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NIH RESEARCH EDUCATION GRANT AWARDED

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to announce that we have received a four-year Research Education Project Partnership Grant (R25) from the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. This R25 grant of \$758,000 in total costs will support the integration of biomedical research competencies into the osteopathic medical school curriculum. des Anges Crusier, Ph.D., M.P.A., is the principal investigator for the grant.

The grant award is the culmination of a three-year effort to develop a formal research education model to prepare osteopathic medical students to use biomedical research information in a critical, professional manner. The project will also provide opportunities for osteopathic medical school faculty to advance their own mentoring and leadership skills in biomedical research with a focus on manipulative medicine and on several complementary and alternative medicine modalities.

This research education grant forms the centerpiece of a number of other research education and training initiatives at the UNTHSC and at the Osteopathic Research Center. The long-range vision includes a greatly enhanced pipeline for pre- and post-doctoral biomedical research training, and greater integration of biomedical research information into the clerkship years. Ultimately, we believe that this R25 project will provide a model that all interested osteopathic medical academic institutions will be able to adapt for their students.

Partners in this project include the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM), the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) at UNTHSC, and the Integrative Medicine CAM Program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB).

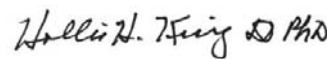
With the award of this research education grant, Dr. Crusier will assume new duties and will become the research education director for the ORC. Dr. Crusier has served in the capacity of administrative director of the ORC since June 2002.

Cathleen Kearns, formerly the vice president for communications and member services at the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, will assume the duties as administrative director of the ORC. Ms. Kearns joined the ORC in August 2006 as a program project coordinator.

Warm Regards,



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