AOA president pays COMP-Northwest campus a visit

The 118th President of the American Osteopathic Association, Robert. S. Juhasz, DO, visited COMP-Northwest in Lebanon, Oregon October 30 and 31, 2014. COMP-Northwest DO 2017 Class President Ginger Cupit invited President Juhasz to visit COMP-Northwest, and attended to every detail of his visit. Following a very busy national AOA OMED conference in Seattle, Washington (where nearly 100 WesternU students, faculty, and staff represented the university), President Juhasz journeyed to another college, then drove seven hours to arrive at COMP-Northwest.

Upon arrival at COMP-Northwest, President Juhasz and his wife, Donna, were greeted at the front entrance with applause and a warm welcome followed by a reception which, in addition to students, faculty, and staff, included COMP-Northwest Advancement Board members and Lebanon community leaders.

A school tour highlighted student research, innovative technology, and student club presentations including Global Health, Sigma Sigma Pi, Lifestyle Medicine, Rural Health, and SAAO. At the end of the evening, everyone gathered in the OMM Lab for the showing of a welcome video created by students. Dr. Juhasz gave thanks and mentioned that this was his “best welcome yet!” The video can be viewed at m.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0a-Mk0YJcw&feature=youtu.be

President Juhasz loves fishing and the outdoors – a perfect match for an early morning venture to the South Santiam River, fishing for steelhead with SGA Leaders Grant Branam, Ginger Cupit, and Department of Family Medicine Assistant Professor Derrick Sorweide, DO. No fish were caught, but it was a memorable experience for all.

The remainder of the morning was spent meeting with student government leaders answering questions and addressing recent events pertaining to the osteopathic profession.

During the noon-hour, President Juhasz addressed students, faculty, and staff, expressing his amazement and gratitude. He said he will never forget his visit to COMP-Northwest.