Greetings! I hope each of you found time to relax over the summer months and are looking forward to a fantastic fall! Several of you have asked for updates on the search for a new dean. I am not a member of the search committee, but I did have the opportunity to interview the six candidates who were brought in for initial interviews. Three of the candidates were invited to return for a second interview. The second round of interviews is underway and should be completed in October. I am not certain when the new dean will be in place, but I expect to be in the interim role for several more months. Many of you have also asked me if I applied for the position. I have enjoyed serving in this role and gave it serious consideration, but in the end, I decided not to apply as I feel I still have much to accomplish in the Department of Psychiatry and look forward to returning my full attention there.

EDUCATION NEWS

Crimson Apple Awards

The Crimson Apple Award recognizes teaching excellence among interns, residents, full-time and volunteer faculty. Nominations from students were solicited at the end of their clinical clerkships.

Winners for the 2013-2014 academic year included:

**Interns:**
- Nasser Alamiri, M.D., Surgery
- Kristen Mosier, M.D., Ob/Gyn
- Fariz Remtulla, M.D., Family Medicine

**Residents:**
- Scott Adams, D.O., Psychiatry
- Thomas Horn, Jr., D.O., Psychiatry
- Amanda Miles, M.D., Ob/Gyn
- Chris Sudduth, M.D., Med/Peds
- Emily Williams, M.D., Emergency Medicine

**Faculty:**
- John Cattaneo, M.D., Neurology
- Johanna Kielbasa, M.D., Pediatrics
- Ed Mulkey, D.O., Family Medicine
- Sarah-Anne Schumann, M.D., Family Medicine
- Guido Sclabas, M.D., Surgery

**Volunteer Faculty:**
- Christina Kendrick, M.D., Dermatology
- Patrick J. Ross, M.D., Surgery
- Edwin Yeary II, M.D., Surgery
White Coat Ceremonies
On August 21, our first year medical students participated in the OU College of Medicine’s White Coat Ceremony at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. I had the honor of giving the keynote address and surprised the audience as I donned my own medical student white coat from over 20 years ago! I emphasized the white coat as a symbol of compassionate care. On August 22, our Tulsa physician assistant students participated in a special white coat ceremony in front of family and friends. Dr. Janelle Whitt spoke to the class at that event.

Groundbreaking Ceremony
On September 16, President Boren and President Clancy joined me in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Tandy Education Center. The center will house a new simulation center for hands on medical education and will also serve as new education space for our first and second year medical students who will be on campus with us next August. Much planning and preparation has already taken place and more will continue as construction begins soon and continues over the next several months. Kim Johnson has done an outstanding job in her role as project manager of this undertaking. Below is an artist’s rendering of the building; the door will face south.

OU PHYSICIANS
Patient Safety and Risk Management Week
More than 90 physicians and staff participated in the OU Physicians Patient Safety and Risk Management Week. Erica Bernal, Vicki Jones and Nicole Marks won gift cards from Dave & Buster’s. A big thank you to all participants for their dedication to safe patient care!
Clinical Skills Fair
The first Clinical Skills Fair was held for OU Physicians’ clinical staff with help from the Tandy Education Center’s staff, formerly known as the Simulation Center at OU-Tulsa, and standardized patients. More than 80 participants reviewed and brushed up on their clinical skills. Special thanks to Renee Engleking, Jennifer Fought, John Gaudet and many others for organizing and carrying out this event.

Community Engagement
OU Physicians participated in numerous community events over the summer. Family Medicine’s Community Health staff attended more than 20 back to school events for Union Public Schools. Our Med/Peds residents provided blood pressure and diabetic screenings at Gilcrease Elementary’s health fair. With help from the Family Medicine Student Interest Group and several family medicine and internal medicine residents, OU Physicians has been providing monthly health screenings at the Cherry Street Farmers’ Market. Also, internal medicine resident Dr. Jennifer LaCoss provided blood pressure checks at the Grand Opening of the new Harvard Avenue Christian Church.

