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ROBERT M. FOGEL, DO, ’58
Recipient of the 1998 O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal
Starting a new year is always exciting when the future holds so much promise. At PCOM, we have a lot to look forward to. Excitement on campus will only increase as the months count down to our Centennial in 1999. Employees and alumni are busy planning special events, and our archivist has already finished several chapters of PCOM’s 100-year history book.

But we don’t have to wait until 1999 to celebrate. During our recent Founders Day weekend, we unveiled a beautiful new archival exhibit, Equal but Separate, highlighting the resiliency of the osteopathic profession. Founders Day also set the stage for the dedication of the Evans Hall Gertrude and Samuel Lotman Lobby, in memory of Mr. Lotman’s parents. See page 16.

This year’s Founders Day honored a man with such a loyal following on campus, our students voted him “Teacher of the Year” three years in a row. We were very proud to bestow the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal on Robert M. Fogel, DO, ’58, chairman and professor of pathology, who represents the integrity and dedication to learning that characterizes osteopathic physicians.

In the next year, we will witness the beginning of the construction of the Student Activities Center, which marks the completion of our Master Facilities Plan. The Center will offer students a variety of recreational and leisure activities right on campus.

We’re also proud to report that our capital campaign, The PCOM Mission, has surpassed $10 million, and we thank all our donors for your commitment to PCOM’s educational mission. We are grateful to William A. Rieber, DO, ’41 for his recent pledge of $1 million to fund the Professorial Chair in Osteopathic Principles and Practice. This will help us toward an important goal: to ensure osteopathic manipulative medicine will always remain the cornerstone of the profession.

So 1998 is a year of building for PCOM – building a campus as well as building on our enthusiasm and pride. As our 100th birthday nears, the more excited we get about our chance to tell the world about PCOM and the wonders of osteopathic medicine.

Sincerely,

Herbert Lotman, LL.D. (hon.)
Chairman of the Board

Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, ’59
President and CEO
FOUNDERS DAY '98
Alumni returned to campus to revive friendships and share memories. Highlights of the weekend included honoring those who work tirelessly to make PCOM a top-notch medical school.

A DOCTOR'S HELPING HAND
Physician assistants are rapidly becoming a vital part of the physician's health care team. PCOM's new program with Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science trains PAs for primary care.

PCOM UPDATES
Medical school guide praises PCOM; women's rugby team formed; Cambria Street Healthcare Center dedicated; College receives home care grant.

OUR CENTENNIAL
In the countdown to PCOM's Centennial, a new archival exhibit and logo are unveiled.

MISSION MILESTONES
*The PCOM Mission* gains momentum with recent major gifts and surpasses the $10 million mark.

PROFILES
This issue's spotlight falls on College board member George W. Grosz and alumni board member John W. Becher, DO, '70.

CLASS NOTES
Turn here to learn what's new with your classmates.

Dear Alumni:
We hope you like Digest's new look. We updated the piece to make it more attractive and readable. Please let us know how we're doing. Your comments and suggestions will help us improve the magazine even more. You can reach us at: phone: (215) 871-6300 e-mail: chrisdo@pcom.edu or write to us at Digest, PCOM Communications & Design Dept., 4170 City Avenue, Phila., PA 19131. Thanks. Enjoy the issue.

Sincerely,
The Editors
Medical school guide praises PCOM

PCOM received high praise in the 1998 "The Best Medical Schools," a buyer's guide to 139 medical schools published by The Princeton Review. The write-up focuses on PCOM's strong emphasis on primary care and early clinical exposure. PCOM's Clinical Learning Laboratory, award-winning Dynamic Spine program and team approach to patient care in clinical rotations are mentioned. For a copy of the write-up, contact communications at suen@pcom.edu or (215) 871-6300.

Web site expanded

Unveiled at the AOA convention last October, PCOM's revamped and expanded web site is a valuable tool for students, alumni and anyone wishing to learn more about the College and osteopathic medicine. For the most updated information about PCOM, its degree programs, admissions, and alumni relations and development information, please log on to our site at http://www.pcom.edu

Marketing firm hired

PCOM recently contracted with The Tierney Group, Philadelphia's largest marketing communications firm. Tierney will work with PCOM's communications and design department to expand the College's presence and influence in the region. The firm will also provide support for the Centennial celebration in 1999. The marketing plan includes developing regional and national recognition of PCOM by promoting faculty as experts in primary care, educating government officials about PCOM's impact in the medical community and positioning the College as a state leader in medical education.

Academic appointments

PCOM dean appointed to national committees

PCOM Dean Kenneth J. Veit, DO, '76, was appointed by Donna Shalala, Secretary, US Department of Health and Human Services, to the National Advisory Council for the National Health Service Corps. The council recommends policies and provides direction for the service corps. It also offers scholarship and loan repayment program placements in designated areas.

Also, Dean Veit was appointed to the Executive Committee on Undergraduate Medical Education in the 21st Century: A Demonstration of Curriculum. This four-year project, instituted by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicine, is seeking 18 model schools to adapt their curriculum to partner with managed care organizations.
New library director named

With the rapid advances in technology and PCOM's commitment to improving library services, the College has appointed Etheldra Templeton, executive director, library and informational services. Templeton is the former provost for university libraries at Allegheny University of the Health Sciences. See next Digest for profile.

Dr. Nicholas leads curriculum committee

Alexander Nicholas, DO, '75, professor and chairman, osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM), was named curriculum committee chairman. He has been teaching at the College since 1976.

Traveling fellowships awarded

Jason Handza, PCOM '99, was awarded a $2,000 PCOM Alumni Traveling Fellowship. Handza will travel to Italy for a neurology rotation at a selected neurological institute.

John Spitalieri, PCOM '98, was awarded a $1,000 PCOM Alumni Traveling Fellowship. Spitalieri will serve a fellowship at the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke in Washington, DC. The fellowships are funded by PCOM's Alumni Association.

PCOM celebrates NOM Week and Primary Care Day

National Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week was celebrated on campus November 2-8. "Osteopathic Physicians: Shaping Up America's Health" was the theme for the last year of the three-year campaign, which focused on providing care at different stages in life. This year's activities centered on older Americans and the osteopathic commitment to helping people grow better, not older. PCOM students took part by participating in a lecture on geriatric care led by Katherine Galluzzi, DO, chair, geriatric medicine.

PCOM students joined thousands of future physicians around the country in promoting and celebrating National Primary Care Day on October 1. The highlight this year was the second annual Primary Care Day dinner, held September 30, where students named Emanuel Fliegelman, DO, '42, professor continued on page 4
emeritus, obstetrics and gynecology, PCOM's 1997 Physician of the Year.

