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Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer,  
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Dear Alumni, Donors, and Friends of Midwestern University,

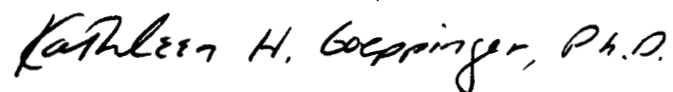
This annual President's Report highlights the wonderful donations we have received from all of you over the past year. You have been very generous in providing scholarships to our students, donating monies to enhance our medical research, and giving to our general fund. For all of your kind donations and generous acts, we sincerely thank you.

The past year is filled with wonderful events and significant milestones. Our President's Report provides a glimpse into our busy year, sharing the special events while also highlighting the importance of our One Health Initiative. We are on an important mission to ensure all of our academic healthcare professions are linked together to understand, respect, and depend on one another in the delivery of healthcare. We are focused on the careful integration of human, animal, and environmental health, and dedicated to providing a roadmap for all healthcare providers through teaching, research, and service at Midwestern University. Within these pages, you will find this President's Report highlights many of these activities.

Midwestern University is dedicated to its mission of academic excellence. We carefully monitor our successes through rigorous internal and external measures, in order to assure that we are meeting all of our goals. While we have many matrices to measure our success, such as students' placements in postgraduate residency programs, pass rates on licensing board exams, and successful career paths, we believe a significant measure is our meeting and exceeding all accreditation board standards. Each year, we welcome many accreditation site team visits. Therefore, we are always preparing program self-studies and annual reports, hosting the accrediting agencies' site teams, and eagerly awaiting the final results. The past year highlighted the importance of accreditation as we prepared for the ten-year Higher Learning Commission review. We had over 145 faculty, staff, and students participate in developing our self-study under the watchful eye of Marian P. O'Brien, M.S., Director of the Office of Accreditation and Support Services. The results of their year-long work produced a most successful outcome. We received official written notice from the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission that we continue with full accreditation until the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation phase occurs in 2027- 2028. This decision represents the maximum number of years an institution can receive from the Higher Learning Commission before heading into another accreditation cycle. I could not be more thankful of the work and dedication of our entire faculty and staff as the external examiners found all of our policies, procedures and works to be in full compliance with all accreditation standards.

This spring, we will graduate many students who are eager to continue their careers as practicing healthcare providers. It is a special year for many students, especially for those in our inaugural class in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Many of these graduates have directly benefited from your kindness and selflessness. Your donations, gifts in kind, support, mentorship, and dedication have produced another very successful class of healthcare professionals that will make all of us proud, just as your gifts and support make me proud of you and Midwestern University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen H. Goepfinger, Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen H. Goepfinger, Ph.D.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer, Midwestern University*



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■ **Midwestern University's Chief Academic Officers are Helping Draw the Road Map for Tomorrow's Healthcare Team**



This year, Midwestern University has reached the end of a 10-year accreditation cycle with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). While applying for reaccreditation gives the Midwestern community the chance to account for how well Midwestern is adhering to quality standards over the past decade, it also provides the University's Chief Academic Officers an opportunity to reflect on what lies ahead.

"We have to ensure that all of our existing programs establish a national reputation for academic excellence," says Mary W.L. Lee, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer of Pharmacy and Optometry Education. "We aspire to be recognized for the fact that our faculty and students are doing great things and that our programs are producing excellent graduates."

Kathleen N. Player, Ed.D., M.S.N., M.B.A., M.S.C.P., Vice President and Chief Academic Officer of Health Sciences Education and Clinic Operations, believes that such excellence has been and continues to be a strength for the University. "We meet or exceed national outcomes when it comes to our students," she says. "From my perspective as a Chief Academic Officer, you cannot get any better. The investment we have made across all of our programs to provide that quality experience and achieve those quality outcomes speaks for itself."

It has been an eventful decade at Midwestern University, to say the least. Five of the University's 11 colleges were founded in that timeframe, and the size of the College of Health Sciences nearly doubled with additional degree programs. Hands-on patient care opportunities for Midwestern University students were greatly magnified by expanded clinical operations on both campuses. Infrastructure investment saw new buildings built, a significant increase in faculty and staff, and the addition of state-of-the-art technology.

One of the biggest changes to the University occurred at the five-year mark of the previous accreditation cycle. The HLC allows educational institutions to adopt a quality initiative in lieu of a mid-cycle site visit. Midwestern elected to introduce the One Health Quality Initiative, which integrates human and animal healthcare into a holistic whole that crosses interprofessional boundaries. The initiative coincided with Midwestern founding the College of Veterinary Medicine on the Glendale Campus and proceeding with plans for the Institute for Healthcare Innovation (IHI), a cross-campus research initiative incorporating One Health principles.

While the changes have been considerable, they have taken place under a carefully managed plan for growth, always with the focus on maintaining quality and effectiveness





and never overreaching or straining the University's resources. Over the past decade, Midwestern has added new programs in clinical psychology, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, dental medicine, optometry, and veterinary medicine, as well as a one-year Master of Arts degree in Biomedical Sciences that serves as a gateway to the University's other healthcare degree programs. In 2015, the University added its first "hybrid" degree program – the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice completion program – which combines in-person instruction with online learning.

In concert with program additions, the University built new clinical facilities on both campuses – the Multispecialty Clinic in Downers Grove, which houses full-service dental and optometry clinics, family medicine, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology; and the Dental, Eye, and Animal Health Institutes in Glendale. Each clinic is outfitted with the latest technology and equipment. The University also invested in expanding the Clinical Skills and Simulation Center resources across both campuses. The combination of simulation and practical patient care in the clinics ensures that Midwestern University graduates are ready to be successful from day one in their practice.

