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Dr. Mark Kauffman, DO, Dean of Academic Affairs, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM). Originally trained as a Physician Assistant (PA), Dr. Kauffman began his career in pediatric transplant surgery before earning his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) and focusing on family medicine. Finding passion in teaching, he then earned a Master of Science in Medical Education and began teaching future DO students at LECOM. Dr. Kauffman developed the Accelerated Physician Assistant Pathway, to encourage more PAs to earn DOs degree, and pioneered the “Academic Index Score” as an alternative to the MCAT to allow prospective students more options for admission to LECOM. Dr. Kauffman can speak to the field of Osteopathic Medicine, how physicians should better focus on preventive care to improve patient health, and the innovative work happening at LECOM to train the next generation of the physician workforce