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## Dr. Michael Litman '71 Honored with Gallery of Success 2013 Award

BY LOGAN CAMPBELL, SMC '15

One of the greatest honors a Temple University alumni can receive is the Gallery of Success award. The Gallery of Success award is presented only to the most extraordinary and generous alumni.

Dr. Michael Litman, '71, was presented the Gallery of Success award for his involvement with the School of Podiatric Medicine, his professional accomplishments and his contribution to the surrounding community. Dr. Litman has not only reached success as a podiatrist, but he is a CEO, an inventor and a writer.

Dr. Litman is a man of many talents. As a writer, he co-authored the publication "Podiatric Surgery as an Art Form". In the field of podiatry, Dr. Litman has received many titles. Currently, he is the Vice President of the Philadelphia County Podiatry Association as well as the Chief Delegate to the Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association. He is the CEO of two medical product companies, Bernlit and Handaid Enterprises. He is also the co-inventor of the Theramed Paraffin Wax Bath.

Dr. Litman, born and raised in Philadelphia, gives back to his community by sharing his expertise in podiatry with local high-school students. He, with the help of well-known basketball player Sony Hill, provides lower extremity exams to the youth who participate in Sonny's developmental league from various high schools in the Philadelphia area. Presently the doctor serves as a board member of the Alumni Association at TUSPM, as well as the Board of Visitors and Leadership Advisory Council. In addition to all of his involvement in podiatry, Dr. Litman is a long-time Conwell Society member.



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## Dr. Kieran Mahan '80 Honored by Barcelona University's Podiatry School

BY GIAVANNA IPPOLITO, SMC '08 '13

In 1988, Kieran Mahan, DPM '80 had begun to take interest in the podiatric medical profession outside of the United States; specifically Barcelona, Spain after a visit from Professor Virginia Novel i Marti, a friend of Dr. James Bates, the founding president of PCPM. Twenty-five years later, the University of Barcelona graduated its first class of

podiatry students in July 2013 under a revised curriculum and honored Dr. Mahan for his dedication and kindness in assisting the university in creating their first podiatric medicine program.

This podiatric journey began when Dr. Mahan forged a relationship  
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## ✦ A MESSAGE FROM DEAN MATTIACCI

# “We are the right organization... at the right time in history.”

Article was reprinted from the OPEIU Delegate in 2013

-John A. Mattiacci '70, DPM, President of Guild 45



John A. Mattiacci, DPM, OPEIU Vice President  
and President of Guild 45

John A. Mattiacci, DPM, President of Guild 45 and OPEIU Vice President gave a rousing speech on the importance of OPEIU and America's labor movement to the future of podiatrists and all medical professionals.

“Our Guild was the first national movement of professionals to band together, through our professional associations and become a local of national jurisdiction of OPEIU. We are doctors of podiatric medicine. We can, in each state, perform all medical and surgical procedures to the foot and ankle. We graduate from college, and a four-year medical school, take national tests to qualify for our medical license and serve a three-year residency,” explained Mattiacci. “We are all independent contractors...in competition with each other and, therefore, are not a typical situation for unionization. So, how did I end up here before you today,” he asked.

“OPEIU couldn't bargain for us, it could not give us a safe harbor to collect or share fee or cost information. AND, because we were in patient care, we could not strike.

“What could a union possibly do for us? Sixteen years ago I, along with Dr. Michael Wodka from New York, Dr. Ed Smith from Vermont and Dr. Robert Herpen from Pennsylvania met together to explore a non-traditional approach to allow us to take advantage of what the labor movement offers...and what the labor movement offered was strength,” said an animated Mattiacci to much applause.

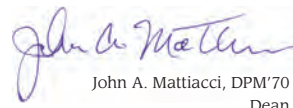
### “WHAT THE LABOR MOVEMENT OFFERED WAS...STRENGTH!”

“I met with representatives of several unions,” he went on. “After which I met with Michael Goodwin, and then-Secretary-Treasurer, Gilles Beauregard. When we met, I did not have an idea of how to achieve my goal, but I did have a goal. I wanted to unite the profession of medicine with organized labor. The result of those meetings is the non-traditional Guild system that you see in OPEIU today. We made the front page of The New York Times. The first national union of healthcare professionals in history!”

