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TUSPM Commencement 2016

Excerpts from Keynote Speech delivered by Bradley W. Bakotic, DPM, DO



Bradley Bakotic, DPM, DO addresses the Class of 2016 at the May 9th Commencement Ceremony. Dr. Bakotic is a member of our Board of Visitors.

Though it is this class of graduating physicians that we're celebrating, we all know that in many instances, it is the support of our loved ones that make such milestones possible. Despite their massive commitment of time, their extraordinary efforts, and the treasures that they've put forth to make this happen, somewhere in most of your lives there are persons on whom you have relied for support, and who have shown them the patience of a saint. For any of you who might be married, you owe your wife or husband....BIG TIME! I can't even imagine that level of sacrifice.

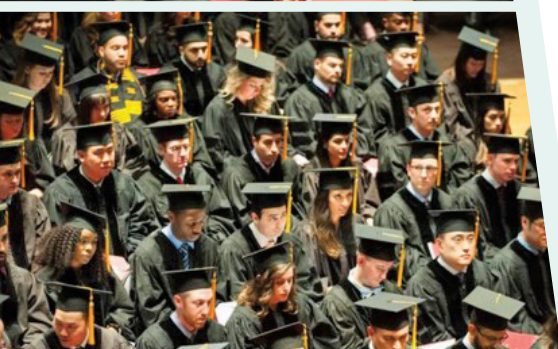
I won't sugar coat the future for the physicians sitting before me. I believe that you will have many challenges during your careers that simply didn't exist 30 years ago. We're moving from a day when healthcare was a privilege that persons would sacrifice to obtain, to a day when healthcare is thought of as a fundamental right. Whether for better or worse, I believe that it makes the role of the physician a bit more challenging. Our role will become slightly more one of subservience than it has been in the past. For this reason, and possibly because through the wonder of the internet, basic medical information is no longer uniquely ours, we'll be a little less revered.

How can you make a difference? First, know your patients. Enjoy your role in making their lives better. Look your patients in the eye when you speak to them and listen to them when they speak to you. Ask them how they are and give them your attention when they reply. Second, continue to pursue knowledge and the betterment of your profession. If you are lucky enough to have an informative clinical case, publish it so that the experience is shared with your colleagues. Get involved with education. The most fundamental way for you to positively impact your profession is by sharing your knowledge with your colleagues. If you learn something profound, and you tuck it away in the corner of your mind, it's been wasted in the broader sense. The bottom line is that we all must give back. On a personal note, I can say that nothing will bestow a better nights sleep than when you have the opportunity to positively affect those around you. Have faith in that.

Doctors it all comes down to this: Thirty-five years from now, after your hair has turned grey, and crow's feet punctuate your eyes, when you're locking your office door for the very last time, make sure that you know in your heart that you've made a difference: a difference in the lives of your patients, a difference for your profession, and a difference in the world at large. It all begins now. I can tell you without a second's hesitation that you represent the finest crop of clinicians that have ever matriculated through a podiatric university. You are light years ahead my class a few decades ago. Have faith in yourselves doctors, I certainly have faith in you. Parenthetically, if ever there is something that I can do to help you in your future endeavors, please let me know....that is as long as it's not related to the student loan that your so lucky not to have.

Good luck to you. The future of our profession is in your hands, and capable hands they are. Thank you for allowing me to be here today!

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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 inter-relations 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.

From the Podium of Dean John A. Mattiacci, DPM '70

EXCERPTS FROM COMMENCEMENT 2016

Today you receive the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine issued by Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. This degree is the physical manifestation of the four years of effort and dedication that you have just completed.

The degree that you receive today represents your future on many levels. Primarily, your degree gives you the ability to practice podiatric medicine.

However, your degree also becomes a part of your identity. From today, for the rest of your lives, you will be called "Doctor"; not just by your patients, but by everyone who knows you.

Additionally, and just as importantly, your degree links you, for the rest of your lives, to our school.

This is good for us here at the school, because we know you. We have trained you; and today you will leave here with the most advanced medical education in the history of our profession.

I can tell you some of those challenges, but I can not tell you all of them, because as the philosophers say, "The only constant in our universe is change."

You will face changes in your hospitals and practices and personal lives. Each of these changes will challenge you. And changes such as these will challenge you throughout each stage of your careers.

It is the quality and the strength of your character that will allow you to meet, evaluate and address each of the changes and challenges that you encounter.

