Campus News

TUC presented a screening of the highly acclaimed documentary film “The Waiting Room” on February 21 at the Empress Theatre in Downtown Vallejo to benefit our Student-Run Free Clinic. The film’s director, Peter Nicks led a post-screening panel who discussed the film which followed a 24 hour period at the inter-city Highland Hospital of Oakland. The panel included members of the Highland emergency room team including TUCOM alum, Davida Flattery DO. More than 300 people attended the event which included Congressman Michael Thompson, Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis and two Board of Supervisors Linda Seifert and John M. Vasquez. Other dignitaries attending were the CEOs and other administrators, board members, and medical staff from North Bay Health Care and Sutter Solano Medical Center who co-sponsored the event.

The 2nd Inter-professional campus wide event of the academic year occurred on April 3rd and focused on “getting beyond projects” to discover ways to integrate IPE into the educational process, linking IPE to the curriculum for all the TUC schools on both the California and Nevada campuses. In keeping with the inter-professional theme the Student Run Medical Clinic continues to offer free medical advice and care to those most at need in our community. This initiative embodies the inter-professional spirit of TUC and its commitment to the community as evidenced by its many community partners including Fighting Back Partnership, La Clinica, Greater Vallejo Recreation District, and Lawrence Hall of Science Inventors Lab among many others.

TUC hosted the Teen Life Conference on-campus which is aimed at local high school students to spread the message that it’s never too late to embrace a healthy lifestyle. The 8th Annual Teen Life Conference allowed teens and families to address relevant health care issues and post high school career options through educational lectures ("Dangers of RX," "Sexually Transmitted Infections," "Exercise," "Sugars and Soda" and "Bullying," among others), health screenings and interactive informational booths and physical fitness activities.
Campus News  continued

This year’s event was the largest ever with more than 360 high school students from De Anza, Jesse Bethel, Mare Island Tech Academy, People’s, St. Vincent-St. Patrick, Vallejo High, and Pinole Valley High. Faculty advisors were Dr. Yasmin Nibbe from the COM’s Primary Care Department and Dr. James Binkerd Associate Dean for Student Services.

For the fourth consecutive year TUCOM-CA was recognized for meeting one of its key missions, to provide quality primary care providers. TUCOM-CA was once again ranked 10th nationally by U.S. News and World Report for having 55.2% of our graduates (from 2010-12) entering primary care residencies.

Student News

Student Doctors Patrick Wu and Jonathan Siu co-authored “A Brief Guide to Osteopathic Medicine, For Students, By Students.” This is a comprehensive 32 page guide designed to help aspiring physicians understand osteopathic medicine and the path to becoming an osteopathic physician. This Guide is endorsed by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) and is available by PDF download free of charge. Can we all say AWESOME!!!! The link to the site: http://www.aacom.org/resources/bookstore/Pages/BriefGuide.aspx

Student Doctor Caitlyn Painter OMS4 and OMM Fellow finished her term as National President of the Student American Academy of Osteopathy by serving as Program Chair for the student program of the AAO Convention.

Student Doctors Simon Sarkisian, Todd Hayano, Clay Wu, Matthew Baluzy, Christabel Moy, Marian August and John Yang initiated a walk the walk competition which tracked the amount of steps taken, as documented by pedometers, by all COM students from classes of 2015 and 2016. The overall objective for the Walk the Walk competition was to increase the awareness of the importance of exercise and a healthy lifestyle at Touro University California. Outcomes are being tracked to provide results on energy levels, focus during the day, self-image and interconnectedness. The event is planned to be repeated the this spring.
A SOMA Pre-Med Student Event was held on February 17\textsuperscript{th}, where COM students, in conjunction with AACOM, hosted a West Coast conference to educate students interested in medical careers about osteopathic medicine. More than 400 undergraduates and post-baccalaureate candidates registered for this full day event. Participants came from A.T. Still University, Midwestern University AZCOM, Campbell University SOM, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine on the Pacific, and Touro University Nevada. Drs. John Glover and Tami Hendriksz mesmerized the audience with presentations which captured the essence of osteopathic medicine. Student Doctors Courtney Stallings, OMS II; Andrea Seid, OMS II; Madeline Nguyen, OMS II; Sara Modlin, OMS I; Elaine Ho, OMS I; Eric Chen, OMS I; John Yang, OMS I, and Donovan Jeffcoat, OMS II, organized the event and demonstrated to a national audience the leadership potential and professional savvy of TUC osteopathic medical students.