Midwestern is constantly looking for ways to be more innovative with its teaching methods, staying abreast of changes in technology and new techniques. "One of the new things that we are doing in our anatomy labs is using ultrasound machines in tandem with dissection," explains Dennis J. Paulson, Ph.D., Vice President and Chief Academic Officer of Dental, Medical, and Veterinary Education. "The students are able to compare what they see on the ultrasound with what they are actually dissecting, which is helpful because many of these students in non-surgical programs may not see the inside of a body very often in practice. It is taking that clinical technology and applying it to basic science."

The advent of faster broadband Internet and improved teleconferencing technology has allowed some of Midwestern University's programs to connect students and faculty with patients across hundreds of miles. "In our Speech-Language Pathology program, our students do teletherapy," says Dr. Player. "In Arizona for example, they are here in our clinic, working with patients in a school district in Illinois because the districts cannot afford to have a speech-language provider in every school. And our students experience rotations in video fluoroscopy, which helps patients who have difficulty swallowing. Midwestern is one of only two universities in the country that offers speech-language students those hands-on experiences."

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One of the positive outcomes of having so many new programs is that Midwestern is able to explore the benefits of interprofessional collaboration as part of the One Health Initiative. By crossing the boundaries between different specialties and disciplines and sharing resources and expertise, not only do patients benefit, but the entire profession moves forward at a quicker pace. “The current structure of healthcare has a single doctor as the ‘top of the pyramid’ in terms of directing healthcare for patients,” Dr. Lee says. “That structure has resulted in expensive healthcare for patients, but not necessarily an improvement in outcomes. With models like the ‘medical home’ where care is coordinated between various professional disciplines, specialists share patient information and coordinators make sure the patients follow through on care. This way, fewer patients are liable to fall through the cracks.”

Midwestern University, in fact, has affiliated with the Advocate Healthcare System in Illinois, where they have applied the medical home concept to their outpatient clinics. “The Chicago College of Pharmacy (CCP) has assigned faculty to these clinics,” continues Dr. Lee. “The patients are assigned to a particular medical home within that

clinic, and the CCP faculty pharmacists share information with the other professionals in the medical home so that if they can help improve the patient’s response to primary therapy, that information can be adopted.”

With students from various healthcare disciplines essentially studying under one roof at Midwestern, there are many opportunities to train aspiring professionals early to work more closely with people outside their specialties. “We are doing a lot with interdisciplinary programs so that our students can get an idea of what it is like to work with other professions,” says Dr. Player. “We are launching a diabetes program in our Multispecialty Clinic with family medicine, podiatry, pharmacy, and clinical psychology working together to provide support and care. Our Physical Therapy program director has been certified in animal rehabilitation, and now he and his students work in our Companion Animal Clinic to work with post-surgical cats and dogs. That is the advantage of working under the One Health umbrella.”

The One Health Initiative has opened the doors for University researchers to collaborate across multiple disciplines. For instance, a new immunotherapy research effort at the College of Pharmacy-Glendale (CPG) that could produce a cancer-fighting drug for humans



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has invited faculty researchers from the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) to participate, in the hopes that similar cancer drugs for dogs can be created faster thanks to shared research. CPG has also established a Nanomedicine Center of Excellence in Translational Cancer Research (Nano COE-TCR), which has already built relationships between the College of Health Sciences, the Division of Basic Science, the College of Dental Medicine-Arizona, and CVM in an effort to understand and exploit the medical applications of nanomaterials and biological devices to fight cancer.

Midwestern University students are being taught to practice this method of interdisciplinary collaboration from the very start. “Our educational processes are more streamlined than at other institutions,” Dr. Paulson says, “which makes it easier to implement change, have flexibility at all levels, and let our students exchange ideas with other disciplines.”

New initiatives to foster collaboration between programs and the University’s two campuses are also underway to increase resources available to faculty and increase their effectiveness. “We are working to enhance support services for faculty to help them be successful in both teaching and research,” says Dr. Lee. “Along with the IHI, we have

expanded our Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, we have created new strategic initiatives, and we have improved research resources to facilitate scholarly activity. We have new intramural grant programs for both faculty and students in the One Health area. The University recognizes that we are in a very competitive world in higher education, and thus maintaining the national reputation of our colleges is paramount.”

The HLC reaccreditation process, therefore, is essentially reconfirming a philosophy that Midwestern University has embraced since its inception – providing an exceptional health-care education to students who will be at the forefront of tomorrow’s healthcare team. “As I go out to hospitals, looking for rotations and partnerships, I hear it all the time – ‘We love Midwestern students!’” says Dr. Player. “They offer it unsolicited. I love hearing that. I have never heard anything negative about the quality of our students and their preparation.”

“We want the quality of our graduates to be very competitive from day one,” Dr. Paulson says. “We are always planning ahead to make sure that we can go out and get the latest technology and have the resources to invest in new ideas, technology, and concepts. That is our priority – graduating the most competent, well-prepared professionals possible.”



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## A L E G A C Y   O F   S E R V I C E

# Dr. Ryan Gries Continues His Commitment to Public Health and the Underserved

*The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.*

— Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Ryan Gries, Pharm.D. (CPG 2014), first read these words by the noted Nobel laureate and humanitarian as a teenager. Looking back on his youth, Dr. Gries says that he was a product of what he describes as a completely stereotypical middle-class suburban upbringing in Wisconsin.

He discovered Dr. Schweitzer's philosophies after becoming involved in a high school leadership organization that took him out of his comfortable suburban surroundings and deposited him in inner-city Milwaukee. "That was the first time I actually saw what I would deem as an underserved or less-fortunate population," he remembers. "They were people who had different struggles than what I was accustomed to with my sheltered upbringing. It really resonated with me."

