



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Class of 2020 graduates, family, friends, and guests,

Welcome to Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health's 2020 graduation ceremony. Today's graduates earned their degrees through endless hours of challenging study, critical assessment, and a variety of clinic experiences.

On behalf of the University's Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff, congratulations to each and every graduate on successfully achieving this life-changing milestone. While we celebrate your accomplishments through a virtual commencement this year, there is

nothing virtual about the pride and admiration A.T. Still University, your families, and friends have for you. Eight months ago, no one heard of COVID-19, now it is almost all we hear about. Graduates, thank you for your perseverance, understanding, and compassion during the past six months. It would have been easy to give up, blame others, and complain. Instead, you made history. You rose above the distractions, supported others, volunteered, and completed the remainder of your educational requirements. Our communities, nation, and world thank you and humbly welcome your positive perspective, knowledge, and skills.


Founded in 1892 by Andrew Taylor Still, DO, as the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri, ATSU has grown to become a leading comprehensive health professions university with an additional residential campus in Mesa, Arizona. Dr. Still's influence on healthcare and health professions education continues nationally and internationally.

Dr. Still sought to instill in students an appreciation for the autonomic nervous system's influence on disease prevention and healing. Dr. Still believed our best chance for health and wellness required restoring the body's structure and function using medications and surgery only when absolutely needed. Today, this seems essential and intuitive; however, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, his beliefs were met with disbelief and skepticism. Thankfully, Dr. Still's philosophy continues as a foundational premise for all ATSU graduates to build upon throughout their careers.

Today, you will hear from leaders in health delivery and education, including Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health Dean Robert M. Trombly, DDS, JD; ATSU Senior Vice President–Academic Affairs Norman Gevitz, PhD; and Gary M. Wiltz, MD, chair of ATSU's Board of Trustees and CEO of Teche Action Clinic in southwest Louisiana. ATSU is grateful for their contributions.

Once again, congratulations graduates, and thank you, family members, friends, and guests, for your support.

Yours in service,


Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84
Resident

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Congratulations, graduating class of 2020!

As we entered 2020, we were finalizing plans for Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health's 14th commencement ceremony and associated graduation celebrations, when seemingly overnight the world changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With each passing day, our time was unexpectedly consumed with transitions to virtual classrooms, social distancing, alternative assessments, strategies to flatten the curve, self-quarantine, adequate supplies of PPE, and the safety of patients, students, staff, and faculty. With each passing day, members of the class of 2020 faced uncertainty regarding the completion of their education, licensure, jobs, residencies, and most importantly, the health of their loved ones. With each passing day, our timelines changed from days to weeks to months, and with it the realization that our typical ASDOH commencement exercise would no longer be typical. For all our ASDOH family, this realization was initially met with understandable sadness, disappointment, frustration, anger, and a sense of loss. With each passing day, we also understood it was ultimately a sacrifice we needed to make for the health of our communities and ourselves.

As I write this over one month before today's "virtual" ASDOH commencement ceremony, it is difficult to envision where we will be as a dental school, a health sciences university, a local or a global community as we respond to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. What isn't difficult for me to envision is the focus of today's commencement—a "virtual" gathering of our ASDOH family, with the friends and family of the ASDOH class of 2020, celebrating each graduate's accomplishments. I can envision the warmth, joy, and love being shared by all. I can envision how the enthusiasm, passion, compassion, and dedication demonstrated by each graduate over these past four years will benefit their patients, their communities, and their families. I can envision the lifelong connection between each of our graduates and ASDOH. Remember that ASDOH is not a building or a campus or an individual, but ASDOH embodies every person who has been touched by this incredible program, whether as a student, resident, staff, faculty, or member of the communities we serve. It's a lifelong connection to those who came before you and those who will follow you, and a shared commitment to our unique mission. I can envision that each of us will remember this unique day and time, and that each of us will know we shared it "virtually" with those we love most. Thank you for being the heart of our profession.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Trombly". The signature is stylized and fluid, written over a white background.

Robert M. Trombly, DDS, JD
Dean, Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health

A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY'S MISSION

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences serves as a learning-centered university dedicated to preparing highly competent professionals through innovative academic programs with a commitment to continue its osteopathic heritage and focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity, and underserved populations.

A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY

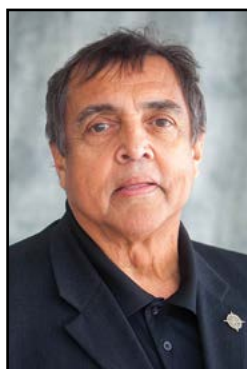
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, established by Andrew Taylor Still, DO, in 1892, began as the founding college of osteopathic medicine. ATSU has grown from a single-discipline school on one campus in Kirksville, Missouri, to a multidiscipline health sciences university with six schools offering 23 health profession degrees on campuses in Kirksville, Missouri; Mesa, Arizona; and online.