FACULTY NEWS
Michael Weisz, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of the Tandy Education Center, was honored in Orlando, Florida with the award of Mastership by the American College of Physicians (ACP). This award is bestowed upon a small group of highly accomplished physicians who are selected based on personal character, attainments in science or the art of medicine, and eminence in practice or medical research. Dr. Weisz is a long-standing member of the faculty in the School of Community Medicine. He previously served as the Internal Medicine Residency Program Director and has received multiple teaching awards, including the Aesculapian Award and the Stanton L. Young Master Teacher Award. Dr. Weisz is an expert in the diagnosis and management of patients with complex primary headaches.

NEW FACULTY
Sara Coffey, D.O., joins the Department of Psychiatry as Assistant Professor in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Dr. Coffey, an Oklahoma native, received her Osteopathic Medicine degree from Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa. She completed her adult psychiatry residency at University of Chicago Medical Center in Chicago and her child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship with the Cambridge Health Alliance at Harvard Medical School. She was a recipient of an American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Education Outreach Program Resident Award and was awarded the Helen Beiser Award from the Illinois Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.
Ericka Domalaks, M.D., was appointed Clinical Instructor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology after completing her residency in OB-Gyn at the OU School of Community Medicine last June. Dr. Domalaks received her medical degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. She is a member of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Kristy Griffith, M.D., a Tulsa native, has joined OU Physicians as Medical Director of the Psychiatry Clinic and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame prior to completing medical school at the OU School of Community Medicine. She completed her intern year at the Harvard Longwood Psychiatry program then returned to Tulsa to complete her residency in psychiatry at the OU School of Community Medicine in 2003. Dr. Griffith has since practiced in the Tulsa community and brings a wealth of experience in outpatient and inpatient psychiatry, as well as in programs of assertive community treatment. Dr. Griffith is accepting new patients at this time.

Ama Karikari, M.D., was appointed Clinical Instructor in the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Karikari completed her medical training at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and her residency in pediatrics at the Arkansas Children’s Hospital, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. She participated in the Chairman’s Scholar Program for distinguished residents while at UAMS. As a resident, she served on the Children’s Hospital Medication Safety Committee and was lead resident for morbidity and mortality conferences. Dr. Karikari will serve as a pediatric hospitalist with our inpatient team at Saint Francis Children’s Hospital.

Rafael Malgor, M.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor of Vascular Surgery in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Malgor comes from the Division of Vascular Surgery at Stony Brook University Medicine Center, Stony Brook, New York, where he completed his residency in vascular surgery. Dr. Malgor completed his doctor of medicine at Faculdade de Medicina in Brazil. He was awarded the Servier Travel Fellowship for his research in 2014. He is a member of the American Venous Forum and Society of Vascular Surgery.

Christoph Schieche, M.D., joins the Department of Emergency Medicine as a Clinical Instructor. Board certified in both internal medicine and emergency medicine, Dr. Schieche has more than 25 years of experience in the medical field as a nurse, medic and physician. Dr. Schieche completed medical school at Humboldt University in Berlin. He finished his residency in internal medicine then emergency medicine at the OU School of Community Medicine. Prior to joining our faculty, he served as an emergency physician at the Bristow Medical Center in Bristow, Oklahoma.
Erik Vanderlip, M.D., M.P.H., has been named the George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair in Psychiatry and Assistant Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Medical Informatics. Dr. Vanderlip is a 2007 graduate of the OU School of Community Medicine. He completed the combined Family Medicine – Psychiatry residency at the University of Iowa prior to completing a fellowship in health services research at the University of Washington where he also received a Master of Public Health. Dr. Vanderlip is board-certified in both family medicine and psychiatry and specializes in chronic care of medically and psychiatrically complex individuals. He completed his undergraduate training at Rice University and is a Jenks High School graduate. He is happy to be back home and contributing to the Tulsa community.

Bryan Van Doren, M.D., joins OU Physicians and the Department of Internal Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Van Doren completed medical school at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City prior to completing his residency in internal medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. Dr. Van Doren practiced medicine for a number of years prior to accepting the inaugural position in the OU School of Community Medicine’s Addiction Medicine fellowship program, which he recently completed.

Kanistha Verma, M.D., a graduate of Institute of Medicine at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal, is joining the Department of Internal Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Verma completed her residency in internal medicine and completed a fellowship in sleep medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Nashville. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and is a member of the American College of Physicians.

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A warm welcome goes out to all our new faculty and employees! And best wishes to all of you for a wonderful fall!

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