Mattiacci had delegates on their feet as he left them with this last thought, “This is our future! We can show [other doctor groups] what our union, OPEIU, has done for a small specialty...moving legislatures and standing up to giant insurance interests. The strength of labor is the ONLY interest in the nation that will allow us to do that!”

The International President of the OPEIU, Michael Goodwin, commented on the major strides which Dr. Mattiacci has taken and continues to take for podiatry.

“The delegates to the 2013 Convention in San Diego, California were thrilled to hear the presentation by OPEIU Guild 45 President Dr. John Mattiacci, who delivered a comprehensive report on the challenges faced by doctors of podiatric medicine and other practitioners in the healthcare industry,” explained Goodwin. “OPEIU is fortunate to have Dr. Mattiacci as the leader of Guild 45 and one of the most articulate spokespersons in the United States on healthcare issues.” ✨

  
John A. Mattiacci, DPM'70  
Dean

## ★ DR. RAYMOND DIPRIMIO '60 CELEBRATES HIS 50TH YEAR TEACHING AT TUSPM

BY ASHA DAVIS, SMC '14

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

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

Dr. DiPrimio currently holds the position of Adjunct Professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Adjunct Clinical Professor.

"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.

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## ★ THE SPORTS MEDICINE CLUB AND THE MARINE CORP MARATHON



*Left to Right: Michael Price, Michael Molitoris, Alissa Kuizinas, Ashleigh Wells, Jordan Long, Dr. Howard Palamarchuk.*

The Sports Medicine Club volunteered at the 38th Marine Corp Marathon, where we provided podiatric medical care for those that needed it. This was the 22nd consecutive year that Dr. Palamarchuk and the Sports Medicine Club have volunteered at the event.

## ★ AN INTERNATIONAL HONOR FOR DR. TRACEY VLAHOVIC, DPM '00



Dr. Tracey Vlahovic has recently become a Fellow of the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, UK. She is the first doctor in the United States to receive this honor.



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## ★ STUDENT PROFILE: ROB FARBER '15

BY ASHA DAVIS, SMC '14

**R**ob Farber is the Student Council President and one of the nicest southern guys Strides has had the pleasure of interviewing.

He sat down with us for a Q&A session about his goals for the future and work with Student Council.

*Strides: Where did you go for your Undergraduate degree?*

Farber: I went to Louisiana State University

*Strides: So what brought you to Philadelphia, to Temple?*

Farber: I really like the clinic here. I started getting into podiatry about a year before I came here. I volunteered at a couple of podiatrists' offices in Baton Rouge and also in San Antonio. I really liked the quality of life they have with their professionalism in medicine. So I did some research with Temple, I liked the name brand that it has and I also like the clinic. I feel like we can get great clinical skills here with a great education that can prepare us for the profession.

*Strides: Do you have a focus in podiatry that you are most interested in?*

Farber: I really like trauma and wound care as of now. I'm certain that when I get to clinic that will change, but I like a lot of high pressure situations. But I am open to all aspects.

*Strides: What are you involved in on campus?*

Farber: On campus, I helped set up the events for our interclass Olympics last year. I'm involved in multiple clubs, our surgery club, ACFAS, our diabetes club, practice management, I've also gone to a couple meetings and represented the podiatry school at the health science center to set up more communication with the other professional schools: the



med school the pharmacy school and allied health. I'm also in our anatomical society, SHDHAS. In the upcoming semester I will be tutoring some of the students in lower extremity anatomy.

*Strides: What prompted you to run for Student Council?*

Farber: I really wanted a challenge. I felt that I had organizational skills and liaison skills to really connect to students, to the administration and also to the rest of the profession, and the students in the other schools. One of my main points is to try to connect a little better with New York. Have some more social functions with them, that way we can cross talk and cross teach on academics, clinical skills and also research.

*Strides: What are you trying to do with New York?*

Farber: It's a little mixer I've been planning between the schools. Trying to get it done this semester but everybody has a hectic schedule so hopefully we can get something off the ground before this upcoming semester...Its only two

hours from here so I felt like, get everybody to start meeting and connecting, and networking before we get into residency that way instead of knowing 90 people we know 200. You have someone you can count on before you even get into residency if you don't get into one that has a classmate in it.

