Patrick Cullinan lives by the creed if something is worth doing, it is worth doing to the best of your ability. For starters, Cullinan took classes at COD for a year and in that time completed two years’ worth of credits. The former Marine went on to finish two bachelor’s degrees with cum laude honors at the University of Illinois and a doctorate of osteopathy at Midwestern University, graduating fourth in his class. He specialized in not one but three medical areas and was inducted as a Fellow of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Medicine and the American College of Internists.

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