In addition to the award presentation, the students were addressed by Cheri Kroboth, director, health care continuum, Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania; Oliver C. Bullock, DO, '78, medical director, Cambria Street Healthcare Center; and Leslie Best, director, division of health professional development bureau of health planning, PA Department of Health and Human Services.

Students also held an informational health fair at Cambria Street Healthcare Center on October 11. Students and physicians provided blood pressure and diabetes screenings and information on numerous health issues.

Sigma Sigma Phi reaches out

Sigma Sigma Phi, the College's community service organization, sponsors a mentoring program in conjunction with the Philadelphia Youth Organization. Student mentors work with small groups of disadvantaged children to provide them with positive role models. The group also co-sponsored a holiday food and toy drive with Student Council and has pledged to provide over 200 meals at the Ronald McDonald House during the academic year.

And the survey says . . .

A survey conducted by the admissions office offered some insight into PCOM's graduating seniors. Here are some results from the 212 responses:

- 93% would recommend PCOM to relatives or friends for their medical education
- 69% of all respondents intend to go into primary care
- 84% of women and 54% of men selected primary care
- 57% are ages 26-30

Women's rugby team formed

PCOM's 1997 rugby season included the addition of the first women's team in the College's history. Members of the men's rugby team helped coach and guide the team. The women played to their first victory October 26 against Ursinus College. The rugby club is preparing for a full roster in the 1998 season.

Bridging the Gaps program a success

Bridging the Gaps: Community Health Internship Program, a consortium effort between Philadelphia medical schools, offers students community internships in medically underserved neighborhoods. This year 33 PCOM students were selected to take part in the seven-week program. The students provided health education programs addressing topics in pediatric health, adolescent health, women's health, elderly care and violence prevention.

PCOM students also participated in the Bridging the Gaps Posters Symposium, where over 500 guests learned more about the projects conducted by students. PCOM also partnered with the Philadelphia Youth Organization and other area sponsors to hold the third annual three-on-three basketball tournament in North Philadelphia. If you would like to learn more about the Bridging the Gaps program at PCOM, please contact Eugene Mochan, PhD, DO, '77, associate dean of primary care and educational development, (215) 871-6450.

College hosts Special Olympics tournament

First- and second-year students hosted a volleyball tournament to benefit the Special Olympics. The event, sponsored by the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA), raised $870 for this worthwhile cause.
Cambria Street Center dedicated

Surrounded by a crowd of well-wishers on October 6, PCOM dedicated its new Cambria Street Healthcare Center. The ceremony began with brief remarks from Herbert Lotman, PCOM chairman of the board. Other dignitaries on hand to dedicate the new center were Estelle Richman, Philadelphia health commissioner; Enrique S. Fernandez, MD, MSIED, director of the division of medicine, US Department of Health and Human Services; US Representative Chaka Fattah and State Senator Shirley Kitchen.

The importance of the center to its North Philadelphia community did not go unnoticed by local media outlets. The dedication of the 10,000 square foot center received television coverage from NBC affiliate WCAU - 10 and CBS affiliate KYW - 3 as part of their evening broadcasts. Also, the Philadelphia Inquirer, in a column by Lucía Hernández, emphasized the vital role center director, Oliver C. Bullock, DO, '78, plays in the North Philadelphia community. The Philadelphia Sunday Sun and Philadelphia New Observer also wrote about the dedication ceremony.

The new Cambria Street Healthcare Center, which includes a pharmacy and a dialysis center, offers expanded services and can handle more patients. The College's oldest clinical teaching site has provided family medical care to North Philadelphia residents since 1965.
Psychology program taps market with distance learning site

Since its implementation on PCOM's campus in 1995, the doctor of psychology program (PsyD) has generated strong interest within Philadelphia's highly competitive educational marketplace. Designed for the in-practice professional, the program prepares graduates for leadership roles in clinical psychology.

The cutting edge program expanded last year with the addition of a distance learning site in Harrisburg, Pa. The site, housed at the Dixon University Center, provides students with a convenient learning center to pursue a doctorate in psychology.

"Our market research found a need for this type of program in Harrisburg, yet no programs were available," says Arthur Freeman, EdD, professor and chairman, psychology. "PCOM's distance learning capabilities enabled us to tap into a whole new market with our PsyD program."

Professors teach a lecture hall full of students at PCOM as well as students participating in the class a hundred miles away in Harrisburg, and hold each class to the same high standards. Approved by the State Department of Education, PCOM’s site at the Dixon center enrolls 16 students; present enrollment in the PsyD program is 91 students. An on-site coordinator helps promote the program and recruit qualified candidates. The program is accredited by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education activities.

Classes are offered in the late afternoons, evenings and weekends to accommodate professional commitments. Dr. Freeman hopes the program will become more fully integrated with PCOM’s mission of training primary care physicians in a variety of medical settings. The PsyD program encourages psychologists and physicians to work closely to gain a better understanding of psychological issues in medicine and medical aspects of psychological disorders.

College receives home care grant

Katherine Galluzzi, DO, chair, geriatric medicine, has expanded the fourth-year curriculum to include geriatric home care through a grant sponsored by the John A. Hartford Foundation. The grant, "Expansion of Home Care into Academic Medicine," will introduce students to home care and provide experience with geriatric patients in hospice care. It will be the first time the curriculum will incorporate end-of-life issues into clinical training.

"Seeing older people in their homes is humanizing for students," says Dr. Galluzzi. "It helps remove the tremendous bias that occurs when the only elderly that students see are very sick, frail hospital patients." Working closely with Michael Shank, DO, ‘80, who runs a home care practice in suburban Philadelphia, students will be introduced to hands-on home care in a structured, focused format. Dr. Galluzzi hopes to make students more responsive to the needs of a largely overlooked segment of patients - those who can’t get to the doctor but aren’t sick enough to be in the hospital.

The $70,000 grant, administered by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - New Jersey Medical School, provides funds for two years of curriculum-based home care rotations. PCOM is one of only 10 medical schools nationwide to receive funding for this intensive mini-rotation in home care.

