

## A.T. Still University of Health Sciences & (ATSU)

## Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (MOSDOH)

## A.T. Still University (ATSU):

- ATSU is a private, not-for-profit institution of higher learning offering graduate-level health sciences education programs
- 1892: Founded by Dr. Andrew Taylor Still in Kirksville, Missouri, as the American School of Osteopathy
- 2012: Today ATSU comprises five schools on two campuses:
  - Kirksville, Missouri (ATSU administrative headquarters)
    - Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM): residential Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) program and M.S. program in Biomedical Sciences
    - School of Health Management (SHM): online Master's and Doctoral programs in Health Administration and Health Education; several certificate programs
    - Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (MOSDOH) will be housed on the Kirksville campus: residential Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) program
  - Mesa, Arizona
    - Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS): residential Master's and Doctoral programs in Athletic
      Training, Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Orthopedic Residency, Physical Therapy, and Physician
      Assistant; online programs in Advanced Occupational Therapy, Advanced Physician Assistant, Doctor
      of Health Sciences, Human Movement, Transitional Audiology, and Transitional Physician Assistant
    - Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH): residential Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) program; ASDOH is Arizona's first dental school
    - School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA): residential Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) program
- ATSU is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association
- Student Headcount Enrollment, Fall 2011: 3,287
- Faculty and Staff, Spring 2012:
  - Kirksville 522
  - Mesa 753
- ATSU Mission Statement: 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.

- Initial accreditation for MOSDOH is expected in February 2013
- Inaugural Dean: Christopher G. Halliday, D.D.S., M.P.H.; currently Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General of the United States; will begin ATSU-MOSDOH duties in Kirksville June 1
- MOSDOH's curriculum will be modeled on that of ATSU's highly successful Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH), which is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
- MOSDOH is applying for accreditation by CODA, as well as the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the body that accredits the University as a whole
- MOSDOH building facts:
  - Interprofessional Education & Dentistry School Building (IPEDS)
  - 61,000 sq. ft. on two floors
  - \$26 million bond issue for construction & equipment
  - Facilities for the dental school and also for Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM)
  - · Architectural Firm: Cannon Design—offices in St. Louis, Boston, and several other cities
  - Construction Manager: River City Construction—Ashland, Mo.
- First class to enter in Fall 2013, graduate in 2017
- First class size will be 40 to 43 students
- Students will study the first two years on ATSU's Kirksville, Mo. campus
- The 3rd-year clinical experiences will occur in St. Louis, a high-need, high-populated area. At least half of the 4th-year clinic year will be distributed in the external Community Health Centers (CHC) in Missouri. ATSU is currently exploring a partnership with Grace Hill Community Health Center for the 3rd-year clinic
- MOSDOH needs CHC partners to ensure that students receive training in the full scope of services, including high-end procedures; not a sufficient number of patients in Kirksville alone
- Forming partnerships with CHCs carries out our mission to serve underserved populations, including the uninsured, underinsured, and rural areas
- MOSDOH will help to address a critical shortage of dentists in Missouri that is becoming worse
- Missouri ranks 47th nationally in access to dental care overall, 49th in dental care for children
- NMHC and ATSU dental facilities will work together on ATSU Kirksville campus
- Local Economic Impact:
  - Based upon 40 students in each of 1st- and 2nd-year classes, the economic impact on the greater Kirksville area will be around \$40 million annually
  - Professional faculty and staff will need to be hired, adding more families to the Kirksville region with additional annual economic impact
- Community Friends for ATSU Dental: The Missouri Dental Program would not be possible without the grass-roots efforts of Community Friends for ATSU Dental. This group raised over \$1.1 million to help make the case for the new dental program to be located in Kirksville; this tremendous independent support contributed significantly to the ATSU Board of Trustees approving the program to move forward in Kirksville
- Missouri Foundation for Health awarded ATSU a \$500,000 grant for developing MOSDOH, Phase I of our application; if Phases II and III are funded, the grant could reach a total of \$3 million. (A philanthropic organization whose vision is to improve the health of the people in the communities it services, MFH was established in 2000 and is the largest nongovernmental funder of community health activities in Missouri.)