

The Class of 2017-2018



Front: Adela Lente, M.D. (NM); Jacqueline Kaari, D.O., FACOP,FAAP (NJ); Stephanie Zeszutek, D.O., FACOG, RPh (NY); Steven Halm, D.O. (NC); Deanah Jibril, D.O., MBA (TX). Back: Brandon Isaacs., D.O., FFAFP (WA); Brooke Laurent, D.O. (AR); Jason Meade, D.O. (NJ); Robert Devine, D.O. (AZ); Craig Czyz, D.O., FACS, FACOS (OH). Not Pictured: Amy Capoccia, D.O., FACOFF (FL).



Amy Capoccia, D.O., FACOFP

Spring Hill, Florida

Dr. Capoccia graduated from University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003 with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. She graduated from Rosemont College (Rosemont, PA), earning a BA in Biology in 1997. Prior to medical school, she took a year off to volunteer as outreach staff for homeless youth at Covenant House in Fort Lauderdale. She went on to complete a traditional rotating internship and residency in Family Medicine at PCOM-St Joseph Medical Center Residency program in Reading, PA, becoming Co-Chief Resident her senior year. During this time she also became a mother to the first 3 of her 5 children, and became board certified in Family Medicine. Dr. Capoccia became a Fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) in 2014.

Since graduation, Dr Capoccia has been a full time family medicine physician while remaining active in social causes in her community. She currently works in Spring Hill, FL, and has been in that community for 10 years, with a brief move back to Reading, PA for 18 months. She has mentored students from PCOM, LECOM Bradenton, and NOVA Southeastern University, as well as given formal and informal lectures at local medical schools and residency programs. She served on the Board of Directors for Dawn Center and is past president for the local domestic and sexual violence center for Hernando County and is active in developing fundraising opportunities there. She is also a volunteer physician and member of the Board of Directors for Crescent Clinic in Hernando County, FL. She is active in the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association and is an alternate on the Board of Directors for the 13th District. Dr. Capoccia serves on the ACOFP Procedural Medicine Committee as Vice Chair and assists with student procedural workshops. She is the recipient of the Frist Humanitarian Award for Hernando County, Women Leading Social Change Award, and Nominee for the Hernando Hero Award.

She currently is an employed physician working with Access Healthcare doing primarily geriatric medicine for the past 7 years. Prior to that she did full scope Family Medicine, including hospital and nursing home rounds. Membership in professional associations include FOMA, AOA and ACOFP, as well as the local chapter of FL-ACOFP. Prior job experience includes laboratory research assistant, assistant preschool teacher, seasonal work at paper product packaging plant, Dopaco, sandwich maker and gas station attendant, and many summers spent cleaning houses.

Dr. Capoccia is grateful for the sponsorship of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association.



Craig Czyz, D.O., FACS, FACOS

Columbus, Ohio

Dr. Czyz received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003. He graduated from Wake Forest University in 1996 magna cum laude with a B.S. in Biology and Honors Thesis. He completed both an American Osteopathic Association (AOA) rotating internship and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) transitional year internship at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia in 2004. Dr. Czyz completed his ophthalmology residency at Ohio University / Doctors Hospital in 2007 where he was Chief Resident. He then went on to complete a 2-year oculofacial plastic surgery fellowship followed by a 1-year cosmetic facial plastic surgery fellowship, both in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Czyz is currently an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, and Section Chief of Oculofacial Plastic and Reconstruction Surgery at Ohio University/OhioHealth Doctors Hospital. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), American Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (AOCOO-HNS), American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS), American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS), American Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery (AAFPRS), and American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery (AACS). Dr. Czyz's board certifications include the American Osteopathic Boards of Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (AOBOO-HNS), American Board of Cosmetic Surgery (ABCS), and American Board of Facial Cosmetic Surgery (ABFCS).