*Strides: What sets you apart from your peers?*

Farber: I would say my work ethic. I'm usually the first one here in the morning and the last one to leave. I'm really passionate about [podiatry] like my other classmates.

*Strides: What are you looking forward to when you graduate and are ready to enter the field?*

Farber: I'm looking to make an impact definitely on the patients' lives and also in the profession. Since I am involved in the student council, hopefully maybe getting involved in the political aspect of the field also to maybe enhance our field and improve it for the future.

*Strides: Do you have a message to the class?*

Farber: Get involved and be more knowledgeable about your career. Have a passion for what you do.

*Strides: Passion seems to be very important to you.*

Farber: Passion is important to me. I think it really does make everything especially with patient contact. If you have a lot of passion, they'll see they'll be more relaxed and make you a better doctor.

*Strides: Do you think you will go back to Louisiana?*

Farber: I am going to go wherever my career takes me. Wherever the greatest challenge for me is and also where I will learn the most.

## ★ DR. KIERAN MAHAN '80 IN BARCELONA (CONTINUED FROM COVER)

with the University of Barcelona's Dean, Dr. Virginia Novel i Marti, who began traveling from Spain to the United States in the early 1990's Dr. Marti received an honorary degree from PCPM in 1998 to recognize her accomplishments in Spain as a dynamic educator and leader.

"[Dean Marti] visited our school to learn about our curriculum to start the podology profession in Spain on a University level," explained Dr. Mahan. "She raised the standard across the European Union."

Soon after, TUSPM faculty began traveling to the University of Barcelona to assist with surgery and biomechanics. TUSPM faculty have continued this tradition for over 20 years.

During Dr. Mahan's July 2013 trip to the University, he participated in a Masters course in surgery at their medical school, presented lectures and participated in cadaver labs.

Dr. Mahan also attended the first graduation ceremony for the podiatric medical students under the new curriculum authorized by the European Union. While at the ceremony, Dr. Mahan was seated on the dais along with Dean Marti and other distinguished members of the University of Barcelona, including the current and former rectors of the University as well as the director of the Catalan government.

"The graduation ceremony hall had tapestries that are older than the United States in a beautiful room", said Dr. Mahan. "We all wore a stole instead of a cap and gown, and each of us on the dais were invited to make a brief remark."

To honor his dedication and leadership in assisting in the creation of the University's podiatric medical program, Dr. Mahan was awarded the Leonard Escotch Award two years ago and this year received an award from the students in honor of his 25 years of dedication to the University of Barcelona students.

"Leonard Escotch was the founder of podiatry in Spain," Dr. Mahan explained, "This was very big honor because they've been very appreciative that we were willing to share with them just on the basis of developing the profession around the world."

In the future, Dr. Mahan hopes to strengthen the relationship that has been nurtured between the University and TUSPM.

"I would like to develop a permanent affiliation with the University," Dr. Mahan explained, "They have an interest in biomechanics and our students could go there to learn and their students could come here to learn. Global engagement and learning is the future."



Photo taken by Kathy Eastwood

## ★ PODIATRY STUDENTS HELP ARMY CADETS 'STEP INTO' FOOT RESEARCH BY: ARMY MEDICINE MERCURY MAGAZINE

Few things are as important to an Army cadet as a good pair of boots. But how to ensure the best fit? That was the question posed by an Army podiatrist after he noticed a relationship between poor-fitting boots and the incidence of injuries.

To help the Army find an answer, a group of students and faculty members from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (TUSPM) recently traveled to West Point to aid in an Army research study that is profiling arch height and stiffness in military trainees and their correlation to overuse injury.

The study involves more than 1,000 cadet volunteers who will have their feet measured at regular intervals throughout their time at West Point to check for changes in foot structure as a result of training. It is intended to help find a better method for measuring incoming cadets for footwear since poor-fitting boots are linked to pain and injuries.

The TUSPM volunteers were part of a team that measured the feet of all incoming cadets in only two days. Normally it can take years to gather that many subjects for a study.

