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College of Osteopathic Medicine

Compiled by Pat Grauer

College marks grand opening at Detroit Medical Center

More than 250 guests toured, heard speakers and attended a reception at the college's new facilities Sept. 17 at the Detroit Medical Center. The grand opening — complete with tent, ribbon-cutting and a video of Sparty getting a medical physical — included student-led tours of classrooms, laboratories, study areas, conference rooms, a student lounge, anatomy labs and more. Speakers included Joel Ferguson, chairperson of the MSU Board of Trustees; Lou Anna K. Simon, president of MSU; John Haapaniemi, chief of staff at DMC; and William D. Strampel, dean of the college. The grand opening of the college's new building at Macomb University Center will be held in early 2010, shortly after its completion. [Photos](#).

More than 600 attend Silverfest events

With a backdrop of glorious fall weather, more than 600 alumni, faculty, staff and friends attended 2009 Silverfest events on Sept. 11-12. Events included the Osteopathic Open golf tournament, reception, continuing medical education program, tailgate and the MSU vs. Central Michigan University football game. In 2010, Silverfest is scheduled for Sept. 24-25.

Students study in Mansoura, Egypt

Eleven osteopathic students and two from the College of Human Medicine traveled to Mansoura, Egypt, for clinical rotations and didactic seminars at Mansoura University Specialty Hospital. The program was organized by the Institute of International Health and led by Reza Nassiri.

Faculty members recognized

Four faculty members were noted for their contributions to the college during the faculty fall assembly Sept. 24. The awards, given by the College Advisory Council, [highlight faculty with a record of excellence](#) and strong commitment to mentoring students. They included Paul Quinlan, Clinical Faculty Excellence Award; Lawrence Prokop, Clinical Faculty Excellence Award; Bhavini Bhavsar, Outstanding Curriculum Contributions Award; and Laura McCabe, Research Excellence Award.

College of Human Medicine

Compiled by Geri Kelley

Parkinson's research team comes to MSU

A team of researchers from Michigan State University and the University of Cincinnati have been awarded a \$6.2 million Morris K. Udall Center of Excellence for Parkinson's disease grant.

College announces Early Assurance Program with U.P universities

Officials from Michigan Technological University and Northern Michigan University joined MSU in announcing the Early Assurance Program for admission on the schools' campuses in Houghton and Marquette.

['Your Health' lecture series features expert on Parkinson's disease](#)

Jack Lipton, a Ph.D. and expert in Parkinson's disease, was the first speaker in a new series of MSU lectures sponsored by Northern Michigan University, Marquette General Health System, UPHEC and the College of Human Medicine.

[College of Veterinary Medicine](#)

Compiled by Linda Chadderdon

[Study compares dogs with and without laryngeal paralysis](#)

Laryngeal paralysis is a common condition affecting older, usually large-breed dogs, in which almost all of the intrinsic muscles of the larynx become paralyzed, which creates a potentially life-threatening obstruction to normal breathing. A long-term study conducted by CVM researchers concluded that most geriatric dogs diagnosed with laryngeal paralysis are in fact presenting with chronic, progressive polyneuropathy.

[First PET scan on a pet at MSU](#)

A group of researchers is the first to use the human PET scan facility at MSU for veterinary research. They are investigating the lack of oxygen in the tumors of cats with head and neck squamous cell carcinoma.

[Animal blood donors save lives](#)

Canine and feline volunteer blood donors help MSU's Veterinary Teaching Hospital provide life-saving blood products to critically ill patients. The VTH has one of the largest non-commercial animal blood banks in the country. The program currently has 70 dog volunteers and 9-10 cat volunteers, but they're always looking for more.

College confers research award upon John M. Kruger

John M. Kruger, professor of small-animal clinical sciences and associate chairperson for research in that department, received the 2009 Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence. The college presented the award, sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, at Phi Zeta Research Day on Oct. 2. Kruger is internationally recognized as an expert on lower urinary tract diseases of the dog and cat and is considered by many veterinary internists to be the world's expert on the subject of feline idiopathic lower urinary tract disease.

[College of Nursing](#)

Compiled by Jill Vondrasek

[60 for SIXTY challenge inspires giving](#)

Investors in the promise to nursing excellence at MSU share why they were inspired to give to the college's 60 for SIXTY fundraising effort. Deborah and Anthony Garland stated, "We supported the College of Nursing's 60 for SIXTY Challenge because we both have aging parents and realized that their medical care in the future will be led by their doctors, but the persons who will be delivering their ongoing care will be nurses. I have always believed that nurses are special angels who have chosen to serve humanity."

