Western University of Health Sciences was in attendance at the 2014 Osteopathic Medical Conference & Exposition (OMED) in Seattle, Wash. Oct. 25-27. Faculty and students from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific’s Pomona, California and Lebanon, Oregon campuses proudly represented WesternU. Visitors were warmly greeted and had their questions answered by current and future leaders in the health care industry. Alumni were given a “welcome home” in the booth as well as at a mixer held at the Space Needle. WesternU Alumni Relations representatives Russel Heskin and Susan Gebhard put together a first-class event entertaining more than 300 people throughout the night.

COMP students from Lebanon presented posters at the convention center. Student presenters were Babe Westlake, Kurtis Webster, Adam Mina, Adam Burch, Eric Vinceslio, Rebecca Corbett, Jesse Gortner, Scott Sweeny, Lyman Wood, Maranda Herter, Cody Hull, Brett Ostrander, Alex Wertheimer, Matthew Noble, Nate Dodge, and Erica Zaworski.

Sgt. Matthew Trevino, Air Force Pararescue Special Forces ParaJumper, and David Horn, Clinical Anatomy Researcher, also completed research studies. All the research studies included innovation and technology using either a novel ultrasound probe or Google Glass. The studies were focused on the education or clinical arenas. Many of the projects were firsts in successfully combining Glass with the SonicEye finger transducer using a Fukuda-Denshi ultrasound system.

Dr. Brion Benninger (Clinical Anatomist, Reverse Translational researcher and Medical Educator) mentored the medical students on 15 research studies performed in the Medical Anatomy Center (The McDaniel Surgery and Radiology Anatomy Research Lab). Dr. Benninger was also on hand at the WesternU booth to answer questions and provide exciting demonstrations using Glass and the SonicEye finger transducer.

Also representing the students were second-year class presidents Ginger Cupit (Lebanon) and Pradhab “PK” Kirupaharan (Pomona). Ginger and PK were a part of the COSGP (Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents), which met to address student needs and answer important questions that affect themselves and their fellow students.

COMP alumnus Joel E. Abbott, DO ’09, was presented the award for Outstanding Resident of the Year at the American Osteopathic Foundation Honors Dinner. Dr. Abbott serves as the Chief Resident in his fifth year of residency at St. John Providence Health System’s Osteopathic Urology Residency Program in Detroit, Mich.