"We weren't there just 'helping out' on this project," says James Furmato, DPM, PhD, Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine at TUSPM and one of the faculty members who made the trip. "Our students and faculty made the objective measurements possible on this scale through innovation and anticipation of technical concerns.

The study will be repeated with incoming cadets for the next few years. Besides learning how feet are affected by a "scholar-athlete" life style, our school provides related measurements, like shoe testing, which can expand our research opportunities."

Dr. Furmato adds, "As a result of this pilot study, a number of collaborative research grants have been suggested involving scientists within the Army, at the Hospital For Special Surgery and the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (both in New York City) and Harvard University. Shoe testing at TUSPM will provide objective data about footwear function which can be matched with cadet preference and performance.. As the protocols for measurement, fitting and shoe recommendation become established, there is potential for commercializing the process and extending the service to other academies and basic training centers."

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
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We wish to congratulate the class of 2013 and wish them well with their future endeavors. The class of 2013 granted 106 graduates the degree of Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, and 30 Graduation awards and 35 scholarship awards were distributed. The graduates celebrated with their family and friends on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at the Academy of Music ceremony and attended a Doubletree Hotel reception.

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★ CLASS OF 1983 REUNION AT GOLDFARB 2013 CONFERENCE

Photo by: Susan Girolami Kramer



**BY SUSAN KRAMER**  
 The Goldfarb Foundation's Clinical Conference was a success in many ways this year. It offered 28.75 CE Contact Hours; brought in close to 400 DPMs; housed a packed Exhibit Hall; and had numerous members from the Class of 1983 in attendance, celebrating their 30th Anniversary. Most were graduates from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. Many were speakers during the Clinical Conference, held November 7-10 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, PA.

Left to Right—1) Drew Black, DPM; 2) Wayne Bodomer, DPM; 3) Anthony Cordisco, DPM; 4) James Christina, DPM; 5) Michael Weinblatt, DPM; 6) John Wallace, DPM; 7) Terry Musselman, DPM; 8) Gregory Parker, DPM; 9) John Marty, DPM; 10) Alvin Wostein, DPM; 11) Marilyn R. Henderson, DPM; 12) Edwin Hart, III, DPM; 13) Rick Simon, DPM; 14) Mark Johnson, DPM; 15) Vincent Zuwiata, DPM; 16) Stephen Monaco, DPM; 17) Jeffrey Gerland, DPM; and 18) Richard Foster, DPM. Not Pictured: Alan Catanzariti, DPM, D. Scot Malay, DPM, Pat Clouse, DPM, and Kendrick Whitney, DPM. .

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## ✪ A COLLABORATIVE STRIDE: TUSPM AND NYCPM

BY ASHA DAVIS, SMC '14



Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (TUSPM) has been collaborating with New York College of Podiatric Medicine sharing perspectives on various topics of podiatry via web conferencing and lectures.

Dr. Mahan, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at TUSPM and Dr. Michael J. Trepal, Dean for Academic Affairs at NYCPM, sparked the collaboration.

"We remarked at how over the years there has not been much collaboration between our institutions, even though we are geographically close. The idea for a web conference was one way to share interesting cases and have an exchange of ideas between the two institutions," Dr. Mahan explained. "We are both committed to sharing our resources collaboratively to improve the learning experience for our students."

TUSPM is expected to install a new sophisticated system in order for both schools to better see one another and communicate their ideas.

Dr. Gabriela Mendez, Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at TUSPM and Dr. Johanna Godoy-Jones, Instructor of Surgical Sciences at NYCPM, were brought into the project as liaisons between the two schools.

Dr. Mendez has been leading the collaboration with students and residents who have already presented cases and

topics of discussion to NYCPM. The goal is to have students, residents and professors compare notes and treatment options to expand their knowledge by learning from each other.

Residents Christine Nolan and Matt Wagner were also involved in the collaboration, as they both presented cases during the initial video conference with NYCPM.

"I am excited to present and participate in the conference again. I like the exchange of ideas. I think it contributes to giving the best quality care to our patients," said TUSPM Resident Christine Nolan, DPM

"The opportunity in working with NYCPM and other residents has been a valuable collaboration and opportunity to expand communication lines within the profession," explained TUSPM Resident Matt Wagner, DPM. "It was also a great opportunity to get insight from other Podiatric surgeons."