Fast-forward a few years. Dr. Gries, following family tradition, enlisted in the United States Army and eventually served multiple service tours in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 1st and 75th Ranger Battalions. What he saw on deployment was on a completely different level from inner-city Milwaukee. "The average person there has nothing," he says. "People were living in mud huts without any climate control or electricity in deserts that had Arizona-level heat."

By the time he returned to the United States and matriculated into the College of Pharmacy-Glendale at Midwestern University, Dr. Gries had come to believe it was his duty to help the less fortunate. "I did not realize beforehand how lucky I was to have been born into such fortunate circumstances," he says. "To have the education and upbringing that I did, while there are people in our country who are struggling for food, for housing, or even for the love and compassion a close-knit family can provide – it has really compelled me to want to do more."





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**—Ryan Gries, Pharm.D. (CPG 2014)**



At Midwestern, he found the perfect environment for his humanitarian impulses. From the start, he noticed and took advantage of the many opportunities to participate in service and outreach. "I got involved with student organizations, particularly the Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity. With a team, you can do more than any individual. We planned and participated in events that took us all over the Valley – the St. Mary's Food Bank, Feed My Starving Children, the Peoria Neighborhood Revitalization Project. Part of the dynamic at CPG was that we are involved because this is our family, and look at all of the things we can do."

One initiative in particular – the Health Outreach through Medical Education (H.O.M.E.) program – resonated deeply with Dr. Gries. Providing healthcare services and education to the homeless reminded him that, fundamentally, everyone deserves the same care and attention. "I could see myself in where they were," he says. "I was not any better or worse than they were – we were all part of the same human experience. It is hard to learn that lesson on the didactic side, but when you see it first-hand it becomes very easy."

Dr. Gries now works at Maricopa Integrated Health System, providing care for the underserved population of Maricopa County and acting as a preceptor for CPG students. The same drive to serve that earned him a Spirit of Service Scholarship in his second year at CPG spurs him on today. "There is a paradoxical effect that the more you give, the more you get back," he says. "I wish more professionals understood that concept. If we do not do service and take the approach that we are all human, then how can we relate to our patients? Why would they care about what we have to say?"

One of the lessons he tries to impart, both as a preceptor and as the inaugural CPG Alumni Council President, is that service opportunities do not require a 20-hour-per-week commitment. "I understand that people are busy with lives and mortgages and families and careers," says Dr. Gries. "But service can be serving on one committee or one board or with one non-profit, even for just a couple of hours a month. Find one or two things you are passionate about, and then do them. The impact of that service far outweighs the commitment. If we raise the number of people involved in service by even a small percentage, we can provide an enormous level of good back to the community."





## A L E G A C Y O F G I V I N G

Midwestern University thankfully recognizes the generosity of all those who elect to support the University financially. While the reasons for giving back to the University are manifold and can take different forms, many donors cite the ability to directly help future generations of healthcare professionals as one of their key motivators.

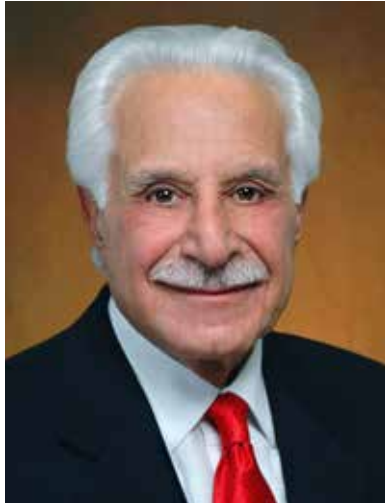
Several longstanding supporters of Midwestern University, who devoted their lives to benefiting students and to finding ways to financially support the University's mission, recently passed away. All were members of the University's prestigious giving societies and made Midwestern University a priority in their charitable giving. While they are no longer with us, their gifts and service to Midwestern University will continue to aid countless students.

- George Caleel, D.O., CCOM 1955
- John H. Finley, Jr. D.O., CCOM 1953
- Robert E. Kappler, D.O., CCOM 1958
- Paul Steingard, D.O.
- Henry Witte, D.O., CCOM 1953

*Midwestern University is eternally grateful for the contributions these distinguished physicians made to the University and our students. They will always be remembered as compassionate leaders who found ways to give back to the future healthcare professionals through their generosity, talent, and skills. Each of them demonstrated a level of commitment to University that placed them among our most generous donors and earned them a place in our lifetime giving societies. Their legacy will long live on through the generations of students they have helped.*

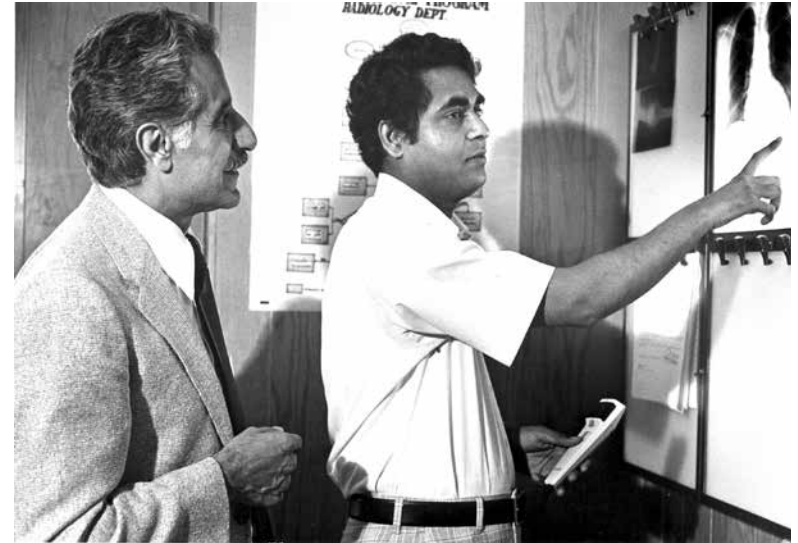
## GENEROSITY LEAVES LASTING LEGACY

■ George Caleel, D.O., CCOM 1955



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— Dr. Caleel



## Inspiring Future Generations

As a teacher, mentor, and leader, George Caleel, D.O. (CCOM 1955), spent nearly 60 years advocating for the osteopathic profession and inspiring future generations of physicians. He was instrumental in securing full practice rights for D.O.s in Illinois and was a well-respected mentor who will be remembered for his skill as a physician, thoughtful leadership, and consistent professionalism.

