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Dr. Joshua Tuck and Dr. John Weippert Receive National Outstanding Resident of the Year Awards

Two of only four osteopathic physicians in the nation chosen as Outstanding Residents of the Year by the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF), are members of the resident staff at Millcreek Community Hospital (MCH). Joshua A. Tuck, D.O. is a fourth year orthopedic surgery, chief resident at MCH; John Weippert, D.O., is a gastroenterology fellow at MCH. Drs. Tuck and Weippert received their awards during a special ceremony at Epcot World Showcase in Orlando on October 29, 2011 prior to the start of OMED 2011, the American Osteopathic Association Annual Conference. Dr. Tuck received his D.O. degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and is a graduate of Notre Dame College. He completed an internship at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and served as the medical officer for the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron Eight in Brunswick, Maine. Dr. Tuck also served four years of active duty in the Navy, including a six-month deployment to the Middle East, and was selected to the NASA Shuttle Medical Support Team as the flight surgeon for a 2007 Endeavour shuttle mission. He has received numerous awards, including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Dr. Weippert received his medical degree from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine and his undergraduate degree from the University of Toledo. He completed an Internal Medicine Residency at St. Joseph Health Center in Youngstown, Ohio, where he served as chief resident in the program. Candidates for the AOF Outstanding Resident Award must be in their second through last year of an AOA-approved residency program and have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their profession. Drs. Tuck and Weippert were selected from an extraordinary group of national candidates. They each received a five thousand dollar award, as well as a grant to cover travel and expenses for this prestigious ceremony. Millcreek Community Hospital congratulates Drs. Tuck and Weippert on their well deserved accomplishment.

Drs. Mark Steehler and Kenneth Long Participate in Health Service Day

Mark Steehler, D.O., a first year ENT Resident and Kenneth Long, D.O., a first year Family Practice Resident recently volunteered to assist at a health service day sponsored by the International Medical Society of LECOM. This student group, advised by Ayman Saleh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, conduct a yearly health service day in the Erie community. This years event targeted the health care needs of the Nepalese and Somali refugee communities in Erie, and was held on Saturday, November 11, 2011, at St. Hedwig Church. The event included blood pressure screenings, wellness and hygiene videos, and information on health maintenance for these underserved immigrants. Dr. Long is a 2011 graduate of LECOM, and hails from the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Mark Steehler, a 2011 graduate of Kirksville COM, attended Allegheny College. As the holiday season approaches, the Medical Education Department is grateful for the commitment of our house staff to the health of their community, as demonstrated by Dr. Steehler and Dr. Long's participation in this health fair.

MCH DEDICATES NEW MEDICAL LIBRARY

On October 13, 2011 the Dedication of the Dr. Wallace and Charlotte Steehler Memorial Library was held at Millcreek Community Hospital.
Dr. Wallace and Charlotte Steehler are the parents of Kirk Steehler, D.O., MCH, ENT Residency Director and grandparents of Mark Steehler, D.O., MCH, OGME-1 ENT Resident. Dr. Wallace and Charlotte Steehler dedicated their lives to the betterment of their family, to the improvement of their community, and to values and spirit of their nation as a whole. To them, the importance at any moment was to sacrifice that which one was, for that which one could become. Knowing that courage does not always roar, rather it is sometimes the quiet voice at the end of the day that says: "I shall try again tomorrow". It was that sacrifice and courage, through each "tomorrow" that bolstered a full and rewarding life of these two Erie luminaries. The new Dr. Wallace and Charlotte Steehler Memorial Library is located in MCH on the second floor across from Medical Education.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL POMA CLINICAL ESSAY CONTEST IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Students, Interns, and Residents can enter.

First Prize: $1,000 and Golden Quill Award
Second Prize: $500 and framed winner's certificate
Honorable Mention: $200 and framed winner's certificate

First prize winner will be POMA's honored guest for a day at the POMA Annual Clinical Assembly in King of Prussia.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PAPERS: March 2, 2012.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the POMA Clinical Essay Contest Awards Luncheon on May 3, 2012.

Winning entries will be published in the June 2012 Journal of the POMA. Length of entries: 2,000 to 4,000 words. Each entrant must supply a black and white photograph of himself/herself, a short biography and two questions for the CME quiz with entry. Mail or Email entries to: H. Michael Zal, D.O., Chairman, Cmte. on Publications, PA Osteopathic Med. Assoc., 1330 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17111-2395 **publ@poma.org**

Residency Application Update: "The Match"

Applications are still being accepted at Millcreek Community Hospital for our many Residency Programs while Residency interviews are being conducted. The ENT Residency conducted interviews on November 3, 2011, the Orthopedic Residency hosted interviews on November 9, 2011, with the Ophthalmology Residency conducting interviews on December 10, 2011. Millcreek Community Hospital is still accepting applications for the Internal Medicine Residency, Family Practice, the Psychiatry Residency and the Traditional Rotating Internship.
The Medical Education Department has received 67 applications for the Internal Medicine Residency Program, 22 applications for the Family Practice Residency Program, 63 applications for the Psychiatry Residency Program, 134 for the Orthopedic Residency Program, 49 for the Ophthalmology Residency Program, 51 applications for the ENT Residency Program and 9 for the Traditional Rotating Internship. We are excited about the increased interest in our training programs. Interested students are urged to submit their Residency applications through:
https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras.
The Medical Education Department continues to review OGME1 applications submitted through ERAS. A completed application would include the Dean's Letter, Transcripts, Board Scores and at least two Letters of Recommendation. An interview may be scheduled after the application is complete and will be coordinated with the Graduate Medical Education Committee. Selection of Residents will continue to be made in close consultation with the Residency Program Directors. Applicants and hospitals participating in the Match must rank their choices by *January 27, 2012*. Match Results will be available on *February 13, 2012.* Applicants with specific questions regarding our programs or the application process can contact **MCH Medical Education at: 814/868-8217 or mchmeded@mch1.org.**

Congratulations to Millcreek Community Hospital's Elliott Cook, Pharm. D., BCPS and Abbey Powers, Pharm. D.

Both Drs. Cook and Powers have been published in the Archives of Internal Medicine, November 14, 2011 issue. Drs. Cook and Powers have co-authored an article, "Potential Safety Signals and Their Significance". Please refer to the following website to read this article:

WWW.ARCHINTERNMED.COM , November 14, 2011