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## ★ DR. BRADLEY BAKOTIC'S GIFT SUPPORTS TEMPLE'S SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



TUSPM Dean John A. Mattiacci, DPM has announced a generous \$50,000 gift from Dr. Bradley W. Bakotic on behalf of Bako Integrated Physician Solutions for a fully-endowed scholarship fund.

The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide an annual endowment for a student enrolled in TUSPM who is achieving the highest grade point average in

dermatology and who also exhibits superior acumen in clinical dermatology.

"The profession of Podiatric Medicine can only be as great as the students that it attracts, and the quality of the education that they receive," Dr. Bakotic, dermatopathologist and BAKO Chief Executive Officer shared. "As a partner of the podiatric profession, we feel that we must do our part to ensure that we

have the brightest and best educated students advancing into our profession."

Dr. Bakotic's scholarship is one of nearly 90 endowed scholarships and awards available to our students.

"To future recipients of the Bako Endowed Scholarship, I'd like to convey the need for them to make every effort to learn, and then practice all aspects of podiatric medicine," Dr. Bakotic said. "Their scope of practice is remarkably broad, relative to other disciplines, if they make their practice complete and well-rounded. Dermatology, surgery, biomechanics, sports medicine, and more falls within the scope of a podiatric clinician who takes the role of primary care physician for the lower extremity. Prepare yourself appropriately and you'll enjoy all that this great profession has to offer."

Dr. Bakotic also serves on the Board of Visitors of the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine.

Bako Integrated Physician Solutions, which celebrated its 6th anniversary in October of 2014, is a national diagnostic testing laboratory which provides a turn-key solution for high quality pathology services, including epidermal nerve fiber density testing, and corresponding office-dispensed therapeutics. ★

## ★ IT STARTED OUT LIKE ANY OTHER SATURDAY

BY DENISE M. KRENSKI, CLA '95

When the then 29 year old mother of three woke up on May 16th, 2012, the word amputee was not an active one in her vocabulary. Before that date, she had never so much as broken a bone. She survived the devastating car accident that severed her left foot—crushed most of the bones and toes on her right foot, broke her pelvis and knocked out her front tooth—and on that day, she became one.

Krista Morales, native Californian turned Philadelphian, had to have a transmetatarsal amputation to keep half

of her left foot, leaving very little fatty tissue for the doctors to use. The skin grafted from her hip onto her foot thinly covered direct bone. There was no cushioning to protect her bone when the new iteration of a foot hit the ground.

After five surgeries and nearly two years of rehabilitation, Morales' bad luck turned around in September of 2014 when she was referred to Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine by one of its own—Dr. Justin Fleming, '00. As one of her post-surgery podiatrists, Dr. Fleming encouraged her to see one of his colleagues and former professors, Dr. Kendrick Whitney, '83, to get a prosthetic



molded foot orthotic which would enable her to get propulsion off of her foot.

Dr. Fleming, who learned under Dr. Whitney, made Morales feel at peace.

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## ★ A MESSAGE FROM DEAN MATTIACCI



John A. Mattiacci

By continuing to innovate, setting high standards for research and application, and creating relationships with others in the field of podiatry, Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine is moving in the right direction -- forward. We have entered 2015 just as ambitiously as previous years and look forward to ensuring that all of our goals are realistic and achiev-

able. We would be remiss, however, if we didn't take the time to recognize the trailblazers who have and will continue to help us meet our goals.

In this issue of *Strides*, you will hear about Dr. Bradley Bakotic, DPM, DO, dermatopathologist and BAKO chief executive officer, who gifted TUSPM \$50,000 to start the BAKO Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide for a TUSPM student who exhibits superior acumen in clinical dermatology. Dr. Bakotic, though not an alum of TUSPM, believes so strongly in our students and our alumni successes that he started this scholarship to enable our students to become well-rounded practitioners. Scholarships, of which we have nearly 90 offerings for current students, are key ways in which alumni can give back to TUSPM.