A new grant, under the direction of Katherine Galluzzi, DO, chair, geriatric medicine, center, helps expose students to home care and hospice care.
Centennial news

With the Centennial celebration fast approaching, the College is gearing up for a year filled with exciting events. A gala Centennial Ball, history book, archival exhibits and other events are being planned to recognize this momentous occasion. The second in a series of archival exhibits was unveiled January 23 as part of Founders Day weekend. The exhibit, Equal but Separate, chronicles the struggles of the osteopathic profession for acceptance and recognition over the last century. The exhibit will be on display in the lobby of the newly dedicated Gertrude and Samuel Lorman Lobby during this time of retrospection about the evolution of the College and the profession for acceptance and recognition over the last century. The exhibit will be on display in the lobby of the newly dedicated Gertrude and Samuel Lorman Lobby in Evans Hall through 1998.

PCOM is also compiling information for a comprehensive 100-year history book which will chart the evolution of the College and the osteopathic profession. C. Everett Koop, MD, former US Surgeon General, will write the foreword. Dr. Koop, a champion of preventive health care, has long been an advocate of osteopathic medicine.

Digest celebrates 70th anniversary

During this time of retrospection about PCOM’s past, it’s only fitting that we note another milestone in PCOM’s history. In 1927, the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, as it was known then, produced the first issue of what is now Digest.
Robert M. Fogel, DO, ’58
A servant for the students

“I want students to think, not memorize.”
Students respect him and colleagues trust him. Robert M. Fogel, DO, '58, the 1998 O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal recipient, helps define the word "integrity." Although awards have piled up around him, from students, medical schools and physician groups, he remains firmly grounded in his life's mission: to educate osteopathic medical students.

PCOM's chairman and professor of pathology goes about quietly doing what he's always done -- giving lectures so informative and relevant there's rarely an empty seat, and making sure students truly understand what he's saying.

"Dr. Fogel's like a walking pathology book," says Emily Lichtman, PCOM '99, student council president. "The material he presents is so concrete, accurate and thorough. He pulls the information together so that pathology - and everything else - makes sense."

Although he's been at PCOM just shy of five years, students voted him "Teacher of the Year" three years in a row. Dr. Fogel joined PCOM full-time January 1. He left his position as chairman and professor of clinical pathology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - School of Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ), where he served for 14 years. While there, he received the "Excellence in Teaching Award" five times.

"Bob is one of the heroes of the profession," says Dean Kenneth J. Veit, DO, '76. "His integrity and dedication to teaching make him the ultimate role model our students can emulate."

"Dr. Fogel shoots from the hip," adds Tom Geng, PCOM '98. "He lets you know how it is in the real world of medicine." Bradley Bacik, PCOM '00, agrees. "We're interested in what he has to say because we're going to use it. Everything he teaches is clinically relevant."

A gift for teaching

Dr. Fogel invites student interaction, constantly asking questions and stopping to ask "Anyone confused?" Sometimes, when a student gets a particularly tough question right, he shells out a dollar. He often uses case studies and shows x-rays so students can see the whole picture. Dr. Fogel likes to keep things interesting.

"Teaching is an art form," he explains. "It's a little bit acting and creating a stage presence. It's also a way to give yourself to others. I consider teaching my gift to the students."

He owes his teaching style to a former PCOM professor, Edwin Cressman, DO, '26. "He was interested in teaching students to think," says Dr. Fogel. "I use the Socratic method so the material becomes logical and students can answer their own questions. I want students to think, not memorize."

Dr. Fogel and his wife Pamela enjoy the Founders Day dinner dance.

Dr. Fogel's talent for public speaking didn't come easily. He stuttered severely as a child, weathering taunts from other children. In high school, he realized he didn't stutter when he gave a speech. Public speaking became therapeutic, and he grabbed every opportunity to speak to an audience. He conquered the stuttering, and in the process discovered his gift for public speaking.

His commitment to learning doesn't end with the students. "Each time I give a lecture I learn the material better," he continued on page 12.
A spirit of friendship and reminiscing filled PCOM’s campus during this year’s Founders Day celebration. Held January 23-24, the 99th Founders Day featured 15 class reunions at the Saturday evening dinner dance at the Adam’s Mark Hotel. There, PCOM’s most prestigious award, the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, was presented to Robert M. Fogel, DO, ’58, chairman and professor, pathology. Domenic A. DeBias, PhD, who retired last year after 22 years as chairman and professor of physiology/pharmacology, received the Alumni Association’s Certificate of Honor. See article on page 13.

Recognized with the Affiliated Teacher of the Year Award was John J. Kalata, DO, ’86, PCOM clinical instructor, family medicine and director of medical education at Metro Health Center, Erie, Pa.

Special to this year’s Founders Day was the unveiling of PCOM’s new archival exhibit, Equal but Separate, in the Evans Hall lobby. The exhibit, which will be on display through 1998, highlights the struggles of DOs to gain acceptance while maintaining their distinct approach to medicine.
Dean Kenneth J. Veit, DO, '76, left, congratulates John J. Kalata, DO, '86 on being named PCOM's Affiliated Teacher of the Year.

William R. Henwood, DO, '76, right, 1997 Alumni Association president, passes the gavel to the association's 1998 president, David A. Bitonte, DO, '80.

Class of '33 members Rachel Wittmer, DO (nee Alleman), left and Eunice Chapman, DO "catch up" at their class reunion before the dinner dance.
Dr. Fogel says the most wonderful part of teaching is when former students return and tell him how much his lectures helped them. He grins as he remembers the intern who came back and said, "I finally figured out what you do; you make doctors."

Dr. Fogel, who grew up in North Philadelphia, attended Central High School. It was a life-changing experience. "At Central, poor kids were inspired to dream and become larger than we were," he remembers. "Reading great books and meeting great men opened up a whole new world and gave me hope for the future." Dr. Fogel excelled in high school, graduating at 16, and finished college in two years.

Influenced by his family DO and his brother Sidney (class of '55), Dr. Fogel entered PCOM. After graduating in 1958, he headed to Oklahoma with his wife and one-year-old child to serve an internship. Only 24 years old, he had never been west of Philadelphia. After completing his internship he started a general practice in Mannford, Oklahoma, population 500, and became the only doctor within 30 square miles. In three years, he did everything from delivering babies on an x-ray table to treating chainsaw injuries.

Wanting to pursue a specialty, Dr. Fogel chose pathology, calling it "the ultimate answer." He completed a three-year pathology residency program at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. For the next 19 years, he served as director of laboratories and chief pathologist at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital, and as a consultant at numerous other hospitals. In 1972, he was named "Doctor of the Year" by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association. He taught at the Oklahoma, Kansas City and Kirksville colleges of osteopathic medicine, as well as at the University of Tulsa and Oklahoma University College of Medicine. In 1984, Dr. Fogel returned east to become chairman and professor of clinical pathology at UMDNJ, where he served 14 years.