We believe that we have helped you develop and strengthen your character so that you can meet each challenge with the same level of competence and ability that you have demonstrated to us here.

Your degree vests you with both a benefit and a duty. You have reaped the benefit of the finest clinical and didactic education that we can deliver. Now, it is your duty is to continue to develop your medical and surgical skills and apply them to the health

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and well being of the thousands and thousands of patients that you will encounter in your career.

As you apply those skills, you will be working “as one” with your family, with your patients and with us here at TUSPM. Each technique that you employ contains the thread of a skill that was imparted here in the class room. That skill will continue to develop through your clinical experience, through your residency and through your practice; --- and at each level it will grow and flourish.

As you use each of those skills --never never forget that it is anchored here.

We want you to come back to the school often. We want you to bring us your patients, and we want to retain your involvement here.

If you are leaving the Philadelphia area, we want to serve you with continuing education in order to hone the skills that you learned here.

Our school must, if we are to continue our mission as a college, retain our relationship with you and with your practice.

There is an old saying that “Success is a journey, not a destination.”

As well worn as that saying is; it is a thought that you must always keep in the forefront of your mind.

You will never achieve your goals if you fail to apply the highest standards of self discipline, integrity and energy to your professional and

your personal life. This dedication to high standards is, in effect, your character—and your personal reputation will be the shadow that that character casts.

Work hard; we have taught you how to do that.

Work well. Maintain your skills, learn new techniques, and always remain current with new medicines.

Stay involved with your family. They will always be your strength and your support.

And, finally, become involved in your community. That involvement will bring you great personal satisfaction and it will also insure that you do not lose yourself in your work.


If you do all of this, AND we do our part, by producing more men and women like you, then together we will maintain what Plato originally described as a “university.”

Wherever you work, we will be working with you.

Wherever you go, we will be going with you.

Together then, we will serve our patients and benefit mankind.

Thank you, God Speed and come back and see us often.




SPECIAL RECOGNITION



TUSPM would like to recognize the efforts of **Podiatry Content Connection**. Through their cause related marketing efforts, Podiatry Content Connection has contributed over \$17,000 towards student scholarships. The School receives a monthly donation in the name of TUSPM alumni who are their clients.

For information on how you can improve your website, recruit new patients and support TUSPM’s Scholarship program, please contact Randy Rosler at randyrosler@podiatrycc.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dean's Welcome BBQ for the Class of 2020

Friday, August 5

Homecoming Weekend

Friday, September 23 – Sunday, September 25

TUSPM Family Fun Day

Saturday, September 24

TUSPM Football Tailgate at Lincoln Financial Field

Saturday, September 24

TUSPM Alumni Seminar

September 24–25

Region 3 Podiatric Meeting

May 2–6, 2017

Atlantic City, NJ

Dr. James E. Bates Alumni Reception

May 5, 2017

Atlantic City, NJ

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Davis, DPM

Class of '71

April 22, 2016

Raymond DiPrimio, DPM

Class of '60

April 21, 2016

Michel A. Fleeter, DPM

Class of '88

June 4, 2016

EIGHTH ANNUAL TUSPM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOOT AND ANKLE SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 24 - 25, 2016



Go to <http://podiatry.temple.edu/cme-and-training/cme-seminars>
16 CME credits

For any questions contact Pamela Vasserman at 215-625-5248

TUSPM ALUMNI RECEPTION AND DINNER

FRIDAY, JULY 15TH, 2016
MARRIOTT PHILADELPHIA DOWNTOWN
LIBERTY BALLROOM
6PM - 10PM

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IN MEMORIAM

WE REMEMBER DR. RAYMOND DIPRIMIO '60

This story was originally seen in the Winter, '13 issue of STRIDES. We are reprinting excerpts because it eloquently captures the essence of the Dr. Raymond DiPrimio, '60 that we all knew.

This year marks TUSPM alumni Dr. Raymond DiPrimio's fiftieth year teaching at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. He has served the university as a student, professor and mentor to so many of our alumni.

Dr. DiPrimio graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from St. Joseph's University in 1953. After graduating, he entered the Armed Services where he served in Japan and Korea before his honorable discharge in 1955.

Upon returning home in 1956, Dr. DiPrimio enrolled at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine and received his Doctorate in Podiatric Medicine in 1960.