Dr. Czyz serves as core faculty for the Ohio University / Doctors Hospital Ophthalmology Residency program. He has published over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and 40 text book chapters. His research focuses on functional and cosmetic oculofacial plastic surgery and emergent care delivery. He is currently a member of the ACGME Ophthalmology Review Committee and serves on the Board of Trustees for the ABFCS. Dr. Czyz is also an oral examiner for the AOCOO-HNS and faculty for the Ophthalmic Surgeons and Consultants ASOPRS Fellowship program.



Robert Devine, D.O.

Glendale, Arizona

Dr. Devine's original career was in information technology. He received several degrees in IT before deciding to train to be an osteopathic physician at Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Glendale Campus (AZCOM). After graduating from MWUCOM in 2011, he went on to complete an Osteopathic Family Medicine residency at Florida Hospital East Orlando.

Dr. Devine's first position after graduating residency in 2014 was at a private practice located in Glendale, Arizona. After two years of building a practice and gaining experience in the field, he decided to fulfill his lifelong dream of teaching. In September 2016, Dr. Devine accepted a position at his alma mater, Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, as Clinical Assistant Professor. He is currently course director for the first-year OMM course. Dr. Devine also continues seeing patients as a family physician. Dr. Devine consulted for Kaplan in 2017, constructing and recording the OMM portion of the Step 1 and Step 2 COMLEX prep course. Dr. Devine has also taught OMM abroad in Germany and Maidstone, England.

Dr. Devine is a member of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) and American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP).

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association sponsors Dr. Devine's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship



Steven J. Halm, D.O.

Buies Creek, North Carolina

Dr. Halm received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1989. He completed a combined Internal Medicine and Pediatric residency at Penn State University's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Children's Hospital in 1993 as part of their inaugural Med/Peds program. Since 2015 he has been the Assistant Dean and Department Chair for Simulation Medicine at Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine. He is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics and a faculty advisor for Campbell's student-run free clinic.

Maintaining dual-board certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics for over 23 years, he has served a hospital chief of staff and medical staff leader while providing inpatient and outpatient neonatal and primary care services to patients while operating a multi-specialty group practice near Greensboro, NC until 2013. He has been a Senior Aviation Medical Examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration, has served on numerous international mission trips, and has played an active leadership role in many community service organizations.

Prior to his current position at Campbell, Dr. Halm served as Adjunct Clinical Faculty at UNC School of Medicine for many years while in practice and completed a medical simulation program in 2013 at the Institute for Medical Simulation at Harvard University. He then entered full time academic medicine as the Medical Director of the simulation center at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (2013-2015). Over the last five years he has helped develop a formal professionalism and leadership training program for medical students and residents.

Dr. Halm is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a Fellow of the Academy of Pediatrics, and a member of the American Osteopathic Association.

Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine is sponsoring Dr. Halm's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Brandon Isaacs, D.O., FAAFP

Yakima, Washington

Dr. Isaacs received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences (now Des Moines University) in 1998. He graduated from Boise State University in 1986 with a B.B.A in Business Administration and completed additional undergraduate training in pre-medical studies at University of Idaho. He completed internship and residency at St. Louis University/Scott AFB in Belleville, IL in Family Medicine and is board certified in Family Medicine by both American Board of Family Medicine and American Board of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

Dr. Isaacs continues to serve in the Air Force, first on active duty for 6 years and then transferring to the reserve sector, and ultimately ending up in the Idaho Air National Guard where he serves as the Medical Group Commander with rank of Colonel. He has been in medical education at the graduate level since leaving active duty in 2004. He currently serves as Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education for Pacific Northwest University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Yakima, Washington. He continues to teach at the residency training level and has taught at 3 different residency programs including University of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency in Casper, Wyoming; Family Medicine Residency of Idaho in Boise, Idaho; and currently part time with Central Washington Family Medicine Residency in Yakima, Washington.