[Traylor the first to provide \\$10,000 gift](#)

Regina Traylor, the College of Nursing's director of student support services, has always had a passion for nursing both as a nurse leader and faculty member. In her passion for the profession and the educational experience offered at the College of Nursing, Regina and her husband James were the first to commit \$10,000 to the 60 for SIXTY Challenge and paved the way for advancement in innovation of nursing research at MSU.

[MSU nursing school raises \\$14.5 Million for addition to health sciences corridor](#)

The college is nearing its \$14.5 million fundraising goal for a three story, 45,000-square-foot addition. "Additional space is needed to accommodate the existing enrollment growth of the College," says Monique Dozier, director of Development and External Relations for the College of Nursing.

[College partners with Hope College to encourage enrollment in Ph.D. program](#)

MSU's College of Nursing and the Department of Nursing at Hope College have entered into a partnership to advance the education of baccalaureate graduates who are interested in pursuing a research career and entering doctoral study.

[Congratulations to Sue Wehner, recipient of the Nurse Corp Fellowship](#)

Additional congratulations to Karen Burritt, Lori Houghton-Rahrig, Sandra Spoelstra and Melodee VandenBosch for successful completion of their comprehensive examination. Other highlights of the Research Center Update include the Great Lakes Chapter of Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association scholarship opportunity.

[Olin Student Health Center](#)

Compiled by Kathi Braunlich

[Student health center earns gold seal of approval](#)

In October, the Olin Student Health Center earned reaccreditation and the [Joint Commission](#) Gold Seal of Approval. Accreditation is for ambulatory care and clinical laboratory services, and reflects the value Olin staff places on patient safety and quality of care, as well as their focus on state-of-the-art performance improvement strategies. Olin has been continuously accredited by the Joint Commission for more than 20 years.

[Body Image Project coming to MSU Union](#)

The Body Image Project is coming to the MSU Union on Oct. 26-27. An exhibit of body casts provides a form of art to examine body image in our culture as well as in ourselves. Artist Larry Kirkwood will be there to answer questions. The exhibit is brought to MSU courtesy of MSU Union Activities Board, Olin Health Center, and RUBI. For more information, e-mail ronda.bokram@hc.msu.edu

[MSU Social Norms project continues reduce high-risk alcohol use](#)

“Get your ducks in a row” is the latest tagline for the MSU Social Norms Campaign, which is aimed at reducing high-risk alcohol consumption. From the campaign’s baseline year in 2000, there has been an 18 percent decrease in number of students consuming six or more drinks at a time, and a 22 percent reduction in those consuming eight or more drinks per occasion. Academic harm associated with alcohol use has also decreased by 16 percent since 2000, and forced sex and unprotected sex related to alcohol use have decreased by 50 percent and 30 percent respectively. Additionally, students are reporting increased use of protective behaviors such as using a designated driving, pacing drinks, and planning not to exceed a certain limit. For the latest MSU Social Norms campaign messages and updates visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

[Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute](#)

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[Seed grant funding applications being accepted](#)

The Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, with funding from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, are providing funds for seed/pilot research projects conceived and designed by clinicians and translational researchers across the state. All faculty members employed by MSU are eligible to submit applications. Community-based investigators are encouraged to apply in collaboration with MSU employed faculty. Requirements for the online submission of the proposal are explained in the RFA at <http://ctsi.msu.edu/node/95>.

[University Physician’s Office](#)

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[Employee assistance program sessions available](#)

Faculty, staff and graduate student employees are eligible for short-term, solution-focused counseling (one to six sessions) at the campus-based Employee Assistance Program. Sessions are confidential and free of charge. Partners/spouses and dependent children are eligible for these services. For more information, visit eap.msu.edu

[Class focuses on cooking vegetarian meals](#)

A class on how to cook vegetarian meals will be held from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Olin Student Health Center in Room 247. This one-session class is free to faculty, staff, graduate student employees, retirees and the spouses/partners of the members of these groups. Register at health4u@msu.edu or by calling (517) 353-2596. Parking is available in the parking garage adjacent to Olin.

Health and lifestyle assistance available online

Interested in enhancing your health and lifestyle know-how but time-limited? Check out these Health4U Online Services:

- Healthy E-Mail Service: <http://healthyemail.msu.edu>
- Healthwise Knowledgebase access site: <http://healthwise.msu.edu/>
- You Can Quit . . . We Can Help: <http://ucanquit.msu.edu/fsr.htm>
- Recipe for Health E-Service: <http://health4u.msu.edu/services/rfh.html>
- NutritionMatters E-Message: <http://health4u.msu.edu/resources/emessages.html>

For more information regarding any of MSU's health professions colleges or Olin Student Health Center, please visit the following Web sites:

<http://nursing.msu.edu/>
<http://www.com.msu.edu/>
<http://humanmedicine.msu.edu>
www.cvm.msu.edu
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