"During my four years at Temple, I was class president and member of student council. I was ranked first in my class and received the following awards: The Alumni Award given to the student with the highest average over four years; the Faculty Award for leadership and scholastic achievement; The Clinician's Award for proficiency in clinic and first prize for the best thesis written by a graduating student awarded by the department of

Roentgenology," Dr. DiPrimio explained. "I was Admitted to the Sterling Honorary Anatomical Society and listed in Who's Who among graduating students in graduate studies."

Dr. DiPrimio worked in the field for a number of years in private practice, at the Pennsylvania hospital and at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in New Jersey. In his office, he worked with students, diabetic



Dr. DiPrimio stands with photos of Drs. Stirling and Harford, the founders of the Anatomical Honor Society that bares all of their names and holds over 300 alumni members.

patients and performed numerous surgeries before retiring from practice in 1995.

While working, Dr. DiPrimio returned to academia and in 1963 became a founder

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of the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine.

"Today, I am the only founding member of the college still active at the school. I was appointed to the Faculty of the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine as an Adjunct Instructor and assistant to G. Elmer Harford, Professor of Anatomy," said Dr. DiPrimio.

"In 1974, upon the retirement of Dr. Harford, I was appointed Adjunct Assistant Professor and assumed the responsibilities of teaching the Anatomy course. In 1998, I became Course Director of Lower Extremity Anatomy and assisted in laboratory dissection in the Gross Anatomy Course. "

"My Philosophy as a professor is not merely to teach but to inspire students to perform to their capabilities while in school and in their professional life. Teaching students anatomy of the lower extremity and emphasizing the complexity of the human foot and its relevancy to the practice of podiatric medicine has been most gratifying to me."

The entire TUSPM family, past and present, is honored to have Dr. DiPrimio as an esteemed member of our faculty and alumni and wishes him the deepest congratulations on reaching his 50th year of teaching.

Dr. Raymond DiPrimio Memorial Fund

On April 14, 2016 the podiatric community suffered a tragic loss with the death of Dr. Raymond DiPrimio. The DiPrimio family requests that memorial gifts be made to the school to be used for the refurbishing of the anatomy lab where Dr. DiPrimio dedicated his time for over 50 years.

Please go to <https://podiatry.temple.edu/giving/how-give> to give
(Specifically, to the School of Podiatric Medicine Capital Improvement Fund)

For more information please contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office 215-625-5249 tuspmalumni@gmail.com

The White Coat Ceremony brings Alumni and 2nd year students together.

On Friday, April 8th, the Class of 2018 received their White Coats at the Annual Rite of Passage Celebration. Since 1995, TUSPM rising 2nd year podiatry students have participated in the White Coat ceremony, which is a rite of passage as they transition from the academic to the clinical side of podiatry.

This tradition was introduced by alumnus, Dr. Edwin Hart, III, '83 and features a George A. Sooneborn Memorial Lecturer who speaks on behalf of the of the alumni.

This year's featured speaker was Class of '88 alumna, Dr. Lori LaRue (right.)

TUSPM asks its friends and alumni to support the White Coat Campaign by asking for a \$250 contribution. By sponsoring a member of the rising 2nd year class, you are engaging in a supportive relationship with the student whom you sponsored. (See more information below.)



Inspire Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine Students by sponsoring their first White Coat!

Now you have an opportunity to provide a current student with this powerful symbol of professional service and success by becoming a White Coat Sponsor. The coat you sponsor will include in its pocket a note with your name and personal correspondence.



<http://podiatry.temple.edu/alumni/white-coat-campaign>

Now accepting sponsorships for the Class of 2019!

For more information contact Denise Krenski at 215-625-5249

ALUMNI PROFILE: Class of 2016

On Monday, May 9th TUSPM graduated 83 DPMs at Temple Performing Arts Center.



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2016 UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Podiatry Residency Education Summit

Teaneck, NJ
August 12-14

TUSPM Alumni Seminar

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September 24-25

APMA Region one Conference/Podiatry Institute

Quincy, MA
October 21-23

Superbones/Superwounds West

Las Vegas, NV
November 17-19

Mid-Atlantic Conference

Falls Church, VA
October 7-9

Insights and Advancement in Foot and Ankle Surgery

Philadelphia (Lafayette Hill), PA
October 14-16

Desert Foot

Phoenix, AZ
October 19-22

Goldfarb Clinical Conference

Valley Forge, PA
November 3-6

Windy City Podiatry Conference

Chicago, IL
December 2-4

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