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PCOM Adds Two New Members to Board of Trustees

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) has named Thelma Dye-Holmes, PhD, and Virginia A. Stallings, MD, to its Board of Trustees, effective May 19, 2021.

“The depth of expertise and commitment to community that Dr. Dye-Holmes and Dr. Stallings bring to their roles strongly aligns with the College’s mission to care for the whole person and advance the health of the diverse communities we serve,” said John P. Kearney, chairman, PCOM Board of Trustees. “We are very proud to welcome them both to our Board.”

Thelma Dye-Holmes, PhD

“It’s an exciting time to be joining the board at PCOM,” said Dr. Dye-Holmes. “As an advocate for adolescent health and well-being, I hope to bring my professional experience to the long history of compassionate care for which PCOM is known.”

Dr. Dye-Holmes serves as the Hilde L. Moss executive director and CEO of the Northside Center for Child Development in New York, which serves over 4,000 children and families annually. She has served in a number of roles for the Northside Center for Child Development over the last 34 years and in her current role as executive director/CEO since 1994. A former adjunct professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, Dr. Dye-Holmes currently serves on the Board of Regents to the NY State Board for Psychology. She previously served on the boards of the Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies, Coordinated Behavioral Care, Citywide Behavioral Network, Inc., and the Advisory Council of the Citizens’ Committee for Children, among numerous other board appointments and committee roles.

Dr. Dye-Holmes earned both her doctoral and master’s degrees from Yeshiva University in New York and her bachelor’s degree from the School of Arts and Sciences at Cornell University.

Virginia A. Stallings, MD

“I am both honored and excited to take on this new challenge,” said Dr. Stallings “In my role as a researcher, I am naturally inclined to ask questions and develop solutions for complex problems and I look forward to bringing that approach to my role on the board.”

Dr. Stallings is a board-certified pediatric gastroenterologist and serves as director of the Nutrition Center and Jean A. Cortner Endowed Chair in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She is also Professor Emerita of Pediatrics at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Department of Pediatrics, and at The University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.

A specialist in therapeutic nutrition, dietary intake and body composition, and health, Dr. Stallings focuses her research on nutrition-related abnormalities in people with chronic disease including: chronic pancreatitis, cystic fibrosis, HIV/AIDS, sickle cell disease, cerebral palsy, Crohn's disease, congenital heart disease, obesity, and osteoporosis. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the E.V. McCollum Award for Clinical Research from the American Society for Nutrition, David Rall Medal from the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and the Reeves Distinguished Visiting Professor in Nutrition from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She also maintains professional memberships in the American Pediatric Society/Society for Pediatric Research, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, National Academy of Medicine, American Society for Nutrition, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Stallings earned her doctoral degree from University of Alabama School of Medicine, her master’s degree in human nutrition and biochemistry from Cornell University, and her bachelor’s degree in nutrition and foods from Auburn University.

Dr. Dye-Holmes and Dr. Stallings were elected to the board in May 2021 and will serve in their roles through 2023.

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Founded in 1899, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) has trained thousands of highly competent, caring physicians, health practitioners and behavioral scientists who practice a “whole person” approach to care—treating people, not just symptoms. PCOM operates three campuses ([PCOM](#), [PCOM Georgia](#) and [PCOM South Georgia](#)) and offers doctoral degrees in clinical psychology, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy and school psychology, and graduate degrees in biomedical sciences, forensic medicine, mental health counseling, organizational development and leadership, physician assistant studies, school psychology, and public health management and administration. PCOM students learn the importance of health promotion, research, education and service to the community. Through its community-based Healthcare Centers, PCOM provides care to medically underserved populations. For more information, visit pcom.edu or call 215-871-6100.