ATSU instills within students the compassion, experience, and knowledge required to address the whole person and shape healthcare in communities where needs are greatest. Inspired to influence whole person healthcare, ATSU graduates improve individual and community health while leading with a selfless passion.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Gary M. Wiltz, MD



Gary M. Wiltz, MD, chair of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences' Board of Trustees, is CEO of Teche Action Clinic, a network of 13 federally qualified community health centers (FQHCs) in southwest Louisiana. He was appointed CEO in May 2003 after serving as medical director since his arrival at Teche Action Clinic in 1982, as part of an obligated service to the National Health Service Corps (NHSC).

A native of New Orleans, Dr. Wiltz received his medical education at Tulane University School of Medicine and became a board-certified internist. He started his career at Teche Action Clinic, initially intending to fulfill his three-year obligation to NHSC and then return to his hometown to complete a nephrology fellowship at Tulane. However, his three-year NHSC commitment turned into a lifetime of service to people in the city of Franklin and state of Louisiana.

When Dr. Wiltz arrived at Teche Action Clinic, he inherited a clinic in a tenuous position. It had been without a doctor for six months and was at risk of being defunded and closed. Unless Teche Action Clinic turned its operations around, the seasonal migrant sugar cane workers, which the clinic was funded to take care of, would be forced to seek care 50-100 miles away. Dr. Wiltz realized this clinic and serving the underserved was his divine calling. Over the next 34 years, he helped to build what has been acknowledged as one of the nation's premiere FQHCs. Teche Action Clinic has proudly grown from a staff of eight and an operating budget of \$100,000 to employing 200 people with an operating budget of \$20 million. Currently, the clinic serves more than 25,000 patients at 13 sites with one mobile unit.

In addition to his role at Teche Action Clinic, Dr. Wiltz serves as an assistant clinical professor of internal medicine at Tulane and Louisiana State University Schools of Medicine. He joined ATSU's Board of Trustees in 2013 and was appointed board chair in 2018. Dr. Wiltz is past chair of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), which represents more than 9,000 clinics serving 28 million people nationwide. He has served as chair of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) of Louisiana and president of the Southwest AHEC; chair of the Louisiana Primary Care Association; and board member and chair of the National Advisory Council for NHSC. He also served on Health Care Transition Teams of former Louisiana Govs. Mike Foster and Kathleen Blanco and served as co-chair of the Health Care Transition Team of Gov. John Bel Edwards.

Among his many honors, Dr. Wiltz received NACHC's 2018 John Gilbert Award, which recognizes people who have demonstrated a high level of excellence in the community healthcare field; was named Medical Director of the Year 1994-95 by the Louisiana Primary Care Association; and was selected as one of 10 national recipients of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's prestigious Community Health Leadership Award in 1996.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The President's Medallion Distinguished Service Award recognizes a community member for outstanding service and support to A.T. Still University of Health Sciences. Bestowed solely at the discretion of the University president, this award is ATSU's only overarching award and is given to individuals who have positively impacted programs, students, faculty, and staff.

The President's Medallion serves as a sign of vested authority in the University's president. Its origin dates to the medallions worn by bishops and abbots as an official insignia of their defense of truth and dogma. Today's American universities are derived from monastic and cathedral schools of Europe. The medallion design features the University seal with the perimeter of the medallion displaying the University's name and date of its founding, 1892. The center shows a replica of the statue of Dr. A.T. Still, founder of the first osteopathic medical school.

2020 President's Medallion Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Bonnie Bowles

*For outstanding service to healthcare, the osteopathic profession, A.T. Still University,
and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine*

Bonnie Bowles served the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS) for 28 years. Originally joining MAOPS as a meeting planner, she was promoted to associate executive director before becoming executive director. After her retirement, she served three additional years as director of MAOPS' government relations.

Throughout her career with MAOPS, Bowles was committed to osteopathic medicine's legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts. Bowles spent much of her time educating politicians and the public about osteopathic medicine. She traveled to colleges and residency programs across the state to provide information to students and residents about their professional association and advocacy efforts provided on their behalf. She initiated the DOc-A-Day program, where students and physicians visit the Capitol to educate legislators on healthcare issues and advocate for the osteopathic profession. Her efforts led to Missouri becoming the first state to pass legislation to require hospitals and other institutions to recognize osteopathic physicians' degree and licensure.

During her years as executive director of MAOPS, she served as president of the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors and was the longest-serving board member of Missouri Patient Care Review Foundation. Her dedication to MAOPS earned her the organization's Distinguished Service Award in 2011.