The TUCOM-CA Gold Humanism Honor Society is very proud to announce its fourth cohort. Please join us as we congratulate and welcome our new members: Kira Bendixen, Chau Bui, Kevin Ha, Vivian Levy, Thomas Liggett, Anne Lovell, Jennifer Mytar, Tu Anh Nguyen, Maya Pandurangi, Nathan Rheault, Caroline Schepker, Jonathan Siu, Andrew Smythe, Courtenay Stewart, Alisa Takeda, Jennifer Tran, Patrick Wu and Kesha Zaveri.

\textbf{Alumni News}

Dr. Tami Hendrikisz, President of TUCOM-CA Alumni Association and the TUCOM alumni board, initiated a fund raising effort to support an alumni student scholarship.

Jennifer Whitty has been hired as the University Director of Alumni Relations and immediately started to work with the Alumni Class of 2003 to plan their 10 year Reunion for this coming July.

Alumnus Gerard Balthazar, DO, is first author in a JAOA manuscript on OMT on post-surgical ileus.

\textbf{Department Updates}

\textbf{Primary Care}

The Primary Care Department hosted an orientation dinner for Adjunct Clinical Faculty on February 13\textsuperscript{th} at the Farragut Inn. The event was designed to orient and educate community physicians about our program in osteopathic medicine and provide them with information about how to participate as preceptors or instructors.
Department Updates continued

Board certification came to fruition for three faculty members: Stella Sarmiento, DO passed the 2012 General Pediatrics Certifying Examination, Teri Bilhartz, DO was certified as a specialist in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Yasmin Nibbe, MD was certified as a specialist in Integrative and Holistic Medicine by the American Board of Integrative and Holistic Medicine.

Congratulations to Patricia Rehfield DO, MPH on her promotion to Associate Professor.

OMM

Dr. John Glover donated the use of his Counterstrain textbook to the Student American Academy of Osteopathy (SAAO) with proceeds of the sales going to help send TUCOM-CA students to the AAO Convocation.

Basic Sciences

Dr. Greg Gayer has accepted the position of Chair of the Department of Basic Sciences and will replace Dr. Ted Wong who is returning to the faculty. Dr. Gayer joined the COM in 1999 and has been a stalwart in evolving curriculum and we look forward to his vision and leadership to help guide us to our next chapter of academic progress. Dr. Gayer will assume the Chair at the start of the next academic year, July 1, 2013.

Congratulations to Alan Miller, PhD for his promotion to Professor.

Global Health

The 2013 faculty coordinators for the international sites are:

- Dr. Eiman Mahmoud Coordinator for Africa sites
- Dr. Teresita Menini Coordinator for Latin America sites (Bolivia and Mexico)
- Dr. H. Eduardo Velasco Coordinator for the newly proposed Mexico site
- Dr. Athena Lin Coordinator for Taiwan site
- Dr. Tami Hendriksz Clinical coordinator for Bolivia site
- Dr. Patricia Rehfield Clinical coordinator for Israel site
- Dr. Rick Kahn Clinical coordinator for Africa sites
- Dr. Yasmin Nibbe Clinical coordinator for the Africa site
- Dr. Phillip Malouf Clinical coordinator for Taiwan site
Global Health  continued

Dr. Eiman Mahmoud participated in the Global Health Conference in Montreal Canada and is also a member of the Advisory Committee (PAC) for the 2013 Consortium of Universities for the Global Health Conference.

Dr. Rick Kahn will participate in the “Unite for sight at the The Global Health & Innovation Conference (GHIC)”, which is the world’s leading global health conference.

