



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Welcome to Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine'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 Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine Dean Margaret Wilson, DO, '82; 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 to the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine graduating class of 2020!

You have worked so long and hard to reach this incredible milestone. It is a great day for celebration and reflection. A day to embrace the fruits of your labor, recognizing the tremendous sacrifices made to achieve this success. This is a day to reflect on all of the challenges, opportunities, and accomplishments each of you met along the way.

There have been challenges in these days of uncertainty. Your class has had to experience much disquiet, concern, and inconsistency over the last several months. You have managed to rise to the occasion and stay focused on your future, with the promise of better days to come.

Take some time today to remember what first sparked your passion for this profession, and carry it forward with you on your journey. Remember to be grateful to those who supported you over the past several years. Thank your friends, family, colleagues, teachers, and all of those who helped you along the course. Give thanks to your patients who allowed you to share in their experiences as you gained knowledge and skill on your path to becoming an osteopathic physician. Express gratitude to those who came before you in the profession and preserved the heritage from which we all benefit.

Celebrate the day, the future, and all that you have to offer those you will serve.

Congratulations, and best wishes!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Wilson DO". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Margaret Wilson, DO, '82
Dean, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Professor, Family Medicine, Preventive Medicine & Community 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

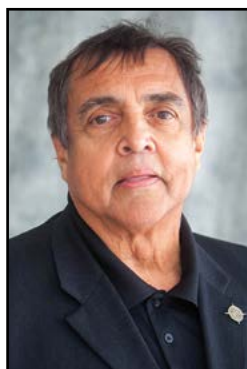
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, established by Andrew Taylor Still, DO, in 1892, began as the founding college of osteopathic medicine. ATSU has grown from a single-discipline school on one campus in Kirksville, Missouri, to a multidiscipline health sciences university with six schools offering 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 Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
"God Bless America"	Mai-Ly Duong, DMD, MPH, MEd, '12 Associate Professor Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
Dean's Welcome and Presentation of Commencement Speaker	Margaret Wilson, DO, '82 Dean, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine Professor, Family Medicine, Preventive Medicine, & Community Health
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 Science in Biomedical Sciences	Margaret Wilson, DO
Conferring of Degree	Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84 President A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
Presentation of Candidate for Degree Master of Public Health	Margaret Wilson, DO
Conferring of Degree	Craig M. Phelps, DO
Presentation of Candidates for Degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	Margaret Wilson, DO
Conferring of Degree	Craig M. Phelps, DO
Oath of the Profession <i>See page 20</i>	Margaret Wilson, DO

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President's Closing Craig M. Phelps, DO
Remarks

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 SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Candidates for Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences

John Ehlen

Kadi Fauble

Aliya Grindstaff

Ankeeta Heier

William Howell

Lucas Knoche

Radheya Naik

Amanda Steiner

Andrew Wright

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Candidate for Master of Public Health

Gabriella Primera

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

184th Graduating Class

Graduate's specialty and residency program listed after name.
Students marked with an asterisk are members of Sigma Sigma Phi National Osteopathic Fraternity.

Candidates for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Deseray Aguirre*

*Family Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Erik Anderson

*Internal Medicine
SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University
Brooklyn, New York*

Ethan Anderson

*Internal Medicine
University of Arkansas Northwest
Fayetteville, Arkansas*

Zachary Anderson*

*Internal Medicine
Freeman Health System
Joplin, Missouri*

Crestin Andrews

*Psychiatry
University of Missouri Hospitals & Clinics
Columbia, Missouri*

Collin Andrus

*Family Medicine
AnMed Health
Anderson, South Carolina*

John Armstrong

*Internal Medicine
St. Bernards Medical Center
Jonesboro, Arkansas*

Alexander Aslesen

*Radiology
University of Minnesota Medical School
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Justin Avigliano

*Family Medicine
Rapid City Regional Hospital
Rapid City, South Dakota*

Sofiya Azim*

*Internal Medicine
Freeman Health System
Joplin, Missouri*

Timbre Backen*

*General Surgery
HealthONE Swedish Medical Center
Englewood, Colorado*

Kyle Baum*

*Pediatrics
University of South Dakota Sanford SOM
Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

Adam Benckendorf

*Anesthesiology
Saint Louis University SOM
Saint Louis, Missouri*

Allison Bird*

*Family Medicine
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, Nebraska*