He misses his farm in Oklahoma, an expansive property with a lake that he visits every Thanksgiving. His in-laws live on the farm, which is also home to a herd of cows and sheep. "People think farming animals is macho, but it's actually very maternal," notes Dr. Fogel. "You're constantly looking after them, feeding them and making sure the moms and calves stay together."

Dr. Fogel now lives in Media, Pa. with his wife, Pamela, a school psychologist. They have six children and three grandchildren.

Dr. Fogel's role at PCOM has been expanded to include areas such as curriculum development and training interns and residents. He believes the future of the College and osteopathic profession are very bright. "What DOs have endorsed from the beginning has been proven correct - the body's innate healing, treating the whole person and the importance of physical medicine," he explains. "We won. We no longer have to prove a point. Now we must focus on being the best we can be."

He has the same plan for his own future: learning more and doing what he does even better. Calling himself a "servant for the students," Dr. Fogel shares his recipe for happiness: "You must give up the need for power, narcissism and money to love and care for others. That is the secret."
Domenic A. DeBias, PhD, is the type of professor alumni ask about years and years later. The professor whose door is always open - to counsel, help or just listen to students. After 22 years as PCOM's chairman and professor of physiology/pharmacology, Dr. DeBias gave his last lecture in May. His retirement marks the end of a distinguished teaching career spanning four decades. His unwavering commitment to students led PCOM's Alumni Association to present him with its 1998 Certificate of Honor this Founders Day.

"As I travel around talking to alumni, I'm constantly asked 'How's Dr. DeBias doing?" says Dean Kenneth J. Veit, DO, '76. "He's been an extremely student-friendly faculty member and the graduates will never forget him."

PCOM students voted Dr. DeBias "Teacher of the Year" eight times. In 1978, he received the College's prestigious "Lindback Foundation Award" for distinguished teaching.

Dr. DeBias is known for going the extra mile for students. "I was interested in helping students academically, but also helping them become better people," says Dr. DeBias. "I listened to them. And I never forgot that when I was a student, I had the very same feelings they have."

The nicknames students chose for him clearly show their affection. Some students called him DAD, his initials, and one class referred to him as "the Pope" for the way he looked after the students.

"Dr. DeBias is a legend in PCOM history," says Michael Brywka, PCOM '99. "His genuine caring for the students and personalized teaching style captured my attention immediately," Rhonda Randall, PCOM '99, notes.

"Two years of didactic training taught me the science of medicine. Dr. DeBias' loyalty and compassion toward students reminded me that medicine is an art."

Before joining PCOM, Dr. DeBias was professor of physiology at Jefferson Medical College, where he taught for 18 years. He received his doctorate there in 1956. At PCOM, Dr. DeBias also served as assistant dean for basic sciences and more recently as assistant dean for special training programs, which involved coordinating programs such as the master's in biomedical sciences.

Throughout his PCOM career, he stressed the value of scientific research and advocated curriculum reform.

"I was interested in helping students academically, but also helping them become better people," says Dr. DeBias.

His retirement plans include teaching pathophysiology and clinical pharmacology part-time for Penn State University's nursing programs, assisting with PCOM's development efforts and playing golf. ♠
The Physician Assistant: A Doctor's Right-Hand Person

"The most important thing PAs provide physicians is time."

- John R. Krimm, DO, '78
Emergency medicine faculty member and medical director, PA program

The pressures imposed by managed care. Increasing numbers of patients living longer, with more complicated chronic illnesses. The fast-paced nature of modern, high-tech medicine. Sure, the load is heavy. But there is help with some of that lifting. You just have to look for it.

Many forward-looking osteopathic physicians have seen the future. They realize that health care, increasingly, will be delivered via a team approach. And they realize that a vital part of this team is a physician assistant (PA).

If physicians look at this clearly they'll see the positive results for themselves and their patients," emphasizes John R. Krimm, DO, '78, medical director for a new and innovative program that joins PCOM and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (PCPS) to educate the area's top physician assistants. "They'll see that the PA, once trust is gained, can become their right-hand person, taking some of that enormous load off their shoulders."

What can PAs do for you and your practice of medicine? Plenty. "The most important thing they provide physicians is time," notes Dr. Krimm. "Their work frees you up to spend more time with a complex or difficult case."

The PA continues to learn from the physicians in a particular practice and adopts the style of that practice, emphasizes Kenneth Harbert, PhD, PA-C, chairman of the department of physician assistant studies for the PCPS/PCOM combined program. "PAs need physician supervision. They never, ever will be able to hang up their own shingle and compete," explains Dr. Harbert, who is responsible for the five-year program which offers the dual degrees of Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Master of Science in Health Science.

Dr. Harbert quickly rattles off the attributes of a good physician assistant. "He or she must like people, possess a strong sense of self-worth, embody a powerful sense of caring and compassion, enjoy and excel in the sciences and be able to blend as an integral member of a health care team," says Dr. Harbert, emphasizing each individual point.

Why is PCOM involved in a PA program? It's simple, really. "The health care delivery of the future will involve more and more teamwork," explains Dean Kenneth J. Veit, DO, '76. "PCOM becomes a better, stronger educational institution by diversifying its educational programs and providing solutions. We have to grow with the changing health care arena, like everyone else. And this growth adds intrinsic value now and into the future."

Beginning in June 1998 and pending provisional accreditation status, 18 students will enter the program, which consists of three years of study in the
During the final two years of study, students will remain in close contact with Michael Huber, PA-C, the program's director of clinical studies and services. "There will be seven preceptors, then two electives," explains Huber. "The trend in medicine is that physicians are under ever-increasing pressure and many of them are saying, 'I need more help.' The PA is trained to provide that help.

According to Dr. Veit, PA students will have their own unique clinical rotations; they will not compete for space in clinical rotations with osteopathic students. The program has been carefully thought out and planned, and should experience the same level of success as the graduate program in biomedical sciences and the doctor of psychology program, which continues to break new ground with its expansion into Harrisburg via video conferencing.

The end result of the new program should be a physician assistant who is encouraged to work in rural and urban medically underserved areas, while continually expanding his or her own knowledge and skills. "Ongoing self-evaluation is key," emphasizes Dr. Harbert.

Some osteopathic physicians have seen both sides of the fence. One such physician is Darlene Haupt, DO, ’96, a second-year family practice resident at Knapper Clinic at Penn State Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa., who spent five years as a physician assistant. "For a lot of physicians who have never worked with PAs it can be hard for them to accept the idea," says Dr. Haupt. "The PA is the physician's team member who might take a history and physical, examine a patient's throat, perform a routine OB/GYN exam, take a Pap test, suture a laceration, run patient education classes, the list goes on."

