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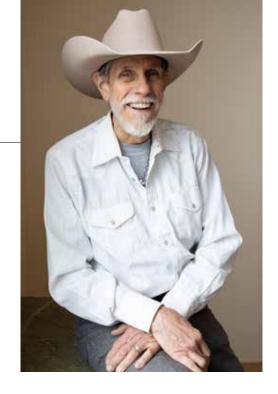
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ROBERT FOSTER, D.O., FACOFP

obert "Bob" Foster, D.O., is board certified in family medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine. His family practice included obstetrics and emergency medicine, and he was the first D.O. to practice at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte, W.Va. He was medical examiner for Greenbrier County for 38 years and worked at the Greenbrier Manor nursing home, rural clinics in Williamsburg, W.Va., and Hillsboro, W.Va., as well as Alderson Maximum Security Federal Penitentiary for Women, West Virginia Maximum Security Prison for Women at Pence Springs and Anthony Correctional Center. Additionally, Foster served for many years as medical director of the Alderson rescue squads and as medical director of the Fairlea and White Sulphur Springs rescue squads.

Foster led a number of paramedic courses sponsored by WVSOM in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Additionally, he has served on the boards of numerous local, state and national organizations and spent 11 years on the West Virginia Licensing Board for Osteopathic Physicians, serving as president during his final three years.

His teaching career includes human anatomy, radiology, cardiac and pulmonary auscultation, physical diagnosis, osteopathic diagnosis and manipulative treatment, spirituality in medicine and clinical nutrition. Foster has been awarded seven Golden Key awards for teaching and three President's Outstanding Faculty Awards. Additional awards include West Virginia Osteopathic Physician of the Year, the West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association's Mountaineer Address Award and the West



Virginia Rural Health Association's Outstanding Rural Health Provider Award. He served as WVSOM's associate dean for clinical education, in charge of clinical experiences for third- and fourth-year students at hospitals and clinics in West Virginia and from Florida to Michigan. He is currently the school's assistant dean for osteopathic medical education.

Foster gives credit for his accomplishments to his wife of 33 years, Mary Leb, and he is grateful for her encouragement and support. He also feels blessed by two daughters, Nikalee Turner (husband Jonathan and their children Paisley, Matherly and Elijah) and Emma Foster. Foster also has sung and played upright bass fiddle with the Ramp Supper Band since 1979.

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*The National Anthom	Eric Nicolau
THE NATIONAL ANTHEIN	Class of 2023
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Call to Order	
	Faculty Marshal
Welcome and Introduction of Guests	James W. Nemitz, Ph.D.
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Greetings from the WVSOW Board of Governors	Chair
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Greetings from the WVSOM Alumni Association	
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Greetings from the West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Associ	ationMichael Antolini, D.O.
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Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Linda Boyd, D.O.
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The Commencement Address	Robert Foster, D.O., FACOFP
	Assistant Dean, Osteopathic Medical Education
The Class Address	Leah Smith
	President, Class of 2023
Presentation of Candidates for the Degree of	Linda Boyd, D.O.
Doctor of Osteopatriic Medicine	Lilida Boyd, D.O.
Presentation of Diplomas	Andrea Nazar, D.O.
	Chair/Professor, Department of Clinical Sciences
	Kristie Bridges, Ph.D.
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The Osteopathic Oath	Deborah Schmidt, D.O.
	Professor, Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice
	Class of 1988
Closing Remarks	Linda Band D.O.
Ologing Remarks	Linda Boyd, D.O.
*The Recessional	Greenbrier River Brass Ensemble

*The audience will please rise if able.

GREETINGS



Dewayne Duncan President, WVSOM Foundation Board of Directors

On behalf of the WVSOM Foundation, I want to extend a warm West Virginia welcome to the parents, family and friends who are present to share in this momentous occasion. To the graduates of the Class of 2023, thank you for the tremendous sacrifice, dedication and grit you have exhibited to achieve this level of education. Your patients, your community and the medical profession will benefit greatly from the knowledge and expertise you have earned during your time at WVSOM. I hope you will always remember the support and care the faculty and staff extended to you during your time here. I challenge and encourage each of you to stay engaged with your school to help educate future doctors to serve patients and communities for decades to come. You will forever be a part of the WVSOM family. Congratulations.



This event is streamed live at www.wvsom.edu. Indoor viewing is available in the Conference Center in the WVSOM Student Center.

Receptions will take place in the Conference Center in the WVSOM Student Center and the Roland P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center after the ceremony.

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The mace is a symbol of authority and leadership carried by the faculty marshal at the beginning of formal higher education occasions and is displayed on the stage during ceremonial functions.



Candidates wearing honor stoles represent the top 10 percent of their class academically.

Candidates wearing gold and maroon cords are members of Sigma Sigma Phi, a national honorary osteopathic service fraternity. Candidates wearing medallions are members of Psi Sigma Alpha, a national honorary osteopathic academic fraternity.

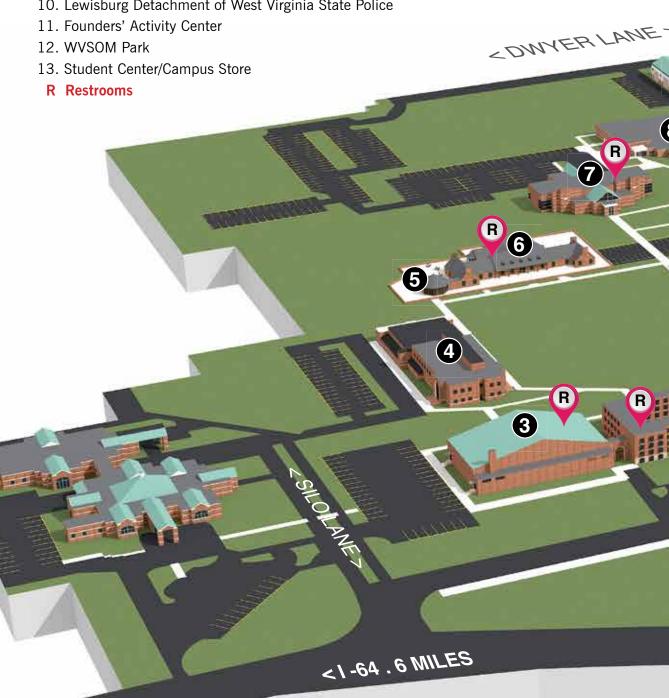
These are candidates for the May 5, 2023, graduation at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

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CAMPUS MAP

- 1. Admissions Center
- 2. Main Building
- 3. James R. Stookey Library/OCS Lab
- 4. Fredric W. Smith Science Building
- 5. Greenbrier Military School Museum
- 6. Roland P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center
- 7. Center for Technology and Rural Medicine
- 8. Clinical Evaluation Center
- 9. Maintenance/Shipping/Receiving
- 10. Lewisburg Detachment of West Virginia State Police



LIVESTREAM VIEWING

 Conference Center in the WVSOM Student Center

RECEPTION LOCATIONS

- Conference Center in the WVSOM Student Center
- Roland P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center



THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter. I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interest and for the interests of students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the application of the basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

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