You will also read about the advancements our doctors are making at the lymphedema program that was created at TUSPM

last year. By utilizing medical technology devices provided by one of our corporate partners, ReMarx Medical Services, our doctors are able to improve the quality of life for patients living with serious and chronic problems. The relationships we've fostered with various sponsors have greatly benefitted our doctors and patients, and have enabled innovative treatment to become available to those who might not have otherwise been able to afford it.

This issue showcases faculty, students and alumni who are contributing to podiatric progress in ways that might not be seen outside of TUSPM. Whether it is a new administrator working closely with students to ensure their ultimate success, a student leader who is constantly looking for effective ways to communicate with his peers and the administration, or an alumnus who has expanded his practice to include the under- and uninsured, these highlights are merely a peephole into myriad ways in which our TUSPM family is succeeding. Make sure to check out various social media pages, as we are updating them daily with alumni news.

This next year, I'm sure, will bring us challenges to overcome. But, if history is any indicator, we are prepared to triumph and keep the TUSPM legacy strong.

My door is always open.

Warm regards,

John A. Mattiacci, DPM'70  
Dean

### Mission Statement

To educate highly qualified, ethical and professional podiatric medical students, who, upon completion of the curriculum, are prepared for licensure and entry into post-graduate medical education; and to advance our profession through quality patient care, community service, and research.

### Vision Statement

We will graduate Doctors of Podiatric Medicine who are knowledgeable in all systems of the human body and their interrelations in health and disease who are highly competent in the diagnosis and treatment of lower extremity pathologies.

We will establish the Foot and Ankle Institute as the pre-eminent center of excellence for the diagnosis and treatment of maladies of the lower extremity.

We will increase the body of knowledge of the lower extremity through research, scholarly publication and teaching.

## ✦ PODIATRIST-RUN LYMPHEDEMA PROGRAM ENHANCING PATIENT TREATMENT, INCREASING PATIENT VOLUME, HELPING STUDENTS



TUSPM's Dr. Marc Karpo treating a patient in the lymphedema and diabetic foot clinic.

The lymphedema program created by the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (TUSPM) last year is enhancing patient treatment and sparking a substantial increase in patient volume – and alums can now replicate this program in their practices as well.

Under the direction of Dean John Mattiacci, DPM, TUSPM's podiatrist-run lymphedema and diabetic ulcer clinic – the first of its kind in Philadelphia – is utilizing medical device technology provided by corporate partner ReMarx Medical Services to improve the quality of life for patients living with chronic venous insufficiencies, lymphedema, and venous ulcers. TUSPM has also seen a rise in patient volume after embarking on a co-branded lymphedema awareness campaign in local media outlets.

“We have discovered that lymphedema is not a term familiar to most people,” says Dean Mattiacci. “Once more of the population became aware of this chronic condition's symptoms, we saw a tremendous influx of patients. Many of these individuals were living with undiagnosed lymphedema.”

### Identifying Lymphedema

Secondary lymphedema, which develops when lymph nodes are damaged or destroyed, is most prevalent, as many cases can develop as a result of ongoing co-morbidities such as CVI, obesity, surgery or trauma. Primary lymphedema is related to hereditary conditions causing lymphatic vessels to be missing or impaired. In either case, swelling in the arms or legs – or even the neck or trunk region – can be severe.

According to varying sources, approximately 120 million people worldwide suffer from lymphedema. Many sources estimate that three to four million Americans alone suffer from the condition,

but also speculate that undiagnosed cases could push that number to seven million or more.

Many people who notice swelling do not always seek help, especially if the edema is minor. Left untreated, lymphedema can cause fibrosis, delay wound healing, and create ulcers and other health complications.

TUSPM seeks to prevent severe lymphedema by raising awareness about the condition in the community. The school also trains its students on identifying symptoms of lymphedema, including decreased flexibility in the foot, ankle, skin tightness, and a “heavy” feeling in the limbs. While lymphedema is a chronic condition, early detection and treatment can prevent immobility and increase quality of life.