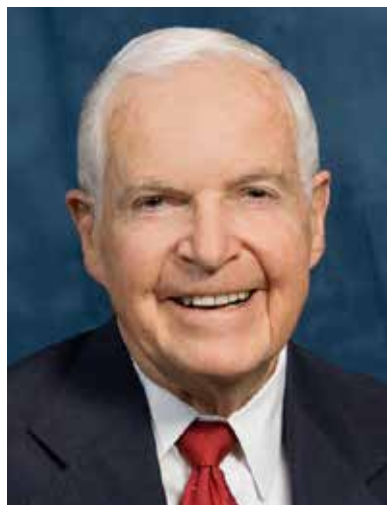
Dr. Caleel participated in the University's many decades of growth, often financially supporting building campaigns, campus improvements, and helping the University update its technology. He also presented the University with a series of rare medical books and made several unrestricted donations. "I've been giving over a long period of time. I feel I owe it to the school because everything I've accomplished in my career is a result of my education. I feel like I should give something back," Dr. Caleel said in an interview in 2011.

As a reflection of his desire to help students, he established the Rebecca and George Caleel Student Scholarship which is awarded to married students attending the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. "For me, it's more than just the giving, it's showing support and gratitude for receiving my education," Dr. Caleel once said.

In addition to serving as Vice President of medical affairs for the former Hyde Park and Louise Burg Hospitals, clinical dean at CCOM, Vice President of Clinical Education at Midwestern and chairman of the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board, Dr. Caleel was a member of many professional societies. During the 1960s and 1970s, he was a consultant in Washington, D.C., for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Division of Physician Manpower, and the National Institutes of Health.

As a physician, Dr. Caleel began specializing in internal medicine and then joined the emerging field of nuclear medicine. He was honored many times throughout his career, ultimately receiving the Great Pioneers in Osteopathic Medicine Award from the American Osteopathic Association. In addition, he was active in his community serving on several boards and as a long-term trustee of the Village of Oak Brook. Generous with his time, talents, and knowledge, Dr. Caleel was a true role model for the many physicians and students he encountered during his lifetime.

■ John H. Finley, Jr. D.O., CCOM 1953



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— Dr. Finley



## Championing the University

John H. Finley, Jr. D.O. (CCOM 1953), had many interests during his lifetime, but two of his most fervent passions were the Detroit Red Wings and Northwestern University. Dr. Finley served as the team physician for the Detroit Red Wings from 1957 until 2003 and published the book *Hockeytown Doc: A Half-Century of Red Wings Stories from How to Yzerman* about his experience as a team doctor and avid fan. His historic career spoke volumes about the power and potential of osteopathic medicine to treat sports injuries.

“The osteopathic medical profession, likely due to its emphasis on musculoskeletal problems, has been deeply interested in the care of athletes,” Dr. Finley wrote in his book. “The medical people involved in athletic care would get together, sharing our talents, experiences ... accepting the challenges gladly, doing our best to meet the athlete’s needs expertly and efficiently, and recognizing their special time commitment by always being available.”

That willingness to do what was necessary to help others was a trait Dr. Finley carried with him as a member of the Northwestern University Board of Trustees. Throughout

his 27 years of service on the Board, he helped guide the University through a period of tremendous growth including the creation of the Glendale Campus and the development of new academic programs. In addition to his service to Northwestern University, Dr. Finley enjoyed a distinguished career in medicine as a surgeon and educator. He was the former president of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) and received the Distinguished Osteopathic Surgeon Award and the Orel F. Martin Medal from ACOS for his outstanding contributions to the osteopathic profession.

During his historic medical career, Dr. Finley supported the University with annual unrestricted gifts as well as several donations to improve student learning. He was a part of three generations of Finleys to graduate from the University, preceded by his father John H. Finley, D.O. (CCOM 1916), and followed by his son J. Michael Finley, D.O. (CCOM 1986). Dr. Finley summed up his views on his career in an article from the 2003 *Northwestern University Magazine* by saying, “it’s a great privilege to be an osteopathic physician, to carry on the heritage and traditions of our profession.”



## GENEROSITY LEAVES LASTING LEGACY

■ Robert E. Kappler, D.O., CCOM 1958



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## Defending Osteopathic Principles

Robert E. Kappler, D.O. (CCOM 1958), devoted 55 years to mentoring the next generation of osteopathic physicians as a professor and the Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University. A recognized expert in osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM), Dr. Kappler authored several research articles, contributed to numerous medical textbooks, and advocated for the importance of OMM in the osteopathic medicine curriculum throughout his lifetime.

Dr. Kappler created the OMM Fellowship program in the 1960s to further both the scholarship and research of manipulative medicine. He was determined to establish a program that would provide a new generation of physicians with the skills necessary to teach OMM to students at CCOM and other medical schools. His steadfast support of OMM and his dedication to teaching inspired many CCOM graduates.

He supported the University's efforts to provide student scholarships, faculty research, library resources, and technology innovations. In addition to supporting the University with consistent, generous donations throughout his career, Dr. Kappler's advocacy and skill also motivated several others to make donations in his name.



