



Ronnie B. Martin, Pharm D, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, was born in Texas but currently retired and living in Muldrow, OK is proudly a graduate of Davis High in Davis, OK, moving to the state after living in S. California until 1964. He proudly identifies himself as a board-certified osteopathic family physician and medical educator. Dr. Martin entered medical school at Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1979 after graduation from Southwestern University College of Pharmacy in 1973 and practicing hospital pharmacy in Enid OK. Graduating in as a member of the third class in 1979, he completed a combined Primary Rural Training program in family medicine at a consortium between Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital and Enid Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Martin practiced family medicine in Enid for the next 18 years, including acute, chronic and preventative adult and childhood medicine, obstetrics, sports medicine, emergency medicine and the clinical education of students and residents in his practice throughout that period of time. Seeking a opportunity to enter medical education full time, he moved to Tulsa, OK in 1997, he practiced with Springer Clinic

and taught in conjunction with OSU-COM for two years.

Beginning a full-time medical education career in 1999, Dr. Martin professional education journey included his roles as a professor of family medicine on the faculty of 6 colleges of osteopathic medicine, being the Chair of Family Medicine Departments at 2 COM'S with advancement to Associate Dean of Medical Education and Vice Dean rank at three of the institutions over the next decade. Dr. Martin was recruited and ultimately selected to serve as the founding Dean at two new osteopathic colleges of medicine, Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Denver, CO in 2006 and Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Lynchburg, VA in 2012.

Dr. Martin entered the U.S. Army in 1968, moved over to the Oklahoma National Guard and Reserve Medical Corp before retiring in 1992 after Desert Storm after spending 22 years in service as a reserve NCO or Officer in the USARMC.

He has had the honor, after serving on the boards of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Medicine for more than a decade each, of being elected to serve as President of the OOA in 1996 and as the President of the ACOFP in 2008. He served on multiple regulatory and legislative boards, task forces and bureaus in

Oklahoma, Iowa, Virginia, and Florida in addition to serving as President of the OKCOMS Alumni Association and on the Board of the OSU Foundation.

A Health Policy Fellow with extensive experience in OKC, Denver, Richmond and Tallahassee as well as Washington, D.C., Dr. Martin has served on the American Osteopathic Associations Federal Health Council over the past two decades and currently chairs the Osteopathic Political Action Committee (OPAC) for the AOA. His professional service to the AOA and the greater osteopathic profession is diverse and deep, including multiple committees, taskforces and commissions. Dr. Martin personally feeling is his service is highlighted by his decades long service on the AOA's Bureau of Federal Health along with his service over a period of three decades for the Commission of Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and its precursor, the Predoctoral Committee. Including one term as the Chairperson of that body.

Dr. Martin has been blessed by having the opportunity to provide medical service and outreach more than 3 dozen times on medical outreach events in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Central America as well as the U.S. after disastrous events, often with students and residents from Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. He is especially proud of his 15 year work with IPCEA and its efforts toward advancing the evolution of primary care and family medicine in China.

Dr. Martin has been married to Sherri L. Martin since 1968. They have three children, R. Shawn Martin, the CEO of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Natasha Bray, the Dean for Oklahoma State University-College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation, and Dr. Amanda Martin, an orthopedic surgeon who is one of the physicians for MLS and the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team. All 3 of the physicians in the family are graduates of OSU-COM. He has 4 grandchildren, Elliott, Preston, Parker and Payton.

Dr. Martin retired from full time educational efforts in 2019 after serving his last two years as the Interim-Dean of the KCUMB College of Osteopathic Medicine Campus in Joplin, MO. and retired to Muldrow close to where his daughter and grandsons live. He continues to provide medical care and education for future physicians as an Adjunct Faculty Member for OSU-COM.