### Device-Based Treatment

Exercise, elevation, wraps, stockings, and manual lymphatic drainage (MLD) have historically been the most preferred treatment options. But as the country's leading podiatric school, TUSPM and lymphedema clinic leaders Dr. Marc Karpo, DPM, and Dr. Robert W. Herpen, DPM, started utilizing more advanced practices.

“We are finding that compression therapy technology can be utilized successfully as adjunct therapy for patients suffering from lymphedema,” says Dr. Karpo. “Use of these devices can improve mobility by helping to mimic the body's walking motion, which in turn helps push lymphatic fluid in the correct physiological direction.

Transporting lymphatic fluid correctly can help prevent protein build-up and fibrosis. Using the device two to three times daily has shown to help patients control lymphedema and live a more comfortable life.

TUSPM is planning to release results of specific studies in 2015.

### Launching a Podiatry Program

ReMarx Medical Services is working with TUSPM alums to replicate the lymphedema awareness campaign and treatment programs in their specific geographies.

ReMarx works to push patients to alums' practices for diagnosis and treatment, provides compression therapy devices that are covered by Medicare and most private insurance, and educate alums, their staff, and even their patients on device operation to ensure patient compliance.

If you are interested in learning more about setting up a program in your area, please contact ReMarx Medical Services at [info@remarxservices.com](mailto:info@remarxservices.com) or 1-888-673-6279. ✦



## ★ ALUMNI PROFILE: LARRY LEVINE, DPM

BY DENISE M. KRENSKI, CLA '95

When a young Larry Levine showed up to a block party in a North Jersey neighborhood in the mid 60s, he was there to play keyboards with his band. Unfortunately for Levine, the piano he was set to use was too big to be dragged out of his friend's home. Instead of making music, he started talking to one of the young ladies there and coincidentally, married her a few years later.

Similar to how Levine met his wife, he found the field of podiatry -- by chance. It was while taking a physics class as an undergraduate at Rutgers University that he first heard of the field of podiatry. "The guy next to me told me that he was taking this class because he was going to be a podiatrist," Levine shared. "And, I said: 'what's that?'"



*Dr. Levine will be the Keynote Speaker at this year's Rite of Passage Ceremony.*

Fast forward four decades to Levine, a 1971 graduate of what was then PCPM, growing his first solo practice, which he inherited from a retiring colleague, into a 32-and-growing group of practices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. All of his practices are under the name of Foot Health Centers -- while some are private offices, others provide the podiatric component in federally qualified health facilities that treat patients in underserved urban and rural areas.

Expanding his practices to include federally qualified health centers (FQHC) was an idea presented to him by one of his patients, who was the CEO at FQHC in Trenton. "This seemed to be the logical next step," Levine noted. Opening practices that are a part of FQHC enabled Foot Health Centers to see a segment of the population that was undervalued and underappreciated. "We felt blessed that we could provide the podiatric care to those who needed it." Philadelphia Business Journal recognized this with the "Consultant of the Year: Silver Level" honors in 2013. Additionally, Levine has been appointed to the advisory board of First Colonial Community Bank in Haddon Township, NJ.

Despite being named TOP DOC in NJ and Philly eight times since 2002, Levine quickly notes: "I didn't build all of this myself." He attributes his and the practices' success to his longtime associates, PCPM/TUSPM alumni, Dr. Richard Adler and Dr. Robert Barbuto, as well as with Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine alum, Dr. Stanley Bodzin. "We are continuing to grow and to evolve and we are not just staying in one place."

A child of second generation Eastern European immigrants, Levine was taught at an early age that everyone should be treated the same. "We are all equal," he noted, which backs his professional philosophy to provide seamless quality healthcare across the board to all populations.

Dr. Levine has not forgotten where he came from, and PCPM/TUSPM is not an exception. In 2010, Levine established the Isadore P. Forman, DPM Scholarship Fund in memory of Dr. Forman, his mentor and the man who pushed him to think critically and scientifically. "He was a strict disciplinarian," Levine recalled, "but he would listen to his students." That meant the world to Levine. This scholarship provides non-traditional, third year students at TUSPM who have financial need.