One of his many achievements include the creation of the Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles (ECOP), a group that continues to meet to discuss ideas pertaining to the teaching of osteopathic principles and practices. Dr. Kappler's dedication to the profession earned him an appointment to the first class of Great Pioneers in Osteopathic Medicine selected by the American Osteopathic Association. He also received the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor, the highest award presented by the American Academic of Osteopathy (AAO), and received the Fellow of the AAO Distinguished Service Award.

During his illustrious career, several professional athletes, dignitaries, and entertainers sought out Dr. Kappler for treatment, including the 1985 Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears. Known for his gentle manner and his willingness to generously share his knowledge and skill, he inspired generations of physicians and made a lasting impact on the profession. "My entire professional career has been that of an osteopathic physician and educator who has worked to advance the profession, the school, and the knowledge and skill of graduates," Dr. Kappler said in a 2014 *Midwestern University Magazine* story.

■ Paul Steingard, D.O.



In a letter to Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Midwestern University, following the Board meeting in 2000: *"I think we really came together as a Board of what is, or soon will be, a major university and a force for education in the Southwest and Chicago areas."*

— Dr. Steingard



## Collaborating on the University's Vision

Although not a graduate of Midwestern University, Paul Steingard, D.O., was one of the University's most loyal and devoted advocates. He joined the University's Board of Trustees in 1997 and could be relied upon for his caring attention to detail, his ability to put others at ease, and his determination to help the University achieve its goals.

Dr. Steingard took his responsibilities as a Board member seriously and believed that through collaboration with the University Administration, Midwestern University was in good hands to grow and prosper. In a letter to Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Midwestern University following the Board meeting in 2000, Dr. Steingard wrote, "I think we really came together as a Board of what is, or soon will be, a major university and a force for education in the Southwest and Chicago areas."

Dr. Steingard gave generously to Midwestern University throughout his lifetime, providing the University with the support it needed to prosper and serve students. As a longtime Arizona resident, Dr. Steingard particularly enjoyed seeing the growth

of the Glendale Campus and donated to several student scholarship funds and campus improvements, and volunteered to conduct interviews for potential Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine students.

A strong advocate for the osteopathic profession, Dr. Steingard was highly regarded for his skills as a physician and served as the Phoenix Suns' first team physician, as well as team physician for the Phoenix Roadrunners hockey team, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix College, and for the country of Kenya in the 1984 Olympics.

An avid sports fan, Dr. Steingard brought that same enthusiasm and dedication to his service on the University's Board of Trustees. He managed to synthesize his passion for sports medicine, community service, and the need to provide opportunities for Midwestern students. He created the annual TOPS (Team of Physicians for Students) program to provide comprehensive physicals, which included osteopathic exams, oral screenings, and electrocardiograms, as well as educational counseling on asthma, nutrition, smoking, and other health topics for high school and community college athletes. Nearly 300 Midwestern University students volunteer for this annual event that screens thousands of young athletes.

## GENEROSITY LEAVES LASTING LEGACY

■ Henry Witte, D.O., CCOM 1953



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— Dr. Witte



## Preserving Our History

Henry Witte, D.O. (CCOM 1953), strongly supported Midwestern University and early in his career recognized the importance of safeguarding the history and traditions of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM).

Dr. Witte recognized the need to preserve CCOM's history and supported the campaign to create an archive to store information about the Hyde Park campus and hospital. He also donated valuable books on the history of osteopathic medicine to the Ward Perrin Medical History Collection and made several donations of books, articles, and photos to the CCOM archives.

Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Witte made several gifts to the University and often earmarked specific donations to support the continued practice and teaching of osteopathic manipulative medicine.

Dr. Witte enjoyed a long and prosperous career, retiring from practice in 1984. He was a professor at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) for more than 40 years and served as an alumni representative on the Board of Trustees in 1991

and 1992. He also was a member of the Board of Governors of the CCOM Alumni Association. He was active in the Alumni Association and received numerous awards for his commitment and dedication to the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Witte practiced as an anesthesiologist at the Chicago Osteopathic Hospital in Hyde Park and the Olympia Fields Osteopathic Medical Center until he retired in 1984. "In my own mind, it's difficult to conceive of going into a specialty that you don't really love. I never hate going in (to work) in the morning. I look forward to the day," Dr. Witte said in an interview in 1977.

During his years at CCOM, Dr. Witte served on a wide variety of College and Hospital committees, and was one of the four founding members of the Chicago Society. He also mentored students and fellow faculty members during his career at the College. In 1984, he was named Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology and continued to share his passion for his specialty and his dedication to osteopathic medicine.



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## MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY *Tomorrow's Healthcare Team*

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## CCOM Alum Provides Care in Puerto Rico After Hurricane Maria

Dealing with torrential rains, stifling humidity, no running water, and a constant stream of patients requiring emergency care were just some of the challenges Jonathan A. Goldner, D.O. (CCOM 1983) faced during his first deployment as a medical officer for the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).

Dr. Goldner was part of a team of trained medical personnel who spent 17 days in Puerto Rico, just two weeks after Hurricane Maria devastated the island and rendered much of the U.S. territory without electricity and basic supplies.

“We were deployed to Humacao, which is where the hurricane made landfall,” Dr. Goldner explains. “We were at a hospital that had more than half its roof blown off, was totally flooded and mostly unusable. The only part of the hospital still functioning, with the help of a generator, was the Emergency Room. That was the only dry place in the hospital. The team before us had set up a field hospital of just five tents in a parking lot. We saw patients in that field hospital, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

The NDMS team that Dr. Goldner is a part of is a group of volunteer physicians, registered nurses, paramedics, and other medical and support professionals who are activated by the

President of the United States in response to a disaster. All personnel must be ready to be deployed within hours of receiving activation orders. The NDMS teams are organized by location and are “on call” for deployment every two to three months.

