College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
White Coat Ceremony

Saturday, August 7, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Ontario Convention Center
2000 Convention Center Way East
Exhibit Hall A
Ontario, California
Osteopathic Post Doctoral Training Institute (OPTI)

An OPTI is a consortium of an osteopathic medical school and affiliated teaching hospitals, the purpose of which is to establish a stronger and higher quality of postdoctoral training than can be realized by the individual institutions. The OPTI concept was mandated by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and its Council on Postdoctoral Training (COPT).

OPTI-West places high value on the commitment of its partners to provide quality Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education (OGME). It is pledged to providing its partners with a quality evaluation program that will ultimately provide insight and oversight of learning and education outcomes. OPTI-West and its partner institutions are committed to providing an academic and employment environment in which all staff and employees are treated with respect and dignity.

OPTI-West Teaching Hospitals:
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center ......................................................... Colton, California
Downey Regional Medical Center ............................................................. Downey, California
Pacific Hospital Long Beach ................................................................. Long Beach, California
Garfield Medical Center ................................................................. Monterey Park, California
Riverside County Regional Medical Center ............................ Moreno Valley, California
San Diego FP/Sports Medicine Center ........................................ San Diego, California
St. Mary–Corwin Hospital ................................................................. Pueblo, Colorado
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center .................................. Corvallis, Oregon
Chino Valley Medical Center ................................................................. Chino, California

OPTI-West is also committed to fostering, developing, conducting and maintaining the philosophy and performance of research. Research is the foundation of graduate medical education and is a priority for OPTI-West, GME and Program Directors.
Today’s ceremony marks what has become a valued tradition at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. This important rite of passage is part of the initiation of new osteopathic medical students, and is the time when they are “cloaked” with their first white medical coat.

This event, held in the presence of faculty, administration, and family members, instills in students an awareness of their responsibilities as healers from the very first day of their training.

Today, the students accept the obligations inherent in the profession they are entering: Excellence in scientific knowledge, compassionate patient care, and professional and ethical behavior in all circumstances.

Dr. Adams frequently reminds the students that COMP’s academic program will train them to become caring, compassionate, lifelong learners with a distinctive osteopathic philosophy. This ceremony epitomizes these ideals.

WesternU is deeply appreciative of the generosity of the following sponsors:

Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC) who donated the white coats to the class of 2014.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation which is a public, not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering humanism in medicine. The funds raised by the Foundation are used for projects related to this mission and include support of white coat ceremonies throughout the nation. The Arnold P. Gold Foundation donated the “Humanism in Medicine” pins for the Class of 2014.

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.
Pledge of Commitment

As I embark upon my studies at Western University of Health Sciences, I will:

Enter into a relationship of mutual respect with my professors and my colleagues to enhance the learning environment and to gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of a competent and compassionate health care professional;

Accept responsibility only for those matters for which I am competent, maintain the trust expected of a health care professional, and never take advantage of the relationship I have with patients;

Show compassion and respect for all others;

Set worthy examples in the application of humanistic principles in my relationships with patients and others within the health care community;

Work toward improving my sensitivity and skills in human interaction, understanding, and respecting the differences among my patients and colleagues;

Value the knowledge and wisdom of the health care professionals who have preceded me in the profession, and endeavor to contribute to the humanistic tradition and philosophy;

Recognize my weaknesses and strengths and strive to develop those qualities that will earn the respect of my patients, my colleagues, my family, and myself;

Continue learning throughout all the days of my life.

Clinton E. Adams, DO, MPA, FACHE
Vice President for Clinical Affairs
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Western University of Health Sciences

Clinton Adams, DO, is WesternU’s Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP). He joined Western University in January 2005 following a distinguished career in the United States Navy, where he attained the rank of Rear Admiral and served in a variety of capacities, notably as Command Surgeon for United States Fleet Forces Command, Command Surgeon for Allied Command for Transformation (NATO), and Commander of the Naval Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Among other professional certifications, Dr. Adams is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and board certified in Anesthesiology and Family Medicine. He completed an anesthesia residency at George Washington University, Family Medicine at the Charleston Naval Hospital, and holds a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Oklahoma. He is a past president of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the American Osteopathic Association and serves on the executive board of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and is a member of the Los Angeles and San Bernardino County Medical Societies.

Dr. Adams has overseen the implementation of a new curriculum and the growth of research funding and publications. He has expanded the reach and breadth of the College’s practice plan and has lead COMP to a major expansion in full time faculty positions and a new campus in Lebanon, Oregon. The result of which has increased the recognition of COMP as having a superior academic profile as reflected in national rankings, in licensure examinations, and in the placement of graduates in postdoctoral residency programs.
Paula Marie Crone was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky and was raised in Hermiston, Oregon. Paula’s interests in medicine began early as she spent her summers following her physician Grandmother doing hospital rounds. A lasting commitment to the wellbeing of others was instilled by these experiences.

She graduated from the University of Portland in 1986, with a BS in Biology. She went on to medical school at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California, graduating in 1992. During her graduation ceremonies, she was honored with the Dyer Memorial Award for best exemplifying humanism in her approach to medicine. She returned to Portland, Oregon, to do her Residency in Family Practice at Eastmoreland Hospital, where she was Chief Resident.

Following the completion of her residency and board certification with the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, she opened a private medical practice called Creekside Family Practice, LLC which she continues to work at today.

Dr. Crone has always been interested in teaching and medical education. She has been a preceptor to medical students, interns and residents since starting her practice. She served as the Family Practice Residency Program Director from 1999 to 2004. She has served on countless hospital committees, including Family Practice Department, Medical Education Committee, Medical Staff Executive Committee and Quality Assurance Committee. She currently works as a consultant to the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners and serves on the Medical Education Committee of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon (OPSO).

She completed a program for medical educators at the Costin Institute in Chicago and gives students lectures for Western University of Health Science at a quarterly didactic program.

In 2003, Dr. Crone received the prestigious “Rising Star Award” from the Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation. The following year she received OPSO’s “Physician of the Year” award. Dr. Crone received the “Osteopathic Preceptorship” Award in both 1996 and 1999.

She recently accepted the role as Executive Associate Dean of COMP-Northwest located in Lebanon, Oregon. It is the new medical school campus of Western University of Health Sciences.

She and her husband, Dr. Paul Aversano, currently live in Portland, Oregon, but, will be making the transition to Lebanon over the next year.

Dr. Susan Mackintosh graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in 1992. Dr. Mackintosh did her residency at Kaiser Fontana in Family Medicine, and is board certified in family medicine. She worked for several years as a family practice physician and then entered the field of public health as an Assistant Public Health Officer. Dr. Mackintosh subsequently earned a Master’s of Public Health with a concentration in Homeland Security and has extensive training in public health all hazards disaster preparedness. She currently serves as the Director of Interprofessional Education at Western University of Health Sciences and is on faculty at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. Dr. Mackintosh is currently serving as the President of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California.