When not running his practices with his great team of doctors and staff or teaching practice management and administration at TUSPM, Levine spends time with family, traveling, collecting art and wine and playing music. ★

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## ★ FACULTY PROFILE: JOSHUA MOORE, DPM

BY MAGGIE WURST, SMC '17



Dr. Joshua Moore, the newest member of the TUSPM Administrative Council, was awarded the Faculty Member of the Year for 2014 by TUSPM's students.

Dr. Joshua Moore, assistant professor in TUSPM's Department of Foot and Ankle Surgery, wasn't always a Philadelphian. After earning an undergraduate degree at Loras College and attending Des Moines University's College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, he took a residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), and eventually came to work at TUSPM in July of 2012.

As a younger teacher, he shares his experiences with students and values honesty above all else.

*Strides: How did you break into the field of podiatry?*

JM: I knew that I wanted to study medicine when I was done with undergraduate, but I didn't know in what area to specialize. I was signed up to do a year of volunteer work in Baltimore

[after graduating from podiatry school at Des Moines University], but I figured I would still apply for residencies.

*Strides: When did you realize that podiatry was going to be your life's work?*

JM: When I was called to interview, I had never heard of podiatry. I didn't know whether podiatrists worked with the foot or the hand. I was told to go shadow a few podiatrists and I fell in love with it. I love the fact that you can work four, five, or seven days a week. You can work in clinical practice, surgical practice, trauma, pediatrics, or anything you want. You can essentially make your own niche within the profession.

*Strides: What is your area of specialty in podiatric medicine?*

(JM): I specialize in foot and ankle surgery, specifically trauma and reconstruction.

*Strides: What do you enjoy about teaching podiatry?*

JM: I love interacting with my students. They keep me driven to always better myself in my role as a physician. Hopefully, I can prepare our students for the future of the profession. I am always honest with them, even if it's the brutal truth. I won't lie to them, and I won't lead them on. I tell my students how the profession really works and not what they want to hear. At least once a month in my classes, I sit down with my students and we will have candid conversations about how things work [in the field of podiatry]. [We talk about] how to be a successful physician who can still go home at the end of the day with morals and ethics that he or she feels good about. Being real and honest with students is the greatest thing you can give them.

*Strides: How would you describe your teaching style?*

JM: My teaching style is very much interactive. I like to involve the students in my lectures. They know when they come into my classroom that they are going to be asked to read and identify things. I like to have as much clinical application [in my classes] as possible because I feel it is the best way for students to grasp the information going forward.

*Strides: How do you see a younger professor positively influencing podiatry students?*

JM: It benefits [my students] because I remember what it was like, so I can relate to them still and remember what I went through at this stage of the game. I have an insight into how to get through the struggles they may be facing.

*Strides: What are some of your tips for graduating podiatry students?*

JM: Graduating students have to be prepared to work hard. In today's world, they have to be willing and able to truly grasp medicine as a whole, not just the foot and ankle. They have to be able to understand any condition that the body may or may not present to them. They need to be willing to work well with others in all professional spectrums of medicine. Podiatrists need to be ethical, and they need to have professionalism and compassion for their patients.

*Strides: What is something that your students wouldn't know about you?*

JM: I am professionally trained in vocal performance. I volunteer as a music director at The University of Pennsylvania every Sunday night. ★

For more information about our faculty, visit: <http://podiatry.temple.edu/academics/departments>.

## ★ STUDENT PROFILE: ROHIT GOGNA '16

BY MAGGIE WURST, SMC '17



Rohit Gogna, '16

TUSPM Student Body President Rohit Gogna, '16 has always had a personal connection to the foot and ankle. "I played a lot of sports [when I was younger], and I was prone to getting injuries," said Gogna. "I had a lot of ankle sprains, and once you get one, it is common to get another."

After earning undergraduate degrees in accounting and biology from McGill and Concordia Universities in Canada, Gogna went on to graduate school in public relations before beginning his career in business and accounting. However, his passion for medicine persisted and Gogna then began his career in podiatric medicine at TUSPM.