To help address the intense needs in Puerto Rico, Dr. Goldner’s team was split into two units with the other half of his team deployed to provide medical care at a Veteran Affairs Clinic on the island.

At the Humacao field hospital, Dr. Goldner was one of two physicians treating a steady stream of patients with various healthcare concerns including lacerations, abrasions, chronic diseases, and gastronomic issues.

“After the first week, we lost our water supply. It was difficult. You had nowhere to wash your hands, so we used hand sanitizer on everything. It was some of the hardest living I’ve ever experienced. I slept in a tent on a military cot with my sleeping bag and either froze, because there was some air conditioning inside the tent, or boiled outside where it was 90 degrees with 100% humidity,” Dr. Goldner recalls.



He volunteered for the night shift and treated a wider age-range of patients and health concerns than he typically sees as part of his Internal Medical Practice at the Lehigh Valley Hospital – Pocono in Pennsylvania. “It was a good thing I had a rotating internship because I did suturing, which I haven’t done in 30 years, and I also saw pediatric patients, which I haven’t done in a long, long time. I’m an internist and I see mostly adults at home. We dealt with heart attacks and strokes. I intubated two people. It was very busy,” he says. “But no matter what I was going through, the people we treated were going through much worse. They were worried about where their next meal was coming from, where they were going to live, and if they could still

we were about to time out. You are beat up by the end and ready to come home,” Dr. Goldner says. “It is a three-day process to get demobilized. I came home on a Tuesday evening and then I was back to work on Wednesday morning. I had to get back. My work was good about my taking leave, but I’ve never taken two weeks off in my life.”

In fact, it was a fellow physician at the Lehigh Valley Hospital who first informed Dr. Goldner about volunteering to be a medical officer for NDMS. After applying online, participating in an interview process, and clearing a thorough background check, Dr. Goldner was accepted into the program and sent for extensive training at military sites in the United States.



**Jonathan A. Goldner, D.O. provides medical care**



**for Hurricane Maria survivors.**

earn a living. Despite all that, they were very pleasant people, and I can’t say enough about their resilience.”

Although he speaks a limited amount of Spanish, Dr. Goldner was grateful to work with a night nurse who could speak Spanish well. In addition, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) agents deployed to provide protection to the volunteer staff often were residents of Puerto Rico and were happy to interpret as needed. Security, provided by the ATF or other law enforcement agencies, is standard procedure for all NDMS deployments.

“We saw 20 to 30 patients each night. They needed healthcare and there was nowhere else to go. The pharmacies were closed. The electricity was out. The doctors’ offices were closed. By the third week, people were running out of their medicines. If they had already had a prescription they couldn’t fill it or if they needed a new script they had no way of getting it,” he says. “Our site had a pharmacy and we were able to supply them with medicine to keep them going. We would start to run low on certain medications, but we would get resupplied from San Juan.”

After more than two weeks on the island, the news that he was going to be relieved of duty came quickly. “They can only deploy you domestically for two weeks so we knew

In addition to the training provided by the NDMS, Dr. Goldner also had experience with international medicine as a long-term volunteer with DOCARE, a nonprofit medical outreach program that brings healthcare to people in remote areas including Haiti, Guatemala, Peru, India, Malawi, and Nicaragua. “For the past 11 years, I’ve been going with the same group from CCOM to Guatemala for a week to work at the clinic and provide medical care. My wife, who is a nurse, and my two daughters have also gone numerous years. They are going this year as well even though they are both still in medical school,” he says. “I believe it was experiences like the ones in Guatemala that first got them interested in medicine.”

Dr. Goldner’s NDMS team will be eligible for deployment once again this spring. The experience in Puerto Rico, while taxing, also served to solidify his desire to continue putting his talents to use to benefit those less fortunate. “I’m no hero. I thought being an NDMS medical officer would be interesting to do and I enjoy helping people. That’s the one real reason I do it because you see people in such need,” Dr. Goldner says. “These are people who just need everything and have nothing. They have a life-threatening illness and you get to be part of helping them.”



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Tuition and Fees .....	365,352 .....	335,716 .....	319,224 .....
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Educational Affiliations .....	10,734 .....	10,307 .....	10,075 .....
Campus-Based Revenue .....	5,415 .....	5,934 .....	6,310 .....
Contributions .....	1,923 .....	2,961 .....	1,790 .....
Investment Income .....	18,627 .....	(987) .....	3,662 .....
Clinic Revenue .....	22,973 .....	18,549 .....	15,768 .....
Other .....	4,558 .....	1,625 .....	1,711 .....
<b>Total Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$414,569 .....</b>	<b>\$380,293 .....</b>	<b>\$361,440 .....</b>

## Other Financial Indicators

(in thousands)			
Cash and Investments .....	532,043 .....	444,064 .....	389,012 .....
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# JANUARY



- The Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine holds Annual Clinical Regional Rotation Showcase to orient first- and second-year students about third- and fourth-year rotation opportunities.



- Downers Grove students organize the Taste of Midwest event featuring ethnic food.



- College of Dental Medicine–Illinois students welcome elementary school children and their families to campus for the annual Snow Day event.



- Students and faculty members from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine usher in the new year with an annual Winter Formal gala.

# FEBRUARY



- Midwestern University names Barbara J. Ralston and Rear Admiral Ronald D. Tucker, USN (Ret.), as members of the Board of Trustees.



- The Glendale Campus hosts the annual Arizona Regional Brain Bee neuroscience competition for local high school students.



- Representatives from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine visit the Illinois Statehouse to advocate for the osteopathic profession.



- Downers Grove faculty, staff, and students enjoy the Cultural Awareness Fair.



- Chicago College of Pharmacy student members of the Polish American Pharmacists Association promote health by offering free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings to patrons of Rich's Fresh Market in River Grove, Illinois.