At Geisinger, there are more than 40 PAs, five of them in family practice. "They work closely with the physicians in almost every area of practice," says Dr. Haupt. "Once physicians get used to them they gain a lot of confidence in just how much help PAs are to them. It really does work."
Lotman Lobby dedicated

The beautiful new lobby of Evans Hall was dedicated in a ceremony held at the College January 23. The Gertrude and Samuel Lotman Lobby was made possible by a second generous gift from Chairman of the Board Herbert Lotman and his wife, Karen, to the capital campaign in loving memory of Mr. Lotman's parents.

“My father, brother, uncles and son-in-law are all graduates,” noted Mrs. Lotman. “During their lifetime, Herb’s parents and my parents were so closely united that we were truly one family. Now, naming this lobby in memory of Herb’s parents, at an institution that has always been so important to my family, makes me truly feel that they are united once again.”

Mr. Lotman said, “What we have here is a first-class teaching institution with a venue we can all be proud of. In May, Karen and I will also be honored to name the Levin Administration Building after her family. We are both very proud to have our family names associated with these two prestigious places.”

Dr. Rieber pledges $1 million gift

PCOM President and CEO Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, ‘59 announced great news at the Founders Day dinner dance January 24: The PCOM Mission received another $1 million pledge. This generous gift from William A. Rieber, DO, ‘41 will establish the Professorial Chair in Osteopathic Principles and Practice.

One of the chief factors influencing Dr. Rieber to become an osteopathic physician was the inclusion in the curriculum of the osteopathic manipulative concept and practice. With his pledge, he hopes to perpetuate this concept and practice. The College is extremely grateful to Dr. Rieber for his generosity and loyalty.

We are proud to report that this is the second chair to be funded by an alumnus after Galen S. Young Sr., DO, ‘35, College chancellor, endowed the Professorial Chair in Surgery.
Four students recently were awarded Minority Scholarships. The scholarships, funded by gifts to The PCOM Mission, are based on outstanding academic credentials and demonstrated service to the community. Underrepresented minority students may apply for this scholarship, which is given annually to students in all four years.

Campaign passes $10 million

The year 1997 ended on a very positive note for The PCOM Mission. The generosity of PCOM alumni, employees and other supporters allowed the capital campaign to exceed the $10 million mark. We anticipate that this enthusiastic response from donors will continue in 1998.

Academic Leadership $2,692,592
Master Facilities $3,392,270
Scholarships $1,981,759
General Funds $2,641,291
Total $10,707,912

Student Center construction to start

The Student Activities Center will become a reality when ground is broken for this new facility in spring 1998. Construction is scheduled to be completed by summer 1999. The center will house a basketball court, squash and racquetball courts, aerobic and cardiovascular rooms, a weight room and lounge areas. The center is being funded largely through the capital campaign. Your pledge can be designated to this building, which will add to campus life at PCOM. Call the campaign office at 1-800-739-3939 for more details.
George W. Grosz admits he really didn’t know much about osteopathic medicine when he arrived in Philadelphia, after years of living in Houston, and later Washington, DC.

Upon arriving here, he was immediately impressed by PCOM: by the College’s accomplishments and by its goals. But what really got him was his “first-hand” experience with osteopathic medicine, or should we say his “hands-on” experience.

“I was set to play golf with Dr. Finkelstein (PCOM President Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, ’59) and some others at Radnor Valley, and there at the golf club I was having tremendous back pain. There was no way I was going to be able to play,” he remembers. “Dr. Finkelstein suggested that Dr. D’Alonzo (Albert D’Alonzo, DO, ’56), lay me down on the floor and give me some relief. Right there on the locker room floor, he worked on my back, using osteopathic manipulative medicine.

“I got up, went out the door, and played 18 holes of golf. I was simply amazed. And I played pretty well, too,” recalls Grosz, an avid golfer who plays two or three times a week and is a member of the Merion Golf Club.

His experience with OMM strengthened the foundation of his beliefs about PCOM. And in turn Grosz has strengthened the College’s Foundation and its pension plan, both of which he managed before he was asked to join the board.

Grosz, a senior consultant with CoreStates Asset Management, Inc., knows a good investment when he sees one. And he saw PCOM as a terrific investment of his time, energy and expertise. “I was really impressed with what the board was doing, with its involvement with the community and its vision,” he says.

Over the years, Grosz has volunteered his management skills with the Boy Scouts of America, the Philadelphia Council, as a Trustee of the Washington Opera Company, to the Smithsonian Institution, the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, the United Way and as a member of the Texas Advisory Board to the US Commission on Civil Rights. In PCOM he saw an opportunity to contribute, once again.

Grosz has been on the board about 1½ years. His responsibilities include chairing the Foundation Committee and the newly formed Development Committee, along with involvement on the Finance Committee. His work with the Foundation includes asset allocation, managing the right mix of stocks and bonds. “Just four years ago the Foundation was worth $15 or $16 million. Today, it is worth in excess of $60 million,” Grosz says with pride.

The Foundation’s goal is to reach $100 million by 1999, in tribute to PCOM’s Centennial celebration. “We’d like to reach more people, especially alumni,” says Grosz. “All they’ve got to do is come back and see what’s been done at their school,” he says. “They’ll be hooked.”

He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Devon, Pa. They have three children and seven grandchildren.
There aren't many people who truly are pioneers in their field. But John W. Becher, DO, '70 is one of them.

In 1977, Dr. Becher started the first academic osteopathic department of emergency medicine -- and he started it right here at PCOM.

"That started a long trend in emergency medicine at PCOM," says Dr. Becher, chairman of the College's department of emergency medicine. Since 1989 he has served as director of the emergency medicine residency training program at Einstein Medical Center.

Dr. Becher launched his medical career with a one-year residency in OB-GYN, but realized he missed the other areas he studied at PCOM. Variety is what Dr. Becher craved, and that is exactly what he has received from his love of emergency medicine.

"Emergency medicine is as much primary care as any other field," he says, flatly. "We see it all." In fact, Dr. Becher would like to see an endowed chair in his specialty at PCOM.

A member of PCOM's Alumni Association board of directors since 1995, Dr. Becher received the prestigious "Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching" from the College in 1986.

The unpredictable nature and innate challenge of emergency department work appeals to him as much now as it did more than two decades ago. He enjoys intervening in critical cases and seeing the immediate impact of his medical acumen. Still, he warns students in PCOM's Emergency Medicine Club, "It's not nearly as exciting as you think."