According to Gogna, his main goal was to go into medicine, however, he found a passion in podiatry that couldn't be rivaled in other fields. "I was exploring medicine, and podiatry was something I looked into," said Gogna. "I shadowed podiatrists, and I knew [the field of podiatric medicine] was where I wanted to be."

While searching for podiatry schools, Gogna was drawn in by TUSPM's top-notch academic and research programs.

Once a TUSPM student, Gogna wanted to have an impact on the school, which prompted him to run for Student Body President, a position he successfully earned and has held for over two years.

According to Gogna, he wanted to "make a change" during his time at TUSPM, and over the last two years, he has focused on creating more unity between the student body and TUSPM's administration.

In order to do this, in August of 2014, Gogna created, and successfully launched, a monthly newsletter called "Student Gaitway," which features updates from the student government and student organizations as well as notes and advice from various faculty members and students.

In addition to "Student Gaitway," Gogna created a shared online OwlBox folder in Fall 2013, which serves as an online collection of information from the student body, student government, and organizations that students have access to at all times. He also created an electronic scribe note taking system for students to use in their classes,

which is successfully implemented in his class and the two classes below. Gogna invested in branding a bulletin board on the third floor of TUSPM to keep students informed of the current happenings in the school. Gogna also initiated the first annual TUSPM holiday clothing drive in December 2014 to give back to those in need during the holidays.

In November 2014, Gogna and TUSPM Alumna Dr. Jane Pontius, '85 launched a program, that matches fourth year students with first year students. "[The goal of the program] is to help the first year students smoothly transition into externships and residencies in the future because they will already have connections with upperclassmen," said Gogna.

Also, Gogna invested the effort to revamp the lobby of the Foot and Ankle Institute, which began in late 2014 with new signage, new paint color, and new photos and frames of TUSPM's physicians.

For future podiatry students, Gogna offers advice in order to be successful at TUSPM. "Get involved early and [don't] be shy. Keep your grades a top priority at all times," said Gogna. "Stand up for what you believe in and always network with other students." ★





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“He saved my life,” she said. “I’ve never had someone so compassionate, so competent.”



*Dr. Whitney and Pedorthist-Orthotist James Dodds created a prosthetic orthotic device for Morales.*

Not surprisingly, Dr. Whitney’s team, made up of Pedorthist-Orthotist, James Dodds of Hanger Orthotics and Prosthetics and TUSPM third year podiatry student Bryan Duffin, Co-Founder and Co-president of the Biomechanics Club, went about trying

to “perfect the prosthetic orthotic devices that will allow Krista to live her daily life without pain or further risk of tissue breakdown at the amputation site,” Whitney said.

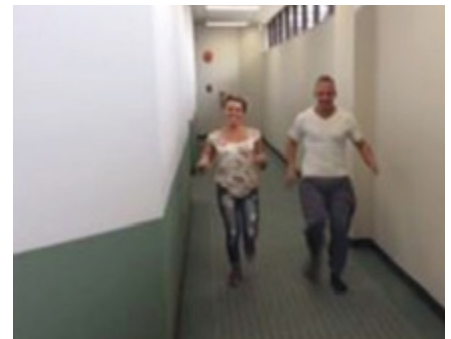
The key for the team was to bring Morales comfort and reduce pressure to her bone when she walks. “We made a thin wedge to the orthotic to make it more comfortable from a balance standpoint,” Duffin shared.

“The materials are important but it really is biomechanics,” Duffin noted. “It is the art and the knowledge of biomechanics that Dr. Whitney has that we are able to put these materials together to enable this orthotic to function at a high level for Krista.”

The materials used for all of the orthotics come from an EVA material that is softer than other materials like polypropylene and carbon fiber. There is some importance behind the materials used but most of the benefit comes from the design and construction of the device.

The combination of offloading and support that allows her foot to function at a level that she needs in order to be active with her children, ages eight through 10.

