

**REMARKS BY ANDY LESTER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD
OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA
AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL COLLEGES, AT
2013 OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT
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President Barnett, Dr. Shrum, Regent Milner, guests, and, most importantly, candidates for degrees: On behalf of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical Colleges, I bring greetings and congratulations to all of you. It is also a pleasure and an honor to express appreciation to Dr. Kyle Summers for addressing us today as President of the Class of 2013. Dr. Summers is a great example of why this College has attained its national prominence and why the Board of Regents is so proud of the accomplishments that we celebrate today.

Graduates, we honor you today, and we celebrate your decision to attend OSU's Center for Health Sciences and College of Osteopathic Medicine. Our Center for Health Sciences continues to gain prominence as its graduates make a difference in the health of our state and nation. Thank you for the lifelong commitment you have made to this most excellent of endeavors.

As someone who grew up in a medical family, I know the hard work, time, dedication and cost of pursuing a career in medicine. Arriving at this point is an amazing achievement, and for that you should be commended. Yet, no person is an island unto himself or herself. You would not have attained your degree had it not been for the considerable support of your family and friends, and at this time please join me in applauding them for your accomplishment.

We are thrilled to be a part of this celebration of how Oklahoma State University, the Center for Health Sciences and the College of Osteopathic Medicine have influenced your lives. I trust your future achievements will reflect favorably on each of you, on those who care about you, and on your Alma Mater.

Again, on behalf of the Board of Regents, greetings and congratulations.

Thank you.

REGENTS AWARD PRESENTATION

The Regents Distinguished Student Award is given to the graduating student who represents high academic achievement as well as service to his or her class, college and community. This year's Regents Distinguished Student Award goes to Keyaria (Key-Are-E-Ah) Gray.

Throughout her time at CHS, Dr. Gray has devoted herself to community service. She received a Touch Pin award for participating in more than 50 hours of community service in one academic year, volunteering at the OSU Rural Health Fair, Eugene Field Elementary Health and Science Fairs, Mini-Med School and Mission of Mercy.

Dr. Gray has served as a Student Ambassador, welcoming and providing tours for prospective students, and volunteered as a tutor for first-year students in anatomy, histology and neuroanatomy.

She has also served in leadership positions for the Student National Medical Association, Sigma Sigma Phi, the national osteopathic academic and service fraternity, and the American College of Pediatricians.

Dr. Gray will be starting her residency in pediatrics at the Arkansas Children's Hospital at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

Dr. Gray, please come forward to accept this award.