- Dental medicine students from the Downers Grove Campus team up with the DuPage County Health Department Dental Clinic to provide dental care for over 150 children through the national Give Kids A Smile program.



- Osteopathic medicine students welcome William G. Anderson, D.O., the first African-American member of the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association, to the Downers Grove Campus to learn more about his impact on the profession and the civil rights movement.



- The Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine holds its annual Bridging Ceremony for second-year students, who receive scrubs and the book *Being Mortal* prior to going out on clinical rotations.



- The Glendale Campus welcomes nearly a thousand Arizona high school educators and students as part of the annual Health Sciences Career Day.



- Midwestern University faculty and students from multiple programs travel to Guatemala as part of the DOCARE International outreach to provide healthcare and supplies to communities in need.



# MARCH



- Hundreds of high school students experience hands-on learning opportunities led by Midwestern faculty and students during the Health Sciences Career Day in Downers Grove.



- The 2017 Chippin' In for Students Golf Classic, which raises funds for Midwestern University scholarships, is held in Glendale.



- The Glendale Campus hosts the 18th Annual Cuts for Kids program, benefiting children with medical hair loss and the March of Dimes.



- Elementary school children hunt for eggs, play games, and enjoy snacks at the annual Easter Fest on the Downers Grove Campus.



- Students and faculty "go bald" in an effort to raise awareness and funds to battle childhood cancer as part of a St. Baldrick's event in Downers Grove.



- The Gold Humanism Honor Society inducts Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine students who will model, support, and advocate for compassionate, patient-centered care throughout their careers.



- Downers Grove students organize a Cultural Night featuring singing, dancing, instrumental pieces, faculty and student fashion shows, and a traditional Indian dinner.



# APRIL



- The American Osteopathic Association president-elect, Mark Baker, D.O., visits the Downers Grove Campus to share information about the growth of the osteopathic profession and present the Golden Femur/Chapter of the Year Award to CCOM's Student Osteopathic Medical Association chapter.



- The College of Health Sciences' Student Government Association and the Office of Student Services host "A Night Around the World," an event celebrating culture and diversity by providing food samples and informative background facts about the various countries and cultures represented on the Glendale Campus.



- Hispanic Student Dental Association members from the College of Dental Medicine-Illinois share information about dentistry as a career choice and discuss the importance of oral health with elementary school children and their family members at the Burnham School's Career Fair in Cicero, Illinois.



- The Arizona College of Optometry provides continuing education opportunities at the annual Residents' Day.





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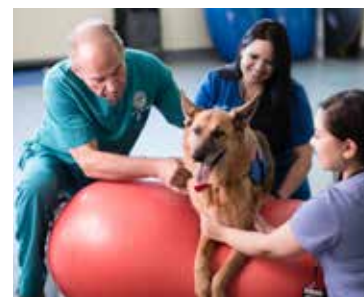
## MAY



- Students from the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine visit Washington, D.C., to meet with Congressional officers to advocate for their profession.



- Students from the College of Pharmacy-Glendale visit the Arizona State Capitol to meet local government leaders and advocate for their profession during Pharmacy Day at the Capitol.



- The College of Health Sciences Biomedical Sciences Program in Glendale hosted the third annual One Health Zoonotic Diseases Table Top exercise with the Arizona Department of Health Services, featuring faculty from CHS, the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine.



- College of Dental Medicine-Arizona faculty and students travel to Tonga to provide dental care for the community and instruction and resources for local practitioners.



- Prospective students and families visit both campuses to learn more about academic programs offered at Midwestern University.



- The annual Wheelchair Basketball tournament, coordinated by occupational therapy students in Downers Grove, supports the Windy City Warriors wheelchair basketball team.



- Nearly 300 research posters were on display on both campuses as part of the annual Kenneth A. Suarez Research Day featuring student research conducted with faculty mentors.



- A Bridging Ceremony celebrates the end of the didactic years and the beginning of the clinical years for Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine students.



- “Groovin’ in the Grove” 5K Run and Fun Walk kicks off in Downers Grove with more than 200 runners.



- The annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner honors service, promotion, tenure, and outstanding contributions to the Downers Grove Campus.



- The Arizona College of Optometry students provide free eye exams and vision corrections at the Arizona Special Olympics.



- Midwestern University holds multiple graduation ceremonies in Downers Grove, IL and Glendale, AZ:
- The Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine graduates 200 students. The Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine graduates 223 students.
- The College of Health Sciences celebrates the commencement of 190 students in Downers Grove and 221 students from Glendale from the Physical Therapy Program, Biomedical Sciences Program, Cardiovascular Perfusion Program, and the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine.
- 199 students from the Chicago College of Pharmacy and 149 students from the College of Pharmacy–Glendale graduate.
- The Arizona College of Optometry graduates 42 students.
- The College of Dental Medicine-Illinois celebrates the graduation of 125 students and the College of Dental Medicine–Arizona graduates 141 students.





# JUNE



- The College of Dental Medicine–Illinois marks the end of didactic years with a Bridging Ceremony.



- The Arizona College of Optometry holds a Pinning Ceremony, commemorating third-year students transitioning to patient care at the Midwestern University Eye Institute.



- Midwestern University begins welcoming future healthcare professionals to its campuses for orientation.



- Pharmacy students on the Glendale Campus learn about residency opportunities at the annual Residency Showcase.



- More than 100 golfers participate in the Golf Classic in Downers Grove to support student scholarships.



- The Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine opens its doors to community leaders who are members of the Dean's Advisory Committee to provide them with an up-close view of the academic rigors students experience on the Downers Grove Campus.



- The Glendale Campus hosts the American Diabetes Association's Step Out Walk/Run 5K to help raise funds for diabetes education, research, and advocacy.