For Morales and the docs at TUSPM, this is just the beginning. The relationship that has been forged between Morales and her medical team will be the difference when she begins to pursue her new goals. “I want to run,” Morales implored. “Just watch me!” ★



*Morales was able to get some running in once the orthotics were in her sneakers.*

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## ★ DR. MARTIN PRESSMAN '73 HONORED WITH 2014 GALLERY OF SUCCESS AWARD FOR TUSPM

BY REBECCA SWITZER, SMC '15

The Gallery of Success award is one of the most prestigious and highly recognized awards a Temple Alumni can acquire. Every year, Temple University honors one individual from each of its 18 different schools with the award.

TUSPM Alumni, Dr. Martin Pressman, '73 was presented the Gallery of Success Award for his involvement with the School of Podiatric Medicine, his success as a podiatrist, and his numerous contributions to the community around him.

Dr. Pressman attended Temple University as an undergraduate where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 1969. Four years later, he graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, later to be named TUSPM. After completing his surgical residency at Parkview and Metropolitan Hospitals in Philadelphia, Dr. Pressman worked as a clinical associate professor of biomechanics and surgery at TUSPM, and was a clinician in the departments of orthopaedics and surgery.

For the past 17 years, Dr. Pressman has served as chief of podiatric surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is a clinical assistant professor of orthopaedics and rehabilitation at Yale School of Medicine, a senior attending surgeon at the VA Medical Center of West Haven, and founder and president of the Yale Foot and Ankle Society. He is a fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and a diplomate of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery.

Dr. Pressman was appointed chairman of the Connecticut State Board of Podiatry Examiners in 1981, an appointment he



*Dr. Martin Pressman, TUSPM's 2014 Gallery of Success Awardee.*

still holds. He served as president of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery in 1994. Since 1981, he has served on the examinations committee for the Board, of which he has been exam committee chairman. He currently serves as the chairman of the computer-based patient simulation exam for the Board.

Additionally, Dr. Pressman has published numerous papers in the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association and the Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery and was awarded a US Patent for the Modular Ankle Foot Orthosis and authored a chapter on bunion surgery in Current Therapy in Podiatric Surgery. Dr. Pressman is a recipient of the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association's Podiatrist of the Year award, the Distinguished Service

Award from the State of Connecticut, and the Ambulatory Teacher of the Year award from the Yale Internal Medicine Department, Yale School of Medicine.

In 2006, Dr. Pressman co-established with Dr. David Novicki the New England Endowed Scholarship Fund at TUSPM for students with financial need and significant academic achievement.

His portrait and biography are now displayed on the lower level of Mitten Hall at Main Campus among the other 2014 Gallery of Success recipients.

"I have very positive feelings about Temple University," Dr. Pressman shared. "Temple taught me how to learn and they put me on the right track." ★

Please check out more on Dr. Pressman: <https://www.candidcareer.com/temple/video-podiatrist>



## ★ DR. RAYMOND DIPRIMIO HONORED WITH PLAQUE COMMEMORATING 52 YEARS OF TEACHING AT TUSPM

BY MAGGIE WURST, SMC '17

In May 2014, recently retired podiatry Professor Raymond DiPrimio's last class began just like any other. However, as Dr. DiPrimio lectured, various faculty members entered his classroom. When Dean John Mattiacci (and DiPrimio's former pupil) appeared, DiPrimio realized something special was taking place. "[The faculty members] were carrying a big cake and they presented it to me," said DiPrimio. "Then, Dean Mattiacci came in and made the announcement that [TUSPM was] going to honor me with a plaque."

The plaque, which is featured in TUSPM's Anatomy Lab, commemorates DiPrimio's 52 years of teaching at TUSPM. "Teaching and helping students understand what [podiatry] is about was the greatest gift [I gave] to the school," said DiPrimio. "My greatest contribution was teaching over a thousand students over the time I was there."

In late August of 2014, the plaque was unveiled. "I was taken aback by [the plaque] because [TUSPM] had my photograph engraved on it," said DiPrimio. "The main thing about the plaque is that it was given to me in



*Dr. DiPrimio poses with his commemorative plaque.*

bronze, and that is the highest degree of honor to give a person," he noted. "I'll never forget that."

