

# What's New and Exciting: 2007 & Beyond!

**Regional Health Professions Advisors Meeting**

**April 2007**

**SAAHP, NEAAHP, CAAHP, WAAHP**

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

# About AACOM



- ▶ Founded in 1898
- ▶ Supports the nation's Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
- ▶ Located in Chevy Chase, Maryland



# About Our Colleges



23 Colleges of Medicine  
3 Branch Campuses

17 Private (and branches)  
6 Public

3 newest will accept first students – Fall 2007!

Additional colleges in process!

# Osteopathic Medicine

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Philosophy unites the practice of medicine with treating the whole patient, not just the disease.



Founded in late 1880's in Kirksville, MO by  
Andrew Taylor Still, M.D.

Dr. Still focused on developing a system of medical care that would promote the body's innate ability to heal itself...now known as Osteopathic Medicine

# About AACOMAS



- ▶ Centralized application service (Non-profit)
- ▶ Collects primary application, transcripts, and MCAT scores
- ▶ Verifies academic records
- ▶ Sends official application to selected Osteopathic Colleges
- ▶ AACOMAS makes no decisions regarding admissions

# Meet Our Staff

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# About AACOMAS



- ▶ Normal processing is 4-6 weeks
- ▶ During the early summer, process takes 2-3 weeks

Apply early!

- ▶ Many colleges make admissions decisions on a rolling basis. They review applications, conduct interviews, and make admissions decisions throughout the admissions cycle.
- ▶ Interview slots maybe awarded and/or classes may be filled if applicants wait until deadlines.

- ▶ On-line application scheduled to go “live”  
**Monday, June 4, 2007**
- ▶ Applicants will be able to complete and submit
- ▶ Essay expanded to 4,500 characters
- ▶ Students able to make changes after submission  
Must notify us in writing

# Deadlines



- ▶ Deadlines for the Osteopathic Colleges are different for each one - range from October 2008 to April 2009
- ▶ Deadlines can be found at:  
[http://www.aacom.org/home-applicants/app/2007\\_cdf.pdf](http://www.aacom.org/home-applicants/app/2007_cdf.pdf)
- ▶ It is to the applicants advantage to submit the AACOMAS primary application and transcripts for completed course work by **January 1** of the application cycle. Transcripts for additional course work should be submitted in the Spring.

- ▶ **1 in 5 Medical Students:**

attend an Osteopathic Medical College



- ▶ **1 in 4 anticipated in 2019**

## 2006 Entering Class

Non-Science 3.52      Science 3.37

Mean GPA 3.44

Mean MCAT Scores

BS 8.71

PS 8.14

VR 8.39

Overall MCAT

8.41



# Tuition

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## **2006-07 Tuition In-State** (mean)

Private: \$34,113    Public: \$20,276



## **2006-07 Tuition Non-Resident** (mean)

Private: \$34,893    Public: \$38,840



## Entering Class 2006

Number of AACOMAS applications: **59,856**

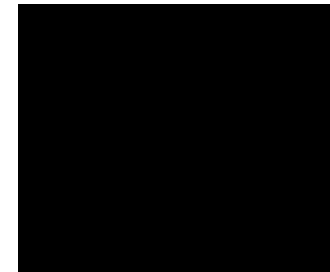
Number of applicants: **9,737**

Average number of designations: **6.14**

Matriculants: **3,980**

Application Cycle Dates: **May 2005 – April 2006**

**Entering Class 2007**



Number of AACOMAS applications: **74,712**

Number of applicants: **11,455**

Average number of designations: **6.52**

(Data as of 4/11/07)

Application Cycle Dates: **June 2006 – June 1, 2007**

▶ **In one cycle we have:**

**Increased our applicants  
~ 18%**

**Increased our applications  
24.8 %**

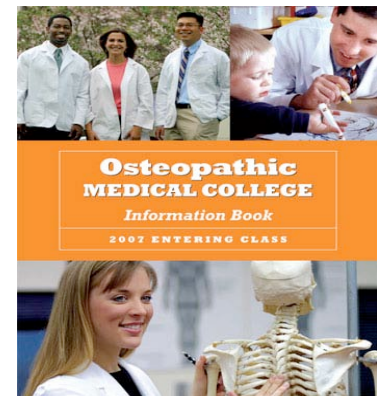
# College Information Booklet

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- ▶ The College Information Booklet (CIB) describes all of the Osteopathic Medical Colleges, admissions criteria, minimum entrance requirements, supplementary application materials required, class size, application deadlines, and tuition.
- ▶ Content will be enhanced in the 2007 version
- ▶ CIB includes information about choosing a career in osteopathic medicine.

Online version:

<http://www.aacom.org/data/cib/index.html>



# Helpful Resources



- ▶ American Assoc Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM)

<http://www.aacom.org>

<http://www.aacom.org/home-advisor/> (For Advisors)

- ▶ American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

<http://www.osteopathic.org/>

- ▶ Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)

<http://www.studentdo.com/>

- ▶ National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)

<http://www.nbome.org/>

AACOM has increased its efforts on recruiting a diverse applicant pool on behalf of all the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

**2006 – 2007 outreach has included:**

- ▶ National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME)
- ▶ Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- ▶ Student National Medical Association (SNMA)
- ▶ American Medical Student Association (AMSA)
- ▶ National Institute of Science - Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society (HBCUs)
- ▶ University Health Fairs around the country

# Exciting Changes!



- ▶ AACOM is undergoing a new look!  
New logo, re-branding of image
- ▶ Advisors: Stay tuned for live Webcasts:  
**June & September 2007**
  - ▶ On-line AACOMAS application 2008
  - ▶ Review the new Advisor Portal
  - ▶ Ask questions and get clarifications

# Exciting Changes!



- ▶ New Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine planning to accept first classes in Fall 2008  
Northwest and Mountain States
- ▶ Multi-College Recruitment Events:  
Hosted by Pre-Health advisors on their campuses
- ▶ Monthly OME Newsletter: highlighting current news, events and issues on Osteopathic Medicine
- ▶ National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine

## Special Thanks - Advisors



Thanks to all the Pre-Health Advisors who helped to shape and guide our process here at AACOM on the design, content and features for the new Advisor Portal.

Your input and interest continues to move us forward in a positive collaboration for success!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

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