpson trial

James Lewis, DO, ’82, Gloucester County (NJ) Medical Examiner, will serve as an NBC expert commentator on DNA and forensic evidence during the O.J. Simpson trial. Lewis has acted as an expert in other cases.

- 1976 -

William Henwood, DO, Sharon, Pa., became a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. He also was named “Teacher of the Year” by the house staff of Shenango Valley Medical Center, Farrell, Pa.

Kenneth J. Veit, DO, Lafayette Hill, Pa., PCOM dean, participated in the working group for a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association titled “Medical School and Student Characteristics That Influence Choosing a Generalist Career.” He also was featured in an article published in The DO titled “Rx for talk: Counseling belongs in primary care.”

- 1977 -

Antoinette C. Krue, DO, Merion Station, Pa., was honored by Optimist International, Overbrook Chapter, for her service to the community and dedication to her patients.

Eugene Mochan, DO, Media, Pa., PCOM assistant dean for primary care education, became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

Norman E. Vinn, DO, Long Beach, Calif., was re-elected to the board of trustees of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California.

- 1978 -

David W. Beal, DO, Tucson, Ariz., was board certified in obstetrics-gynecology


Charles W. Hayne, DO, Holmdel, NJ, was honored for his service to Centra-State Medical Center at its Annual Ball.

John E. Manfredonia, DO, Tuscon, Ariz., was installed as president of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association.

Milton D. Soiferman, DO, Wynnewood, Pa., was appointed aviation medical examiner by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Annemarie Young, DO, Sea Isle City, NJ, was board certified in family practice.

- 1979 -

Zoltan Brody, DO, Staten Island, NY, was voted president-elect of the American Osteopathic College of Proctology. He also lectured on clinical and surgical proctology to second-year PCOM students and had an article published in the Staten Island Advance titled “Refocus the health care debate on patients’ needs and rights.”

Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, Philadelphia, Pa., was featured in an article published in the Jackson Advocate titled “Benefit of OMT.”

- 1980 -

Benjamin Abraham, DO, Lithonia, Ga., was elected a delegate to the Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association. He also became a certified medical director of a long-term care facility.

David A. Bitonte, DO, Alliance, Ohio, member of PCOM's alumni association board of directors, became a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists. He also was elected president of the Stark County Medical Society.

- 1981 -

J. Gregg Brady, DO, Macungie, Pa., joined the medical staff of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Pottsville.

Saul E. Schreiber, DO, Las Vegas, Nev., was elected chairman of the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

- 1982 -

Samuel L. Alfano, DO, Moosic, Pa., was promoted to vice president/medical director, community practice, eastern region for Geisinger Health Care System.

Scot A. Fisher, DO, Villanova, Pa., was appointed chairman of radiation oncology at The Graduate Hospital.

Anthony J. Silvagni, DO, Kansas City, Mo., became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He also was featured in an article published in The DO titled “Mississippi DOs cautioned about drug dosing in elderly.”

- 1983 -

David Loughran, DO, Warminster, Pa., presented a lecture titled “Update on AIDS” at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

Julie A. Rothman, DO, Harrisburg, Pa., was named medical director of BMA Harrisburg.

Kenneth E. Wood, DO, Madison, Wis., was appointed clinical section chief for critical care medicine at the University of Wisconsin Medical School Hospital.

Mary Zygmunt, DO, Treveltown, Pa., was board certified in obstetrics-gynecology.

- 1984 -

James H. Bumbaugh, DO, Wexford, Pa., was board certified in geriatric medicine.

Toni S. M. Casale, DO, Camp Hill, Pa., was elected vice speaker of the house for the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association’s house of delegates.
**CLASS Acts**

**John J. Danek**, DO, Charleroi, Pa., was appointed staff physician in the emergency department at Canonsburg General Hospital.


**William M. Antonelli**, DO, Marlton, NJ, was board certified in internal medicine.

**David Klees**, DO, Erie, Pa., opened Family Medicine of West County with **Paul Kohut**, DO, ’90.

**David A. Madder**, DO, Philadelphia, Pa., joined Medical Arts in Levittown, Pa., an internal medicine practice associated with the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

**Dana Shaffer**, DO, Exira, Iowa, opened an office in Elk Horn, Iowa.

**Mark D. Baker**, DO, Erie, Pa., was re-elected chief of staff at Millcreek Community Hospital.

**Alan E. Barman**, DO, Swarthmore, Pa., joined the department of medicine at Paoli Memorial Hospital.

**J. Stephen Snoke**, DO, Mechanicsburg, Pa., was elected chairman of the board of directors of Spirit Healthcare, a physician-hospital organization affiliated with Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, Pa.

**James H. Sussman**, DO, Los Alamos, NM, was appointed by New Mexico Governor Bruce King to a five-year term on the State Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

**Dianna Hannigan-Glessner**, DO, Alpharetta, Ga., was re-elected to the board of directors of the Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association.

**James S. Blake**, DO, Philadelphia, Pa., completed a PCOM fellowship in gastroenterology. He also joined the Nelson Medical Group of Philadelphia.

**Thomas Brabson**, DO, Upper Darby, Pa., completed a PCOM fellowship in emergency medical services.

**John McCarthy**, DO, Phoenixville, Pa., completed a PCOM fellowship in emergency medical services.


**Timothy Stonefifer**, DO, Chambersburg, Pa., was featured in an article published in Public Opinion titled “The new doctors are in... five join the ranks of family physicians in the valley.”

**Nance A. Lovelace**, DO, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was a recipient of the American Osteopathic Association/ Burroughs-Wellcome Resident Leadership Award presented at the AOA convention in November.

**IN Memoriam**


**Lawrence B. Greif**, DO, ’50, FP, Fort Worth, Texas.


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## Phi Sigma Gamma Fraternity Inducts Honorary Members

PCOM's Phi Sigma Gamma Fraternity, Zeta Chapter, has inducted two honorary members: Herbert Lotman, PCOM chairman of the board, and Robert M. Fogel, DO, '58, chairman and professor, PCOM department of pathology. Left to right are faculty advisor, Hale T. Peffall Jr., executive director, alumni relations and development; former faculty advisor, Robert L. Meals, DO, '56, PCOM professor of radiological sciences; Herbert Lotman; Robert M. Fogel, DO, '58; and chapter president, Jeff Downing, PCOM '97.

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