He tells students that a good emergency physician is one who can keep emotions in check, can exhibit a great deal of self-control and who is in good enough physical condition to spend long hours on his or her feet, moving rather quickly.

The students, like himself, he says, will someday employ their osteopathic training in reaching a differential diagnosis.

"When someone presents with back pain, for example, there's a lot to consider: gallbladder, kidney stone, musculo-skeletal problems," he says.

His osteopathic training has also instilled in him a deep respect for the patient as an individual. "The emergency room is not a very private place and you can't help but hear and see a lot of things, but it's important for the physician to go a long way in making the patient feel comfortable," says Dr. Becher. "Remember, these patients had no plans to go to the emergency department."

When Dr. Becher isn't at the hospital, at PCOM or serving one of the many organizations he's involved with, he enjoys playing golf and spending time with his wife, Paula and their three children, Pat, 23, Megan, 21 and Brian, 16. And he's learned a thing or two, he says, from his own children. "Over the years you see an adolescent come into the emergency department suffering from problems with drugs or alcohol, and it makes you feel lucky and deepens your appreciation for your family."
Alumni recognized at conventions

PCOM's fall convention rounds included the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) conventions.

At the ACOS assembly September 20-23 in Atlanta, Ga., several alumni received special recognition. William P. Brown, DO, '74 was sworn in as ACOS president, and Paul Peter Koro, DO, '61 received the ACOS's most prestigious award, the "Orel F. Martin Citation and Medal." Richard J. Citta, DO, '58 received the "Distinguished Osteopathic Surgeon Award."

At the convention, the following alumni were inducted as fellows:
- Lee M. Blatstein, DO, '84
- Mark Jones, DO, '84
- Mark S. Boland, DO, '84
- Gary R. Kania, DO, '84
- Domenic J. Bontempo Jr., DO, '79
- Samuel J. Manfrey, DO, '75
- Hasco W. Cramer III, DO, '87
- Walter C. Peppelman Jr., DO, '85
- William K. Daiber, DO, '74
- Louis L. Rondini, DO, '68
- Stephen T. Fisher, DO, '85
- Paul J. Sisbarro, DO, '82
- Alan Esper, DO, '80
- R. Scott Smith, DO, '82
- Peter J. Isaac, DO, '85

PCOM residents also made the College very proud. Urology residents did especially well, with Stephen Yanoshak, DO, '90 receiving first place for his poster presentation. Michael Campenni, DO, and Marcella Nachmann, DO, each were awarded second place for their paper presentations, and Conrado Tojino, DO, earned a third place award for his paper presentation. Orthopedic surgery resident Stephen Augustine, DO, received second place for his poster presentation.

PCOM visits the Lone Star State

The country/western theme was in full force at the American Osteopathic Association convention October 19-23 in San Antonio, Texas. Staff and students who worked PCOM's exhibit could be seen a mile away in their larger-than-life foam cowboy hats. Cowboy hats and kerchiefs were also standard issue at PCOM's alumni reception, which boasted a turnout of more than 500 alumni, family and friends.

At the convention, the following alumni were inducted as fellows:

**American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians**
- Maria E. Daly, DO, '84
- Glenda G. Miller, DO, '79
- Dana C. Sheffer, DO, '85

**American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians**
- Thomas A. Brubaker, DO, '89
- Pamela A. Cook Walters, DO, '89
- William E. Zajdel, DO, '89

**American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists**
- Frederic J. Humphrey II, DO, '56
- Kenneth B. Pugar, DO, '85

▲ Alumni donned cowboy hats and kerchiefs for the country/western alumni reception at the October AOA convention in San Antonio, Texas. Left to right are Brooks Betts II, DO, '80; Pat DiTommaso, DO, '80; and John Castino Jr., DO, '71.

▼ Greeting conventioners with a warm "howdy" are, left to right, Mike Mallis, DO, '97; Galen S. Young Sr., DO, '35; and Rob McMurrin, PCOM '98. In back are Nicholas Pedano, DO, '61, left and Chris Davis, PCOM '00.
CLASS NOTES

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40s
Joseph Pellettiere, DO, '48, Atlantic Beach, NY, was elected a delegate to the American Osteopathic Association by the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society's House of Delegates.

50s
Herbert Rubin, DO, '50, Burbank, Calif., was featured in an article published in the Los Angeles Times titled "A Real-Life Marcus Welby in Burbank."
Joseph A. Hempsey, DO, '55, Drexel Hill, Pa., was named coordinator for the Association of Christian Therapists for Eastern Pennsylvania.
Alexander D. Xenakis, DO, '56, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., was elected chairman of family practice at North Ridge Medical Center.
Richard J. Citta, DO, '58, Blue Anchor, NJ, received the 1997 "Distinguished Osteopathic Surgeon Award" from the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.
Albert Kroser, DO, '58, Philadelphia, Pa., was elected to the board of directors of the Philadelphia County Medical Society.

R. Dale McCormick, DO, '58, York, Pa., became a diplomate of the American College of Forensic Examiners.
Michael F. Avallone, DO, '59, Elkins Park, Pa., received the "Dedicated Service Award" from the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society.
Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, '59, PCOM President and CEO, Havertown, Pa., was appointed the 1997-98 chair of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. He also was elected to the board of directors of the Police Athletic League of Philadelphia.

60s
Paul Peter Koro, DO, '61, Des Moines, Iowa, received the "Orel F. Martin Medal" from the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.
James H. Black, DO, '62, Norfolk, Va., was elected a trustee of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.
Burton Blender, DO, '62, Philadelphia, Pa., was elected chief of staff of Allegheny University Hospitals-Parkview for a two-year term.
Bernard Kazdan, DO, '62, Flushing, NY, was elected a delegate to the American Osteopathic Association by the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society's House of Delegates.
Seth W. Brown, DO, '63, Massillon, Ohio, received the "Isadore A. Browarsky, DO, Award of Merit" from Doctors Hospital of Stark County.
Ronald R. Blanck, DO, '67, Washington, DC, was featured in an article published in The DO titled "Army's surgeon general outlines challenges to hospital executives."