Dr. Isaacs is a member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). He serves as Second Vice President of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS). Dr. Isaacs serves in Washington State as a member of the Foundation Board of Directors of the Washington Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP) and he co-chairs the governor-appointed Washington Family Medicine Education Advisory Board (FMEAB). He continues to serve in Idaho as a member of the Idaho Osteopathic Physicians Association (IOPA) and on the Idaho Medical Association Medical Education Advisory Board. He has served as Team Physician for United States Air Force Greco-Roman/Freestyle Wrestling, as well as Team Physician for Boise State University Wrestling and for several local high schools where he has resided. He serves as an AACOM/VA Liaison and on the AACOM/EPA integration task force.

Pacific Northwest University College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsors Dr. Isaacs' participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Deanah Jibril, D.O., MBA, FACOOG

Plano, Texas

Dr. Deanah Jibril obtained her Doctor of Osteopathy from Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1993. She completed her rotating internship at Chicago Osteopathic and Olympia Fields Medical Centers in 1994. Her residency was completed at the University of North Texas Health Science Center – Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth in 1998. She is Board Certified in OB/GYN by the American Osteopathic Board of OB/GYN. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Molecular Biology from the University of Illinois at Champaign in 1985 and 1987. She earned a Master of Business Administration with Honors in Healthcare Administration from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2013.

Dr. Jibril is President of Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) District 5 and an alternate delegate for TOMA House of Delegates and is a member of the American Osteopathic Association. She received a Meritorious Service award from the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOOG) in 2017 for her service to the Medical Education Foundation Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jibril is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Texas at Tyler and Adjunct Faculty in OB/GYN at University of North Texas Health Science Center, University of Texas at Galveston, and Touro University. She serves as Adjunct Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) at the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio. Dr. Jibril is a Medical Director for OB Hospitalist Group at Christus Mother Frances Medical Center and has been in clinical OB/GYN practice at Medical City Plano for over 18 years.

Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and OB Hospitalist Group sponsor Dr. Jibril's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Jacqueline Kaari, D.O., FACOP, FAAP

Sewell, New Jersey

Dr. Kaari graduated from Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine (formerly UMDNJ) in 1998. She completed her residency training in Pediatric Medicine at Cooper Hospital University Medical Center, The Children's Regional Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. Dr. Kaari completed her undergraduate degree in Biology and Chemistry at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, New Jersey in 1992. Dr. Kaari is board certified by the American Board of Osteopathic Pediatricians and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Kaari has been a practicing clinician and medical educator for the past sixteen years at Rowan SOM. She is currently the Chair of the Pediatric Department and Associate Professor of Pediatrics. She serves as committee chair of the Interprofessional Task Force. She is course director of the second-year Pediatric Medicine course and is the former Director of the Pediatric Clerkship. She is Medical Director of the *Healthy Hearts for Teens* program in conjunction with Deborah Heart and Lung Center. Dr. Kaari also serves as the Chief of Pediatrics for the Kennedy Health System.

Dr. Kaari is an active American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP) member. She serves on the AOA Program and Trainee Review Council and has been an alternate delegate at the AOA House of Delegates for the past four years. Dr. Kaari is the current Vice President of the ACOP and has served as Board of Trustees member and Treasurer/Secretary. She is Chair of the Graduate Medical Education Committee and has been an active member of the Continuing Education Committee since 2004. Dr. Kaari has been extensively involved with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners since 2005. She has served on the Level 3 Exam Review Committee, the COMAT Pediatric Subject Exam Committee, and as the past Chair for the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

Rowan SOM sponsors Dr. Kaari's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Brookeshield Laurent, D.O.

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Dr. Laurent received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Rowan University – School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2009. She graduated from Montclair State University in 2004 with a B.S. in Biology and minor in Chemistry. She completed her Family Medicine residency at Christiana Care in Delaware in 2012. During her residency she completed the AOA/NYIT Training in Policy Studies in 2011. Dr. Laurent is Board certified in Family Medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians.