Christopher Bone

*Psychiatry
John Peter Smith Hospital
Fort Worth, Texas*

Kyle Branson

*Internal Medicine
St. Luke's Hospital
Saint Louis, Missouri*

Hannah Braungardt

*Family Medicine
University of Missouri Hospitals & Clinics
Columbia, Missouri*

Phillip Bray

*Psychiatry
Tripler Army Medical Center
Honolulu, Hawaii*

Christopher Brenner

Anesthesiology
Saint Louis University SOM
Saint Louis, Missouri

Ryan Brooks

Family Medicine
Franciscan Health
Olympia Fields, Illinois

Andrea Brown*

Family Medicine
Saint Louis University Southwest Illinois
O'Fallon, Illinois

Hunter Buchanan

Residency information not available

Joshua Buell

Internal Medicine
St. Bernards Medical Center
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Nicholas Burke

Emergency Medicine
Detroit Medical Center
Detroit, Michigan

Zachary Burr

Dermatology
Beaumont Health
Commerce Township, Michigan

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Internal Medicine
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Pediatrics
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Sara Christianson*

Family Medicine
CoxHealth
Springfield, Missouri

Emma Clardy

Residency information not available

Jessica Marie Clark*

Anesthesiology
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, Tennessee

Jessica Nicole Clark

Traditional Rotating Internship
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland

Madeline Cohn

Pediatrics
Saint Louis University SOM
Saint Louis, Missouri

Michael Cole

Emergency Medicine
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Clinton Township, Michigan

Elizabeth Connor*

Internal Medicine
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Saint Louis, Missouri

Tyler Coolman

Dermatology
Case Western Reserve University
University Hospitals
Cleveland, Ohio

Benjamin Cottrell

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Orlando, Florida

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Columbia, Missouri

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Baltimore, Maryland

Justin Crane

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Sinai Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

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Baylor Scott & White Medical Center
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Chelsea Crouch

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Katelyn Deveraux

Residency information not available

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O'Fallon, Illinois

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Obstetrics & Gynecology
Baystate Medical Center
Springfield, Massachusetts

Emily Gudenkauf

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Davenport, Iowa

Spencer Gunnell
Neurology
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center
Temple, Texas

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General Surgery
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San Antonio Military Medical Center
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Clinton Harper
General Surgery
David Grant USAF Medical Center
Fairfield, California

Hunter Hays
General Surgery
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Anesthesiology
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John Hirsch
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Madigan Army Medical Center
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Family Medicine
HCA Healthcare
Kansas City, Missouri

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Capital Region Medical Center
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Abrazo Health Network
Phoenix, Arizona

Alexandra Jones
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CoxHealth
Springfield, Missouri

Christopher Joyce
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Columbia, Missouri

Kaleb Kenneaster
Family Medicine
Summa Health
Akron, Ohio

Alyssa Kennedy
Family Medicine
Mayo Clinic
La Crosse, Wisconsin

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Internal Medicine
Franciscan Health
Olympia Fields, Illinois

Sylvia Kihara
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Residency information not available

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Andrew Wright
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Dayton, Ohio

In memory of Caleb Marting
November 20, 1989–April 17, 2019

MILITARY GRADUATES

Phillip Bray
Army

Jessica N. Clark
Navy

Jason Halley
Army

Clinton Harper
Air Force

Hunter Hays
Air Force

Alex Holt
Army

Barry Masin
Navy

Jason Ross
Air Force

Tiffany Russell
Air Force

Steven Stoffel
Army

Taylor Travers
Air Force

PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

The following students matriculated with the class of 2020 and were selected to complete a one-year fellowship.
They are scheduled to graduate in 2021.

Spencer Batten
Medical Education

Daniel Brannen
Anatomy

Michael Brown
OMM

Nathan Clark
Medical Education

Maurice Dale
Medical Education

Jordan Hatch
OMM

Andrew Helman
Anatomy

Michelle Hintz
Anatomy

Paige Johnson
Anatomy

Catharine Kral
Medical Education

Kyle Oney
Anatomy

Robert Ring
OMM

OATH TO THE PROFESSION

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter. I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation, and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

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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

CEREMONIAL STAFF

The presence of the staff is a sign of historical significance. Carried at the head of a ceremonial procession, the staff is symbolic of acquired authority. For instance, in ancient Roman times, a cluster of axes was carried before an emperor, general, or person of high status. The staff is topped by a caduceus, a single snake climbing a tree, atop an ornamental brass turning. The caduceus dates back to Greek mythology and the staff of Asclepius, god of healing and health. In the Iliad, Homer called him the "peerless physician." He was the father of Panacea and Hygea, from which come the words panacea (cure-all) and hygiene (cleanliness). The University's staff is 63 inches long and made of walnut native to the Kirksville area.

*“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.”*

A.T. STILL, DO, 1910

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