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LECOM Celebrates 30-Year Anniversary December 24, 2022

Erie, Pennsylvania – The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) is celebrating their 30-year anniversary. On December 24, 1992 LECOM was granted a charter by Pennsylvania Senator Robert Casey, Sr. to start an osteopathic medical school in Erie, Pennsylvania. The charter class began on August 9, 1993 at a new campus on West Grandview Boulevard.

While the main campus is still at the West Grandview Boulevard location, over the years LECOM has grown to be the largest medical college in the United States with four campuses in three states. In addition to the college of medicine, LECOM also has a school of pharmacy, school of dental medicine, school of graduate studies, and the college just added a school of podiatric medicine that will welcome its first class in 2023.

LECOM has built the nation's only osteopathic health system with its own teaching hospitals, physician's network, and continuum of services for older adults. LECOM offers innovative and affordable education, and to date the college has over 16,000 graduates.

The institution was founded under the leadership of Dr. John Ferretti, president and CEO, and Dr. Silvia Ferretti, provost and senior vice president and dean of academic affairs.

"December 24th, 1992 marks the official start of LECOM's great history of educating physicians and making a massive impact on healthcare delivery globally," added Matt Bresee, vice president

of marketing, communications & organizational culture for LECOM. “We intend to celebrate our 30th anniversary throughout 2023 with events and promotions for our students, faculty, alumni, and the community.”

About LECOM:

LECOM is the largest medical school in the country and was established as the 16th College of Osteopathic Medicine in the nation in 1992, with a charter class in 1993 in Erie, Pennsylvania. In 2004, LECOM developed the first branch campus in Bradenton, Florida, with two additional locations followed in 2009 at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and in 2018 in Elmira, New York. The mission of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine is to prepare students to become osteopathic physicians through a program of excellence in education, research, clinical care, and community service to enhance the quality of life through improved health for all humanity. LECOM is dedicated to serving all students through an innovative curriculum and the development of postdoctoral education and interprofessional experiences.