70s
James R. Pritchard, DO, '73, Canton, Ohio, became a fellow of the American College of Forensic Examiners.
William Weisberg, DO, '73, Henderson, Nev., was elected chief of staff at Saint Rose Dominican Hospital.
David H. Clymer, DO, '74, Shirleysburg, Pa., recently embarked upon a humanitarian medical mission to remote mountain villages in Armenia.
Frank Guinn, DO, '76, Huntington, Pa., received the 1997 "E.O. Martin Award" from the American Association of Physician Specialists.
William R. Henwood, DO, '76, Sharon, Pa., was elected chairman of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, District 9. He also received the "Presidential Recognition Award" from the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.
Silvia Ferretti, DO, '77, Erie, Pa., received the "Frederick J. Solomon, DO, FACP GP Award of Merit" from the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society.
Suzanne Kelley, DO, '77, Marysville, Pa., received the "Raymond J. Saloom Award" from the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society.
Joseph M. Pascuzzo, DO, '77, Allentown, Pa., was featured in an article published in *The DO* titled “DOs from Pennsylvania, Kentucky set sights on Congress.”

Oliver C. Bullock, DO, '78, Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

Carlo J. DiMarco, DO, '78, Media, Pa., was named to the American Osteopathic Association’s Board of Trustees.


Carol L. St. George, DO, '79, York, Pa., was appointed by Governor Tom Ridge to the State Board of Examiners in Speech, Language and Hearing.

Mitchell D. Storey, DO, '79, Seattle, Wash., was featured in an article published in *Susquehanna Today* titled "The 'Storey' behind the Seattle Mariners."

Charles Trigiani, DO, '79, Delran, NJ, joined the staff of Delaware House Mental Health Services as a full-time psychiatrist and medical director.

William Wewer, DO, '79, Harrisburg, Pa., was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

80s

Bruce Cummings, DO, '80, Los Angeles, Calif., was named medical director of the UCLA Hyperbaric Medicine Center.

Mark Finkelstein, DO, '80, Wallingford, Pa., was named a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology.

John M. Kish, DO, '80, Shavertown, Pa., was named medical director of East Coast Rehabilitation at Odyssey Fitness Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Ray E. Sharretts, DO, '81, Liverpool, Pa., was named medical director at Polyclinic Hospital in Harrisburg.

Darlene Snider, DO, '82, Huron, Ohio, was board certified in primary care sports medicine.

Gary Aaronson, DO, '83, New Hope, Pa., was named medical director for respiratory care services at Frankford Hospital.

Daniel F. Battafarano, DO, '83, San Antonio, Texas, received the "Outstanding Faculty Teacher Award for 1996-1997" from the department of medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center. Additionally, he was appointed deputy director for medical education at the US Army Medical Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Stephen J. Hardy, DO, '83, Erie, Pa., joined the medical staff at Meadville Medical Center.

Martin Pieretti, DO, '83, Doylestown, Pa., was board certified in occupational medicine.

Mark E. Thompson, DO, '83, Avon Lake, Ohio, was board certified in hospice and palliative medicine.

Toni S. M. Casale, DO, '84, Boston, Mass., was elected chair of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, District 5.

David Coffey, DO, '84, Wetumpka, Ala, was featured in an article published in the *Montgomery Advertiser* titled "Croatian girl helped by local doctor."

Gregory R. Frailey, DO, '84, Williamsport, Pa., was named "1997 Physician of the Year" by the Lycoming Tioga Sullivan Emergency Medical Services Council.

Samuel J. Congello, DO, '85, Mason City, Iowa, joined the medical staff in cardiology at Ellsworth Community Hospital.

Daniel B. Sullivan, DO, '86, Rochester, NH, joined the associate medical staff in the department of anesthesiology at Friesbe Memorial Hospital.

Les Folio, DO, '87, Citrus Heights, Colo., was featured in an article published in *The DO* titled "DO flight surgeon makes work calls in Turkey."

Kim P. Kuhar, DO, '86, North Wales, Pa., joined the medical staff at Sky View Medical Center.

Stephen P. Anthony, DO, '88, Mendon, Vt., joined the medical staff at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Timothy J. Fiorello, DO, '88, Collegeville, Pa., joined the practice of PV Family Practice and Occupational Medicine.


Gregory A. Kimble, DO, '88, Hollidaysburg, Pa., was appointed medical director for the Homewood Retirement Community.

Christopher Lucas, DO, '88, Alliance, Ohio, was board certified in general surgery.

Jeanette Morrison, DO, '88, Blue Bell, Pa., joined the family practice department at Suburban General Hospital.

Laura M. Martin, DO, '89, Bainbridge, NY joined CMH Family Health Center in Bainbridge.

Mary Catherine Dillon, DO, '89, Johnstown, Pa., joined St. Barnabas Medical Center, Gibsonia, Pa.

Mark A. Nartatez, DO, '89, Philipsburg, Pa., was board certified in orthopedic surgery.

Ronald Ryder, DO, '89, Philadelphia, Pa., became a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Cardiology.

Vincent G. Sacco, DO, '89, Melrose Park, Pa., was elected chairman of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

Richard M. Watson, DO, '89, Bellmawr, NJ, was named to the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society’s board of directors.
Hospital receives $1 million from grateful father for saving son's life; PCOM alumna was ER physician

Joan S. Naidorf, DO, '85, Alexandria, Va., was part of a team at Alexandria Hospital that saved a man with life-threatening head injuries when he was struck by a falling tree. The man's father, Hubert N. Hoffman, donated $1 million to the hospital for a new emergency department to show his gratitude for the service his son received. Dr. Naidorf was the emergency physician who initially treated Thomas Hoffman, who has made a complete recovery. The emergency department was dedicated October 17. The donation was the single largest gift ever received by Alexandria Hospital.

90s

Joseph Conti, DO, '90, Glassboro, NJ, received the "1997 Physician of the Year in Home Care Award" for Camden County from the Center for Home Health.

David A. Forstein, DO, '90, Cherry Hill, NJ, joined Reproductive Gynecologists, PC, with offices in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., Wayne, Pa., Philadelphia, Cherry Hill, NJ and Turnersville, NJ.

James J. Marcin, DO, '90, Hermitage, Pa., joined the medical staff at Horizon Hospital System.

Mattock Callahan, DO, '91, Wynnewood, Pa., joined Beebe Medical Center.

Robert K. Ilowite, DO, '92, Somerville, NJ, opened a new office at the Hillsborough Professional Center in Hillsborough, NJ.

Mark S. Williams, DO, '92, Bloomsburg, Pa., opened an orthopedic practice in Bloomsburg.

Diane Adams, DO, '93, Milford, Del., joined the medical staff at Bayside Health Association.

Michael J. Robbins, DO, '93, Branford, Conn., joined the Yale University Center for Pain Management as a staff physician. He recently finished a one-year fellowship in pain management at the University of Pittsburgh.