TUC is now a member of the Consortium of Universities in Global Health (CUGH). To be eligible for membership TUC has fulfilled the following criteria which includes North American universities with multi-disciplinary global health programs that:

- Work across the three domains of education, research and service. Have at least 1 substantive, current, long-term relationship with an international partner university in a LMIC country, and span two or more schools or departments/disciplines.

Research Updates

The first quarter of 2013 brought exciting news and activities for our Research Department with the following publications:

Acceptability of Fluzone Intradermal Vaccine to Patients and Vaccine Administrators by James E. Foy, DO; , Tami Hendriksz, DO; , Philip Malouf, MD; , Allison Tobin, OMS III in the JAOA.

The Evolution or Revolution of Statin Therapy in Primary Prevention: Where Do We Go From Here? by Patricia Rehfield DO, Colin Kopes-Kerr MD, Michael Clearfield DO in Current Atherosclerosis Reports.

Circulating soluble RAGE increase after a cerebrovascular event. Clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine by Menini T, MD MS, Ikeda H, MD, PhD , Kimura S, MD, PhD Gugliucci A MD, PhD. in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine.

Enzymatic assessment of paraoxonase 1 activity on HDL subclasses: a practical zymogram method to assess HDL function by Gugliucci A MD, PhD, Caccavello R, Kotani K MD, PhD, Sakane N MD, PhD, Kimura S MD, PhD in Clinica Chimica Acta.
Other research highlights include: Dr. Schwarz attended the prestigious DEUEL lipid conference in Napa, a key event that gathers all the local talent in lipid research. Dr. Menini attended the American Society of Neurology annual meeting in San Diego. Dr. Gugliucci was an invited speaker at Jichi University and Dr. Menini at Showa University in Japan, under a collaboration research program with these institutions. Dr. Clearfield was selected as a member of the steering committee for the NIH funded Cardiovascular Inflammation Reduction Trial (CIRT) which is recruiting over 400 sites nationally and in Canada, of which over twenty will be osteopathic sites, investigating the ability of low dose methotrexate to reduce recurrent cardiovascular events.

**COM News**

Congratulations to Dr. Walter Hartwig who has been selected the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Hartwig previously served as faculty and Chair of the Basic Sciences Department and most recently as the Assistant Dean of Clinical Education. Since joining Touro in 1997 Dr. Hartwig has been a pillar in our institution distinguishing himself in every role he assumed. Our entire institution has been, and will continue to be, buoyed by Dr. Hartwig’s vision, direction and organizational skills in developing the next chapters for our academic programs.

The selection of Dr. Hartwig as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs allows Dr. Gregg Lund to now assume the position of Senior Associate Dean within the COM which then allows Dr. Abraham Pera, the current Senior Associate Dean, to transition back into the Primary Care Department where he will be able to once again focus on his passion to teach. I would be remiss if I didn't again acknowledge Drs. Hartwig, Pera and Lund for all their contributions made to our institution in their respective roles prior to these transitions.

Dr. Greg Lund completed his term as the Program Chair for the annual AAO convention which this year had approximately 1100 attendees.
Upcoming Events

In honor of National Public Health week, TUC is hosting a special screening of the provocative award-winning film, “Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare.” This movie tackles today’s healthcare system and will be followed by a panel discussion following the film. The panel will include health care experts John Troidl, PhD, MBA, Mark Horton, MD, Junhua Yu, PhD, MS and from TUCOM-CA Gregg Lund, DO and Audra Lehman, MD.

On April 24th the University will hold its 12th Annual Research Day. Research Day will have oral presentations by 7 of our major PI groups, an extended poster session and reception at Farragut Inn. The event will be attended by guests from prestigious Bay Area institutions and the full campus community. The featured guest speaker will be Gary Taubes, award-winning science and health journalist and contributing correspondent to the journal Science. Dr. Taubes is also the co-founder of the non-profit Nutrition Science Initiative (NuSI.org). His address will be based on his latest work, “Why We Get Fat: Adiposity 101 and the Alternative Hypothesis of Obesity.”

The COM Class of 2015 Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for May 10th.

The Class of 2013 Commencement will be held at the Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco on Sunday June 2nd.