

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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Welcome to Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Our faculty, staff, and students welcome all those who possess a servant's heart, a scientist's curiosity, and the desire to improve the lives of others through the practice of osteopathic medicine. We encourage students to provide patient care in accordance with the fruits of the spirit, demonstrating love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The faculty, staff, and administration of Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine are committed to honoring and advancing the culture of Liberty University as a Christian institution as well as the philosophy and heritage of the osteopathic profession. We believe in the body's inherent ability for wellness, a patient-centered approach to the practice of medicine, and a philosophy of medical care that embraces the body, mind, and spirit. Our primary goal is to train physicians who exhibit the compassion, devotion, and excellence that we feel is best personified by the Great Physician, Jesus Christ.

As educators and medical professionals, we strive to advance medical knowledge, the practice of medicine, the health and wellness of our patients, equitable access to quality medical care by all individuals, and the promotion of health policy that advances healthcare in our nation and throughout the world. We strive to train physicians who will emphasize preventive medicine, wellness, primary care, and community-based practice, but who will be prepared to succeed in any discipline or graduate medical education program. We design our curriculum to provide our students with the skills required to remain lifelong learners, the desire to contribute to the advancement of medical knowledge, and the passion to serve their patients throughout their professional careers.

Recognizing the needs of underserved populations in the United States and around the globe, we recruit students with a servant's heart and then design local outreach events and international medical missionary trips to kindle a passion for disadvantaged patients and give them the experience of reaching these people with necessary medical care.

The task of becoming an osteopathic physician is educationally and personally demanding. If you have at your core a servant's heart, if you possess a strong commitment and passion to enhance the lives of others, and if you have the motivation, work ethic, and personal responsibility that the curriculum and profession demand, the personal and professional rewards that you experience will far exceed the cost. If you share the qualities that we seek, you will find kindred spirits and life-long partners here at Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Thes 5:11

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