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HAPPY NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC WEEK <<<

This week is National Osteopathic Medicine Week, as well as Missouri Osteopathic Medicine Awareness Week! Each year, this is recognized by the Missouri Governor's Office with a proclamation (photo right). In addition to support of the profession, the proclamation notes that today there are over 2,000 osteopathic physicians practicing in our state. To wrap up this week, we wanted to share a few osteopathic fun facts...



Missouri native Mark Twain was a vocal supporter of the early osteopathic movement.

Manipulative treatments had purportedly alleviated the symptoms of his daughter Jean's epilepsy as well as his own chronic bronchitis. In 1909, Twain spoke before the New York State Assembly at a hearing regarding the practice of osteopathy in the state, saying "I don't know as I cared much about these osteopaths until I heard you were going to drive them out of the state, but since I heard that I haven't been able to sleep."

The first class of osteopathic student physicians included 6 women.

In 1892, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still opened the first osteopathic medical school. It was then known as the American School of Osteopathy, now A.T. Still University. The first class had 21 students, including 6 women.

The current Physician to the President is an osteopath.

Dr. Kevin O'Connor graduated from the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1992. After residency, he completed U.S. Army flight surgeon training and was designated a master flight surgeon in 2010. In 2006 he began service as a physician in the White House under the Bush administration. O'Connor worked closely with the Biden family during Beau Biden's battle with brain cancer, and later was appointed under the Biden administration as White House physician.



➤➤➤ CONGRATULATIONS NEW WETZELS

Congratulations to the new 2024-25 Wetzel Scholar Candidates, Caleb Liles from ATSU-KCOM (right) and Hailey VanRonzelen from KCU-Joplin (left)! Both Caleb and Hailey served as President of their school's respective MAOPS chapters this past academic year.