Kelley L. Abbrescia, DO, '94, Maple Glen, Pa., was elected chief resident in emergency medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Mary E. Diamond, DO, '94, Paoli, Pa., was accepted as a candidate in the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute Program.

Anita Eisenhart, DO, '94, Bronx, NY, has entered a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY.

Anne Hunter, DO, '94, Philadelphia, Pa., received the "Resident Teaching Award" from the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine at Chestnut Hill Hospital.


Anthony Matejicka, DO, '94, Whitehall, Pa., was appointed chief medical resident in internal medicine at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

George J. Seretis, DO, '94, Columbus, Ohio, joined the practice of Craig B. Quigley, MD.

Joanne Hullings, DO, '96, Bristol, Pa., was named "Intern of the Year" for the 1996-1997 academic year at Delaware Valley Medical Center.

Alumni receive Certificates of Merit

These alumni received a "Certificate of Merit" from PCOM's Alumni Association board of directors for outstanding achievement in osteopathic medicine:

James L. Beck, DO, '68, Phoenix, Ariz., was voted "Top Doc in Cardiology" in Phoenix Magazine.

Thomas A. Brabson, DO, '89, Media, Pa., became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

Randi Braman, DO, '91, Baltimore, Md., was named "Osteopathic Physician of the Year" by the Maryland Association of Osteopathic Physicians.

William P. Brown, DO, '74, Harrisburg, Pa., became president of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Pamela A. Cook Walters, DO, '89, Mechanicsburg, Pa., became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

Maria F. Daly, DO, '84, Phoenix, Ariz., became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

Douglas P. Dietzel, DO, '91, East Lansing, Mich., completed his fellowship in sports medicine, arthroscopy and reconstructive surgery at Michigan State University.

Robert M. Fogel, DO, '58, Media, Pa., received the "1997 Distinguished Service Award" from the American Osteopathic College of Pathologists.

Martin Goldstein, DO, '45, Riviera Beach, Fla., received the "1997 Distinguished Educator Award" from the National Rural Health Association.

James A. Groff, DO, '91, Middletown, Pa., received the "Distinguished Teaching Award" from the graduating medical school class at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He also received the "Distinguished Physician Award for Excellence in House Staff Teaching" from the internal medicine residents of Penn State College of Medicine.
Frederick J. Humphrey II, DO, ’66, became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists.

John S. Kasper, Jr., DO, ’78, Dayton, Ohio, was promoted to brigadier general in the US Army Reserve. See below.

Vincent G.J. Lobo, DO, ’65, Harrington, Del., was commended by the State of Delaware, House of Representatives for his outstanding contributions and service to the community.

Glenn G. Miller, DO, ’79, Blue Bell, Pa., became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

Kenneth B. Pugar, DO, ’85, Spring Valley, Ohio, became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists.

Dana C. Shaffer, DO, ’85, Exira, Iowa, became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.


Morton Terry, DO, ’45, Aventura, Fla., was named “Educator of the Year” by the American Osteopathic Association and the National Osteopathic Foundation.

William E. Zajdel, DO, ’89, Center Valley, Pa., became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

Dennis B. Zaslav, DO, ’74, Philadelphia, Pa., became a fellow of the International College of Surgeons.

Alumni honored by POMA

Congratulations to the following alumni, who were granted life membership in the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

George E. Buck Jr., DO, ’54
Howard L. Hausher, DO, ’54
Donald G. Hunter, DO, ’54
Gerald M. Ketner, DO, ’61
Edmund L. Zapp Jr., DO, ’55


Mindy George-Weinstein, PhD et al: “N-cadherin promotes the commitment and differentiation of skeletal muscle


In Memoriam

Domenic Aveni, DO, '37, Cleveland, Ohio, May 20.
George Betts, DO, '38, Bangor, Maine.
Marvin E. Blumberg, DO, '39, FP, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., July 5.
H. Jay Chivian, DO, '36, Reading, Pa., October 4.
Carolyn Ruth Downs, DO, '72, FP, New Hope, Pa., June 4.
Thomas F. Drum, DO, '26, FP, Carlisle, Pa., June 11.
Mildred Fox, DO, '23, Medford, NJ, October 15.
L. Stowell Gary, DO, '35, FP, Eggertsville, NY.
Henry J. Maciejewski, DO, '37, PR, Cranston, RI, July 14.
Ellis H. Metford, DO, '27, PR, Longwood, Fla.
Edward J. Murray Jr., DO, '60, FP, North Kingstown, RI, August 22.
James W. Payson Jr., DO, '44, FP, Machias, Maine, August 14.

Horace D. Simmons, DO, '38, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 4.
Louisa B. Smith, DO, '25, FP, Southampton, Pa., December 5.
George E. Stauffer Jr., DO, '36, FP, Newtown Square, PA, June 25.
Michael C. Stave, DO, '89, OBG, Bethlehem, Pa., March 22.
Harry A. Street, DO, '35, FP, Manasquan, NJ, March 8, 1996.
Michael E. Tramutolo, DO, '55, Cape May, NJ, July 2.
Martin Weber, DO, '52, FP, Bryn Mawr, Pa., November 1.

PCOM alumnus and former board member dies

The College sadly announces the death of B.T. Bailey Flack, DO, '31, a former board of trustees member. Dr. Flack, 87, died December 22 at his home in Marlton, NJ. He had a private practice in Haddon Heights, NJ for 45 years before retiring in 1975. He was on the staff of the former Cherry Hill Medical Center, now Kennedy Memorial Hospitals-University Medical Center. Dr. Flack was a member and past president of the New Jersey Osteopathic Medical Society. His father, Arthur Flack, DO, '06, was PCOM's dean from 1914 to 1928. Dr. B.T. Bailey Flack's brothers Arthur (deceased, class of '33), John (class of '40) and Charles (class of '44); niece Norma Jeanne (class of '83); and grandson Paul Robbins (class of '97) are also PCOM graduates.
## Coming Events

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Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque, NM |
| April 16-19   | Student Osteopathic Medical Association  
Annual Spring Convention  
Ocean Resort, Miami Beach, Fla. |
| April 29-May 2| POMA Annual Clinical Assembly  
Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia |
| May 8         | PCOM Annual Sports Banquet,  
Chateau Granieri, Lafayette Hill, Pa. |
| May 24        | Commencement  
Academy of Music, Philadelphia |
| June 19       | PCOM Survivors' Club Dinner Dance  
Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia |