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Janice A. Knebl, DO, MBA, Receives NBOME's Santucci Award

On June 26, 2015, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners' (NBOME) Immediate Past Chair, successful geriatric physician, and accomplished medical educator Janice A. Knebl, DO, MBA, was awarded the highest honor presented by the NBOME, the Santucci Award, for her extensive contributions and advancement of the NBOME's mission to protect the public.

Dr. Janice Knebl, who most recently chaired the NBOME's Blue Ribbon Panel on Enhancing COMLEX-USA, is a native of Philadelphia. She moved to Fort Worth in 1988 to become Chief, Division of Geriatrics at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM). Currently, Dr. Knebl is the endowed Chair of Geriatrics at TCOM, and Principal Investigator for the Reynolds Geriatric Education and Training in Texas (GET-IT) Program designed to train medical students and physicians in the care of the geriatric population.

"Dr. Knebl is an exemplary role model for DO students and faculty alike at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and throughout the country," NBOME President and CEO John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, said. "She is one of the nation's leading medical educators in geriatrics, a leader in the local Fort Worth medical community, and truly personifies the caring, body-mind-spirit approach of osteopathic patient care to all she meets."

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As Dr. Knebl accepted the award, she said, "I have truly loved my 16 years on the NBOME Board; it has never been work." That passion was never lost on NBOME staff and Board members who worked closely with Dr. Knebl and came to know her exuberance, dedication and vision first-hand. In closing, Dr. Knebl added, "I am humbled to have been able to contribute to the growth and success of the NBOME."

The NBOME is the leading assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession. Its mission is to protect the public by providing the means to assess competencies for osteopathic medicine and related health care professions. NBOME's COMLEX-USA examination series is a requirement for graduation from colleges of osteopathic medicine and provides the pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians in the United States.

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