Student members of the Stirling-Harford DiPrimio Honorary Anatomical Society were present to honor the esteemed podiatrist and his 52 year commitment to their education. Partially founded by

DiPrimio, the society requires students to hold a 90 average in their anatomy classes.

Retirement has given Dr. DiPrimio the opportunity to spend more time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. "It has been an adjustment," said DiPrimio. ★



*Dr. DiPrimio and current student members of the Stirling-Harford DiPrimio Honor Society.*

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## ★ 2018 TUSPM NEW STUDENT PICNIC



Posing for a picture in the yard of Dean John A. Mattiacci, DPM Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine's Class of 2018 commemorated the beginning of their journey in podiatric medicine. Held on August 21, students got to know one another while playing football and meeting members of the TUSPM community. "I was happy to finally have a chance to have

casual conversation with my classmates and to get to know them better," said picnic attendee and president of the Class of 2018 Alexa Ray Santomero. "It was also great to meet second year class council members, deans, and clinicians who would have a strong influence on my education and Temple experience over the course of my four years at TUSPM." ★

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## ★ THE 2014 ANNUAL WILLIAM L. GOLDFARB FOUNDATION CLINICAL CONFERENCE



The 2014 Annual William L. Goldfarb Foundation Clinical Conference, which took place November 7-9th at Valley Forge Casino, brought together TUSPM alumni Linda Ziman, '85 and Robert Herpen, '81.

The 2015 Clinical Conference is scheduled for November 5-8th. For more information, check out their website: <http://www.goldfarbfoundation.org> ★

## ALUMNI AND STAFF NEWS

### ELIZABETH BASS, DPM, '03

Dr. Bass, AAWP Secretary and Conference Chair led the 2014 AAWP Scientific Conference in San Diego, CA in October of 2014.

### HILARY BRENNER, DPM, '02

Dr. Brenner, who practices podiatry in NYC, also moonlights as a shoe advisor to fashionistas. She can be seen on the Dr. Oz show. Check out her clips at [www.nycprivatemedical.com](http://www.nycprivatemedical.com).

### GERARD COLLINS, DPM, '05

Dr. Collins was named to South Jersey magazine's Top Docs 2014 list.

### FRANK FERRARI, DPM, '73

Dr. Ferrari was named to South Jersey magazine's Top Docs 2014 list.

### RAYMOND FRITZ, DPM, '86

Dr. Fritz received the Special Recognition Podiatrist Award at the PPMA HOD Banquet in November of 2014.

### JOSEPH GERSHEY, DPM, '89

Dr. Joseph Gershey, who practices in Dickson City, PA, was recently elected president of the Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association (PPMA). He plans to meet with medical directors of insurance companies about the podiatric scope of practice during his tenure as president.

### MICHAEL GRAHAM, DPM, '94

Dr. Graham has changed the ways in which doctors cure foot pain by inventing a new procedure called the HyProCure® Orthopaedic Medical Device.

### PATRICK HALL, DPM, '05

Dr. Hall was appointed to the Louisiana Medical Disclosure Panel by Louisiana Governor, Bobby Jindal.

### JOE HANNON, DPM, '00

Dr. Hannon recently retired from practicing medicine and has moved from Florida to New Hampshire. He was appointed to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

### STEPHEN LEVIN, DPM, '96

The Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA) welcomed Dr. Levin as their new president in January 2015 and highlighted his steadfast promotion and advancement of the profession of Podiatry in the state of Florida.

### DARRYL J. MARTINS, DPM, '07

Dr. Martins expanded his practice from Jackson to Adrian, MI after seeing a need for more podiatrists in the area.

### RENATA MILMAN, DPM, '11

Dr. Milman represented Comprehensive Foot and Ankle Center of Collegeville, PA in November of 2014 at National Diabetes Awareness Month held at Spring Valley YMCA in PA.