Past Recipients

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| 2019 | Thomas Curtin, MD
National Association of Community Health Centers |
| 2018 | Irvin Silverstein, DDS, MEd |

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39” by Sir Edward Elgar
Greeting	Norman Gevitz, PhD Senior Vice President—Academic Affairs A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
Commencement Blessing	George Blue Spruce, DDS, MPH Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor
"God Bless America"	Mai-Ly Duong, DMD, MPH, MEd, '12 Associate Professor
Dean's Welcome and Presentation of Commencement Speaker	Robert M. Trombly, DDS, JD Dean and Professor
Board of Trustees Welcome and Commencement Address	Gary M. Wiltz, MD Chair, Board of Trustees A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
Presentation of Candidates for Degree Master of Public Health	Robert M. Trombly, DDS, JD
Conferring of Degree	Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84 President A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
Presentation of Candidates for Degree Doctor of Dental Medicine	Robert M. Trombly, DDS, JD
Conferring of Degree	Craig M. Phelps, DO
Oath to the Profession <i>See page 14</i>	Robert M. Trombly, DDS, JD
President's Closing Remarks	Craig M. Phelps, DO
Recessional	“Summon the Heroes” by John Williams

Student participation in the commencement ceremony does not necessarily indicate completion of a degree program. The student must meet all University requirements before a degree is conferred.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health is the field devoted to preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through organized community efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, communities, and individuals. The master of public health degree is a professional master's degree awarded for studies in areas related to public health focusing on improving health through identification, prevention, and solutions to community health needs.

Candidates for Master of Public Health

Justine Torres Angeles-Pasalo Michael David Rosen

Zola Bayarsaikhan Leila Shahbazi

Emily Elizabeth Bujnoski Jennifer Nicole Stone

Usman Chaudhry Huong Thi Tran

Shima Ghattan Chloe See-Lai Tsang

Armita Azar Hezarkhani Ramsha Habib Ullah

Jasmine Nur Lakhani Lillian Yuntong Wang

Rachel Malterud Sammie Jo Yineman

Jaiden Paige Mercer

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Dental medicine involves the art and science of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions, diseases, and disorders of the oral cavity, the maxillofacial, and associated regions. Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health educates compassionate community-minded oral health providers to lead the profession.

Candidates for Doctor of Dental Medicine

Comprehensive Care Unit 1

Ibraheem Arif	Michelle P. Nguyen
John Michael Facciolo	Akram Abdo Saad
Jarred Michael Hanley	Chandani Shukla
Marc L. Johnson	Ava Sinaei
Hanna S. Kingsley	Jennifer Nicole Stone
Cara Hitomi Lawler	Farshad Taghizadeh
Curtis Hien Le	Huong Thi Tran
Rachael Lauren Maddox	Casey Jordyn Valimaki
Lena Masri	Kimball D. Washburn

Comprehensive Care Unit Directors

Dale Steiner, DMD
Assistant Professor

Lindsay Springer, DMD, MPH, MAS, '12
Assistant Professor

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Candidates for Doctor of Dental Medicine

Comprehensive Care Unit 2

Arik Amin

Jocelyn L. Couch

Chris Michael French

Shima Ghattan

Armita Azar Hezarkhani

Joe Jagers

MinJae Kim

Jasmine Nur Lakhani

Aries Lu

Michelle Ly

Trent Duane Madsen

Jaiden Paige Mercer

Hyrum Kenneth Mitchell

Bianca Rae Ramirez

Mackenzie Ann Schneider

Sarah Taipei

Jad Tawil

Calli Ilise Willett

Comprehensive Care Unit Directors

Janine Dumont, DDS

Associate Professor

Ferdinand Ruocco, DDS

Assistant Professor

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Candidates for Doctor of Dental Medicine

Comprehensive Care Unit 3

Ayesha Ibrahim Ahmad

Justine Torres Angeles-Pasalo

Quyên Do Bach

Zola Bayarsaikhan

Kaveh Behbahani

Alex Behnam

Donald Berquist

Jaskaran Singh Bhogal

Ninella Boguspour

Alice Jinkyung Choi

Michelle S. Heal

Omar Karaboulad

Becky Irene McArthur

Ashley Raye Roth-Garcia

Jack Ziyang Sun

Chloe See-Lai Tsang

Anthony Yen

Sammie Jo Yineman

Comprehensive Care Unit Directors

Roy Hoxha, DDS
Assistant Professor

Zinaida Kaleinikova, DMD, MS
Assistant Professor

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Candidates for Doctor of Dental Medicine

Comprehensive Care Unit 4

Maysa Bhat

Chadwick Brady

An Duy Bui

Emily Elizabeth Bujnoski

Usman Chaudhry

Thangchanthida Nicole Chhea

Chisohlm Ibezim Chukwu

Ramez Baher Fahmy

Eric Lee Grant

Alexandria Nicole Guillen

Michael Kalamchi

Brianne Elizabeth Kaufman

Joseph Lotfi

Rachel Malterud

Michelle T. Nguyen

Michael David Rosen

Leila Shahbazi

Ramsha Habib Ullah

Lillian Yuntong Wang

Comprehensive Care Unit Directors

Brian Dolberg, DDS
Assistant Professor

Hanann Tomeh, DDS
Assistant Professor

MILITARY GRADUATES

Air Force

Hyrum Kenneth Mitchell

Ashley Raye Roth-Garcia

OATH TO THE PROFESSION

I pledge to faithfully fulfill my obligations as a member of the dental profession.