- The Speech-Language Institute of the Midwestern University Multispecialty Clinic in Downers Grove hosts Let's Talk, an intensive therapy camp for young children with severe speech impairment.



# JULY



- The Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine, the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine's Department of Anatomy, in concert with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Canine Search and Rescue team, host a Bone Lab to train Arizona search and rescue personnel.



- Members of the Student Occupational Therapy Association from the Downers Grove Campus march in the Chicago Disability Pride Parade in support of those with disabilities.



- Arizona high school students attend the eight-day Health Careers Institute for High School Students on the Glendale Campus, which features workshops in anatomy and medical terminology and introductions to more than 20 healthcare professions.



- The Careers in Pharmacy Program in Downers Grove provides opportunities to high school students interested in pursuing pharmacy careers.



- The College of Dental Medicine-Illinois students, under the guidance of licensed dentists, provide 142 dental services to veterans as part of the annual DuPage County Veterans Stand Down.



- The Admissions Offices on both campuses host summer tours for prospective students.





# AUGUST



- The College of Health Sciences on both campuses celebrates graduation ceremonies for students in the Physician Assistant, Occupational Therapy, Nurse Anesthesia, and Clinical Psychology programs.



- The Human Resources Department organizes a "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" on the Downers Grove Campus for employees.



- 204 new Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine students show care for the community with a day of service.



- The Midwestern University Eye Institutes in Downers Grove and Glendale provide complimentary eclipse safety glasses to the community and contribute to public education about how to prepare for the eclipse, the effects of solar retinopathy, and how people who may have exposed their eyes to sun damage could adapt afterward.



- The Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine's incoming Class of 2021 visits the Phoenix Art Museum for an orientation event to emphasize the importance of observation skills.



- The Downers Grove Campus welcomes the inaugural class of 66 students to the Chicago College of Optometry (CCO).



- The Chicago College of Pharmacy faculty and staff donate school supplies to children in the Chicagoland area.

# SEPTEMBER



- More than 800 first-year students participate in the annual White Coat Ceremony in Illinois.



- The Chicago College of Pharmacy alumni share their career experiences with current students on the Downers Grove Campus.



- The College of Veterinary Medicine hosts its first annual Open House at the Animal Health Institute in Glendale, offering interactive displays and demonstrations and tours of clinical facilities.



- The College of Veterinary Medicine students take the Veterinary Educational Assessment (VEA) exam for the first time.





# OCTOBER



- Families visit campus to learn more about the educational experiences students have as part of the Chicago College of Pharmacy.



- First-year osteopathic medicine students on both campuses receive stethoscopes from the Jason Madachy foundation.



- The annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner for the Glendale Campus honors outstanding contributions, promotion, and tenure.



- Student Services on the Downers Grove Campus hosts a U.S. Constitution Day Celebration during which members of the campus community could vote for their favorite Constitutional amendment, enjoy free snacks, and purchase donuts to raise money for hurricane relief.



- The Glendale Campus hosts the annual Bright Lights, Shining Stars gala to honor community leaders and University students for their service and leadership and raise funds for student scholarships.



- Members of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists chapter on the Downers Grove Campus receive the annual proclamation from Mayor Martin Tully announcing October as American Pharmacists Month in the Village of Downers Grove.



- More than 900 first-year students receive their white coats as part of the annual White Coat Ceremony in Arizona.



- The Midwestern University Equine and Bovine Center is recognized with an Award of Merit by Engineering News-Record magazine.





- Downers Grove Speech-Language Pathology students show support and provide sponsorship for the Annual Walk for Children with Apraxia.



- The Speech-Language Institute in Downers Grove offers a stroke and aphasia awareness event.



- The Midwestern University Hispanic Healthcare Association and College of Health Sciences-Downers Grove Pediatric Medicine Club collect donations for those affected by hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.



- The College of Dental Medicine-Arizona's Super Sealant Saturday provides dental education, sealants, and other dental services to underserved children in the Glendale community.



- Mini-Medical School is opened to community members interested in learning about current healthcare topics on the Downers Grove Campus.



- Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in their third year of study return to the Downers Grove Campus for a residency ready day.



- Elementary school children visit both campuses for Halloween activities.





# NOVEMBER



- Midwestern University appoints Jeffrey Jensen, D.P.M., FAFAS, as Program Director for the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine.



- College of Dental Medicine-Arizona faculty and students travel to Tonga to provide dental care for the community and instruction and resources for local practitioners.



- The Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine welcomes Adrienne White-Faines, M.P.A., FACHE, Chief Executive Officer of the American Osteopathic Association, as a guest speaker to first- and second-year students.



- Midwestern University holds faculty and staff Thanksgiving breakfasts on both campuses.



- The Ward E. Perrin, D.O. Clinical Refresher Course and Alumni Reunion Weekend provides an opportunity for graduates of both campuses to learn and reconnect.



- The annual Clinical Updates in Infectious Diseases Continuing Education Conference presented by the Chicago College of Pharmacy draws nearly 60 attendees to the Downers Grove Campus.



- Students, faculty, and staff from the College of Dental Medicine-Illinois provide no-cost, critically needed dental services and 55 military veterans at the Dental Institute as part of the "Illinois Dentists Salute" initiative.



- Prospective students and families visit both campuses to learn more about academic programs offered at Midwestern University.



# DECEMBER



- Children from local families enjoy breakfast with Santa on the Downers Grove Campus.



- Students on both campuses conduct clothing and toy drives to benefit needy families during the holiday season.



- Faculty and staff members enjoy annual holiday lunches on both campuses.



- Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine students host the "Student Interventions in Health Inequities" conference on the Downers Grove Campus.



- The Glendale Campus hosts the annual "Santa's Journey" concert featuring the Arizona Winds Concert Band.





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