### GENE MIRKIN, DPM, '88

Dr. Mirkin was featured in the November/December volume of the Running and Fit Newsletter presented by the American Running Association. He responded to an inquiry about long-running toe pain, providing possible diagnoses and treatment options.

### DR. MICHAEL PARIS, DPM, '00

Dr. Paris, who practices in Hanover, PA, was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania State Board of Podiatry by former Governor Tom Corbett. Dr. Paris was the only podiatrist in the York/Adams region and one of just four podiatrists statewide to be appointed to the board.

### JASON PIRAINO, DPM, '03

Dr. Piraino became Chief of Podiatry at University of Florida Health in 2013.

### MARTIN PRESSMAN, DPM, '73

Dr. Pressman was awarded the 2014 Gallery of Success honor. (See page 10.)

### JENNIFER PURVIS, DPM, '03

Dr. Purvis recently joined a practice that includes her father, where she will offer surgery through Nash UNC Health Care

and Vidant Edgecombe Hospital. She is board certified in foot surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

### MAASI SMITH, DPM, '99

Dr. Smith recently wrote a book about natural home remedies called *Feet Naturally: Nature's Guide to Healthy Feet*. Dr. Maasi can also be seen on Fox 29 local news in Philadelphia.

### JOSEPH STERN, DPM, '86

During the annual Live Well with Diabetes conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Dr. Stern, President of the Canadian Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) announced that the 3040 New Balance shoe was awarded the CPMA Seal of Acceptance. Dr. Stern presented a framed copy of the seal to Eric Vassal, the designer of the 3040 New Balance shoe.

### FRANK TURSI, DPM, '85

Dr. Tursi was named to South Jersey magazine's Top Docs 2014 list.

## IN MEMORIAM

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## Upcoming Conferences 2015

### Midwest Podiatry Conference

Chicago, IL  
March 5-8

### Lake Tahoe Ski Seminar

South Lake Tahoe, CA  
March 5-7

### Phoenix Valley of the Sun Conference

Phoenix, AZ  
April 23-26

### Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) Spring/Wound Healing Society

San Antonio, TX  
April 29-May 3

### Surgical Pearls by the Sea

Newport, RI  
April 30 - May 3

### Region Three

Atlantic City, NJ  
April 30 - May 3

### Comprehensive Board Review

Lake Buena Vista, FL  
May 6-10

### Reconstructive Surgery of the Foot and Ankle

Atlanta, GA  
May 14-17

### Footprints in the Sand

Hilton Head, SC  
June 25-28

### Big Sky Conference

Big Sky, MT  
July 16-18

### Pacific Coast Conference

Portland, OR  
August 6-9

### Reconstructive Surgery of Foot and Ankle

San Diego, CA  
September 24-27

### Insights and Advancements in Foot and Ankle Surgery

Atlantic City, NJ  
October 2-4

### APMA Region One Conference

Quincy, MA  
October 16-18

### Mid-Atlantic Conference

Hyattsville, MD  
October 23-25

### Hallux Valgus and Related Forefoot Surgery

Ft. Myers, FL  
November 5-8

### Goldfarb Clinical

Valley Forge, PA  
November 5-8

### Windy City Podiatry Conference

Chicago, IL  
December 4-6

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#### **Wachman Society Event**

*Tomlinson Theater  
Sunday, March 22, 2015*

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#### **White Coat Ceremony (Rites of Passage)**

*Mitten Hall  
Friday, April 10, 2015 at 2pm*

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#### **Rite of Passage Reception**

*Mitten Hall  
Friday, April 10, 2015 at 2pm*

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#### **Thank-a-Donor Day**

*Monday, April 13, 2015*

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#### **Alumni Weekend**

*April 24-26, 2015*

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#### **TUSPM Board of Visitors Meeting**

*Temple University Main Campus  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 3pm*

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#### **TUSPM Commencement**

*Performing Arts Center, Temple University Main Campus  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at noon*

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#### **TUSPM Commencement Reception**

*Mitten Hall, Temple University Main Campus  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 2 pm*