



SPRING 2019 eBULLETIN

MISSION: *TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY CONSISTENT WITH OUR OSTEOPATHIC HERITAGE*

SAFE PASSAGE



At Safe Passage's 25th Anniversary Celebration Fundraising Event, our Foundation was recognized as a Superhero for the grant support that we have provided throughout the years.

Safe Passage is a unique nonprofit organization in that it provides forensic medical examinations on children suspected of being abused. Forensic medical services are conducted on-site at Safe Passage in a warm, child-friendly environment by either a Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANEs) or a pediatrician. A broad range of comprehensive healing services are provided to the children and their non-offending caregivers at no charge. A broad spectrum of child abuse victims comes to Safe Passage; however, 70-80% of the children they see have suffered sexual assault. Safe Passage's mission is to give abused children a voice and enable

the healing process by acting as a single source of contact for medical, investigative and legal services.

MEMBER NEWS



Pictured left to right: John Potterat, Michael Welch, D.O. and Scott Robinson, D.O.

Longtime CSOF member and Infectious Disease expert, **John Potterat**, has had another book published. The title of the book *In The Shadow of Venus, Vignettes from the Venereal World* is both entertaining and sobering. It received a review in *The Lancet Vol 18* in June of 2018. It is a companion to his book *Seeking the Positives: A Life Spent on the Cutting Edge of Public Health* that was published in late 2015. Congratulations John!

Congratulations to **Michael Welch, D.O.** and **Scott Robinson, D.O.** on being selected Outstanding Physician Award Recipients by the El Paso County Medical Society. Dr. Welch was recognized with the Leadership Award and Dr. Robinson was recognized with the Teaching Award. The awards banquet and ceremony occurred on the 24th of January at the Colorado Springs Marriott.

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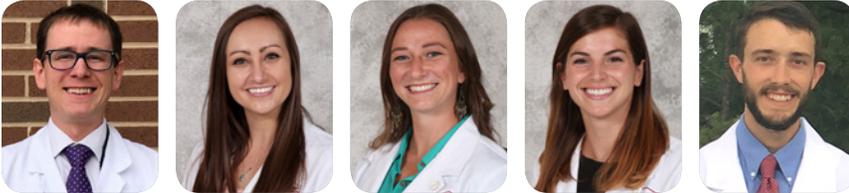
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2019-2020 NEW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Pictured left to right: Daniel Heck, Jolysa Gallegos, Rachel McLaughlin, Andrea Chernau and Jeffrey Beach

Our Scholarship Selection Advisory Committee (**Ronald Blonder, D.O.**, **Linda Case, D.O.**, **Mark Cook, D.O.**, **John Kurish, D.O.**, **Alex Simpson, D.O.** and **James Zimmer, D.O.**) selected and recommended to the Board of Directors for their approval the following Osteopathic medical students to receive \$10,000 tuition scholarships for their third and fourth years of medical school beginning in July 2019.

- **Daniel Heck**, Alabama COM (Colorado Springs)
- **Jolysa Gallegos**, RVUCOM (Swink)
- **Rachel McLaughlin**, RVUCOM (Colorado Springs)
- **Andrea Chernau**, RVUCOM (Denver)
- **Jeffrey Beach**, RVUCOM (Colorado City) is the recipient of the Walter S. Strode, D.O. Memorial Scholarship.

We are supporting 8 scholars during our current fiscal year for a total of \$80,000. Also, during our upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year we will be supporting 8 scholars for a total of \$80,000. This moves us closer to our goal of awarding 5 new scholarships annually.

Twenty-four completed scholarship applications were received (12 Male and 12 Female applicants). Applicants were from the following accredited Osteopathic medical colleges: Alabama COM, Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences, Liberty University Virginia COM, Midwestern Arizona COM, Midwestern Chicago COM, Rocky Vista University COM, Touro Nevada COM, Touro New York COM, and West Virginia SOM.

A huge THANK YOU to our Scholarship Selection Advisory Committee!

ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (RVUCOM) UPDATE —submitted by Thomas Told, D.O., Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean and CAO

Rocky Vista University began the new year with a change in ownership from a one owner/family structure to becoming a member of an international medical education consortium known as Medforth Global Education Group. The group chose to associate with RVUCOM because of its excellent academic record on board examinations and its great success in placing students into residency programs. We are pleased with the transition because all operations remain the same with the exception of changing two seats on the board occupied by the former ownership representatives. This exciting development opens new horizons for our school, and will provide many new opportunities for our students. The expanded reach and resources of Medforth Global Education gives RVU much

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SPRING KARMA HOUR



Plan to attend the Bristol Brewery KARMA HOUR on Tuesday, May 28th from 6 – 8 pm located in the former Ivywild School. Be certain to invite your family, friends, colleagues, medical students and residents. You may promote this through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Email, etc. to get the word out. Getting the word out is really important. \$1.00 will be donated to the Foundation's John H. Drabing, D.O., Osteopathic Medical Student Scholarship Program for every pint of beer purchased. Savor some great local brews, enjoy interesting conversations and help support a great cause at this fun event!