My responsibility is to promote the health of the community and the persons I serve.

The health of my patients will be my first commitment.

My practice depends upon the trust of my patients.

I will not violate that trust. I will do no harm.

I will honor my peers. I will respect the diversity they bring to the profession and commit to our mutual success.

I will honor my patients' dignity. I will be their zealous advocate, sensitive to their feelings, needs, and thoughts.

I will not discriminate against any person in my decisions and care.

I recognize the limits of my competence.

I will seek knowledge and inspiration from my colleagues whenever my patients' needs require,

I will strive to improve my knowledge and skills.

I am responsible for contributing to the improvement of the community.

I will strive to prevent disease and to correct adverse social conditions.

I will serve as both a teacher and role model for my patients, my successors, and the public.

I am responsible for upholding my profession's integrity. I will strive to counsel those deficient in character or competence and expose those who engage in fraud or deception.

I will use my professional knowledge according to the laws of humanity.

With this oath, I willingly assume these responsibilities.

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MARSHALS AND HOODERS

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Robert M. Trombly, DDS, JD
Dean and Professor

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Scott Howell, DMD, MPH, '14
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Doctor of Dental Medicine Candidates

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Doctor of Dental Medicine Candidates

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HISTORY OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

- 2019 George Blue Spruce, DDS, MPH
Assistant Dean for American Indian Affairs and Assistant Professor
Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
- 2018 Eugene Jasper, DDS
Co-director of Endodontics and Assistant Professor
Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
- William Leibow, DDS, MSD
Co-director of Endodontics and Assistant Professor
Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
- 2017 Rick Rader, MD, FAAIDD
Director, Morton J. Kent Habilitation Center at the Orange Grove Center
- 2016 Stephen E. Thorne IV, MHA, BA
President and CEO, Pacific Dental Services
- 2015 Jeffrey A. Parker, MPA
CEO, DentaQuest Healthcare Delivery
- 2014 Harold C. Slavkin, DDS
Professor of Dentistry, Division of Biomedical Sciences and
Center for Craniofacial Molecular Biology
Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry, Los Angeles, California
- 2013 Claude Earl Fox, MD, MPH
Professor Emeritus, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health
University of Miami, Miami, Florida
- 2012 Ronald F. Pollack, Esq.
Executive Director, Families USA
- 2011 Stanley M. Bergman, CPA
Chair of the Board and CEO, Henry Schein Inc.
- 2011 Christopher G. Halliday, DDS, MPH
Chief of Staff to the U.S. Surgeon General
- 2010 Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, MA, MBA
Director of the Department of Public Health and Health Officer
Los Angeles County, California

- 2009 Raman Bedi, DDS, DSc, FDSRCS, FGDP, FPHM
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origins of academic regalia date back to the start of higher education in the 12th century. Today, master's- and doctorate-level graduates are presented with hoods during the commencement ceremony. The hood serves as the most symbolic part of the academic regalia representing the graduate's level of degree, field of discipline, and institution. The master's hood is 3 feet, 6 inches long and has a 3-inch-wide velvet trim. The doctorate hood is longer at 4 feet in length and has a 5-inch-wide velvet trim. The color of the velvet trim declares the major field of learning. Colors lining the hood are visible from the back and identify the university granting the degree.

ATSU hood lining Light blue

Doctorate Hood trim

Athletic Training Kelly green
Audiology Spruce green
Dental Medicine Lilac
Education Light blue
Health Administration Peacock blue
Health Education Light blue
Health Sciences Sage green
Medical Science Kelly green
Occupational Therapy Kelly green
Osteopathic Medicine Kelly green
Physical Therapy Teal

Master's Hood trim

Athletic Training Kelly green
Biomedical Sciences Gold
Health Administration Peacock blue
Kinesiology Science gold
Occupational Therapy Kelly green
Orthodontics Lilac
Physician Assistant Kelly green
Public Health Salmon pink

*“In conclusion, I want to say that I
extend my love to all persons who
by word or act have encouraged the
unfolding of the science of osteopathy
. . . . I thank you one and all from
the inner depths of my soul and
I wish each of you Godspeed.”*

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