

## DR. R. BRIAN KESSLER

VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN,  
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Dr. Brian Kessler, D.O. FACOFP, became the second dean of Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) in January 2016. Prior to his position as dean at LMU-DCOM, he was the associate dean for clinical affairs at the Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine (CUSOM) in Buies Creek, North Carolina. A board-certified osteopathic family physician since 2001, he has a vast knowledge of primary care medicine, medical education, and health policy. He appreciates the vital role primary care physicians have in training the next generation of osteopathic physicians.

Dr. Kessler is a graduate of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) in Erie, Pennsylvania. He is the former chief academic officer and director of medical education at Cleveland Clinic South Pointe. Dr. Kessler is an American Osteopathic Association Health Policy Fellow and a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP). He completed the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Senior Leadership Development Program. He serves on the Board of Governors for the ACOFP, is a member of both the American Osteopathic Association and the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association, served as a commissioner for the AOA Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, and is past chair of the AOA Council on Postdoctoral Training. He holds licenses to practice medicine in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. He continues to serve as a delegate to both the AOA House of Delegates and ACOFP Congress of Delegates and serves on the board of directors for the Tennessee Center for Health Workforce Development.

As vice-president and dean, Dr. Kessler oversees the Osteopathic medical school and continues to be an integral part in new program expansion for LMU, the development of graduate medical education, research, and community outreach. Dr. Kessler is blessed with a wonderful family. He is married to his lovely wife, Ioanna, who is an accomplished osteopathic family physician, and they have three wonderful children, Katie, Ethan and Evan.