Dr. Laurent is currently Vice-Chair for the department of Clinical Medicine at NYIT-COM at Arkansas State University. Prior to this, she was a faculty member of NYIT-COM in Old Westbury, NY. She is an associate faculty member for the NYIT – Center for Global Health where she leads didactic sessions in Global Health and leads medical teams to partner with health entities around the globe. Dr. Laurent is a member of the AOA Bureau of Scientific Affairs and Public Health. She serves as a spokesperson for the American Osteopathic Association through the National Branding Campaign.

NYIT-College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsors Dr. Laurent's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Adela Lente, M.D.

El Paso, Texas

Dr. Lente received her medical degree from the University of New Mexico in 2002. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico, earning a BS in Pharmacy in 1997. She completed a general surgery residency at the University of Arizona in 2007. She then went to northern Arizona to practice on the Navajo reservation. Dr. Lente is board certified in general surgery.

Dr. Lente is a member of the Association of Surgical Educators as well as the Society of Ultrasound in Medical Education. She was the on the Board of Managers for the Gila Multi-Specialty Independent Practice Association from 1998-2000.

Dr. Lente was in general surgery private practice in Silver City, New Mexico before moving to El Paso, Texas to join a practice that covers acute care surgery and trauma. She joined Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2015. She is the chair of the Department Of Surgery.

Dr. Lente is sponsored by Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine in Las Cruces, New Mexico.



Jason Meade, D.O.

Bridgeton, New Jersey

Dr. Meade received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry School of Osteopathic in 2011. He graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2007 *Summa Cumulate* with a B.S. in Biology. Dr. Meade completed an Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency at Inspira Health Network in 2015. He is currently a third-year Fellow in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery with the Inspira Health Network. He is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology by the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Meade is a member of a number of professional organizations including the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACCOG), New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (NJAOPS), American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS), The Cranial Academy, and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). He is a current committee member on the Research and Awards committee and past committee member of the Membership Committee of ACCOG. Dr. Meade also regularly presents at ACCOG annual conferences. Dr. Meade also serves as National Volunteer Faculty for the NBOME. Dr. Meade has been granted proficiency in Cranial Osteopathy by the Cranial Academy. In the summer of 2016, Dr. Meade participated in a medical vaccination trip to Vietnam.

Dr. Meade is currently a practicing OBGYN with Complete Care in Vineland, NJ, in addition to practicing Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery in a Fellowship at Inspira Health Network. He also serves as an Assistant Clinical Professor for the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and facilitates the integrated learning curriculum of the OBGYN clerkships at both the Philadelphia and Georgia campuses. Dr. Meade is the Chief Executive Officer of MedPRIMED, an integrated education software enterprise.

Inspira Health Network sponsors Dr. Meade's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Stephanie Zeszutek, D.O., FACOG, RPh.

Middletown, New York

Dr. Stephanie Zeszutek received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree with honors from the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM) in 2000. She received a B.S. with Honors in Biochemistry from Stony Brook University and a B.S. Pharmacy degree from St. John's School of Pharmacy. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, Bronx, NY. She is board certified in Obstetrics-Gynecology by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Zeszutek is an active member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society (NYSOMS) and the Orange County Medical Society (OCMS). She is a member of the OCMS Executive Board and is currently President of the society. She also serves as a local delegate to the Medical Society State of New York House of Delegates. She is the advisor for the Touro chapter of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) and served as the National President of SOMA when she was in medical school.

Dr. Zeszutek serves as the Course Director for Physical Diagnosis in the Department of Primary Care at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine – Middletown Campus. In addition, as Clinical Assistant Professor, she assists in other Primary Care, Biomedical Science and Anatomy courses on campus for both the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master of Science programs. She runs hands-on Obstetrical and Gynecological medical simulator sessions for second-year medical students and for community outreach programs. She has a clinical practice in the Orange County, NY area with a focus on preventative medicine and women's health. She is the principal investigator for a Humanistic Psychology in Medicine research project. Dr. Zeszutek is a member of the national faculty in the clinical department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME).

TouroCOM-Middletown sponsors Dr. Zeszutek's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.