CSOF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Plan now to attend our Annual Business Membership Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, the 19th of June at The Pinery at the Hill. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m. and our meeting commences at 6:30 p.m. A bouquet of appreciation goes to **Paul Stanton, D.O.** of Colorado Springs Orthopaedic Group for supporting the Foundation's Annual Business Membership Meeting.



greater capacity to grow and develop in the future. This new ownership process has also been fully approved by all of our programmatic and regional accreditors, plus we received the green light from the U.S. Department of Education.

The ownership process was an exciting development, but nothing can top the performance of our senior class this year that had a 100% Placement in all three matches. RVUCOM did extremely well in the Military Match and very well in the last year of the Osteopathic Match. The class then scored big in the NRMP match with 95% of our students being picked up in the first round and the other 5% being placed in the second and third round for a 100% placement of our seniors. This was a historic NRMP Match with a record number of over 38,000 participants, and to make it even more notable it was interrupted by a major computer failure, and a "Bomb Cyclone" that closed hospitals and programs across the country. Through all of that our students did very well. If you would like to have a copy of the match results that reveal states and specialties our seniors were matched with, please contact Doris Ralston and she will email you the information.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS!

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Although most people who contribute to nonprofits have an altruistic motive, financial incentives are still helpful. Even if you can't itemize on your federal taxes, Colorado taxpayers may deduct their total charitable contributions in excess of \$500 from their state taxable income.

Contributions should be mailed to CSOF at P.O. Box 49577, Colorado Springs, CO 80949.

A LASTING LEGACY

CSOF has a rich history dating back to August of 1984 when it was founded. For detailed information on this history please visit the Foundation's website at csof.org and click on the "A Lasting Legacy" button.



The donors listed have shown their commitment to action with their generous gifts. Thank you for the positive impact you have on our community. You are encouraged to join them by making a donation to CSOF this year and every year. Our fiscal year ends June 30th.

If your name has been inadvertently omitted, please email the Foundation at DRalston@csf.org or call 719-635-9057. We apologize in advance.

WHY GIVE?

We admit it—we want more recognition for CSOF in our community! By continuing to demonstrate that we are a vibrant, thriving Foundation that is respected and viewed positively as a contributor to our community's well-being, we will continue to be recognized for our thoughtful philanthropy and leadership—and in turn, expand our ability to serve and support our community. It's truly a win-win.

Your contributions to our Foundation enable us to provide additional support in the form of grants to nonprofits in our community and scholarships to Osteopathic medical students. Gifts help sustain and nurture the Foundation so that we may continue to cultivate a lasting Osteopathic legacy in our community.

Donations may be restricted for grants, scholarships or general operating. Donations may also be made in memory of or in honor of a loved one, and make perfect gifts for the special people in your life. When you support our Foundation, you support initiatives that strengthen the health of our community and the Osteopathic profession.

MUSINGS FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Foundation's founders were extraordinary visionaries dedicated to advancing the Osteopathic profession and practicing excellent holistic medicine.

Today's leaders aren't much different. Our Foundation's leaders are visionaries still dedicated to advancing the Osteopathic profession while embracing new beginnings through philanthropy to strengthen our community, service to others and teamwork.

Change presents opportunities even if the change is incremental. So remain open to new possibilities, be inspired to act and let's keep working together to make our Foundation exceptional!

WELCOME NEW CSOF MEMBERS

Daniel Heck, a soon to be third-year Osteopathic medical student at the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine is now a student member of our Foundation. Daniel received two undergraduate degrees at Western State Colorado: a Bachelor of Arts in Biology with an emphasis in Cell Biology and pre medicine and a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry with an emphasis in Biochemistry. In addition to medical school, he volunteers at Samaritan Clinic a local free clinic in Dothan, Alabama and is an Anatomical Sciences Teaching Assistant.

John Gebauer, J.D., practices law with Kraemer Kendall Rupp Deen Neville LLC, in the areas of business law, planning and acquisitions, healthcare, real estate, and commercial litigation. John earned his Jurisprudence Doctorate from New York University Law School. In reply to how he sees himself advancing the Foundation, he stated that he should be able to help with everyday corporate governance issues. Having physician members in the family, John said that he is aware of the frustrations and challenges that physicians experience, especially in solo and small group practices.

***"We have to let go of
the old before we
can embrace the new."***

—William Bridger