The reactions from NYCPM have been nothing but positive. Dr. Mendez reported: "NYCPM was very impressed with us, and we are really excited and looking forward to doing more of these along with workshops and conference to benefit everyone on both TUSPM and NY staff"

In December 2012, Dr. Michael Trepal and Dr. Kevin T. Jules, Chair of Surgical Sciences at NYCPM, guest lectured at "Current Concepts in Foot & Ankle Surgery" conference presented by the TUSPM Department of Surgery. Dr. Gabriela Mendez is expected to lecture in New York in the upcoming months.

The future is looking bright for strong relationship between TUSPM and NYCPM and we hope to generate more collaborative efforts with more schools of podiatric medicine soon.

## ✪ TUSPM WELCOMES DR. JOSHUA MOORE AND DR. KWASI KWAADU '09

BY ASHA DAVIS, SMC '14

Dr. Joshua Moore and Kwasi Kwaadu are the newest doctors to join TUSPM as Assistant Professors in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Moore is originally from East Dubuque, IL but has made his way to TUSPM by way of Des Moines University in Des Moines, IA and the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, NJ. Dr. Kwaadu is a Philadelphia native and graduate of TUSPM's class of 2009. He comes to us from Aria Health Systems, where he completed his residency and fellowship. Strides asked the doctors a few questions to get to know them a little better.

*Strides: What made you choose TUSPM?*

**Kwaadu:** Local Bias. TUSPM was reputed as the best podiatric school in the country

**Moore:** My residency was a high volume surgical and trauma program and I wanted to use all I had been trained to do. I also always have loved teaching and wanted to continue to teach and help guide and mold the future of the profession.

*Strides: What have you liked most about TUSPM and Philadelphia?*

**Kwaadu:** Philadelphia is easily accessible and a great city for young professionals, great food, entertainment, etc.

**Moore:** I love the students, they keep me young and driven to be my best and never become obsolete. Philadelphia has great food and culture, there is always something to do and a new place to eat.

*Strides: What do you think you bring to the position to make it more specific to you and your personality?*

**Kwaadu:** I bring a different perspective. I trained at an institution where we saw an enormous volume and unique pathology such as a man with external fixator who broke every bone from the knee down except for two.

**Moore:** I am an "outsider" not Temple trained so I bring a new perspective and fresh arsenal of ideas and training modalities.

## ALUMNI AND STAFF NEWS (CONTINUED ON PAGE 12)

### TIM ABIGAIL, DPM, '88

Dr. Abigail worked with a group of Texas podiatrists administering free care to needy patients in central Mexico. "The doctors are part of the Texas Podiatric Medical Foundation, the charitable arm of the Texas Podiatric Medical Professional Association." (Podiatry Management News, August 19, 2013)

### JOHN ANDERSON, DPM, '99

Congratulations is due to Dr. Anderson who received the Podiatrist of the Year Award at the New Mexico Podiatric Medical Association Annual Meeting (March 07, 2013 #4,709).

### CARMEN APRIL, DPM, '07

Dr. April was interviewed by Nashville Business Journal talking about her passion and success. She is the owner of The Foot and Ankle Healthcare Center. Dr. April is also Nashville Business Journal Top Forty Under 40 Award Winner for 2013.

### LARRY ASSALITA, DPM '82

Dr. Assalita was featured in July's PPMA's Update June 2013 Edition. He was commended for his participation in the Special Olympics summer games in State College. Dr. Assalita along with a few other podiatrist held foot screenings and molding inserts at the "Fit Feet" station.

### ALAN BANKS, DPM, '84

Dr. Banks was featured in the March issue of Podiatry Today, in which he wrote, "Can Bracing Have An Impact For The Charcot Foot?" The article discusses the option of bracing patients with Charcot foot instead of surgical reconstruction (Vol. 26:3).

### RICHARD BEATTY, DPM, FACULTY

Dr. Beatty was featured in the April/May issue of Podiatry Management in which he coauthored "InternalBrace™ Ligament Repair Augmentation for Lateral Ankle Stabilization" with Jonathan Sharpe, DPM, FACFAS. The authors discuss advancements in ankle stabilization with the use of InternalBrace™ Ligament Repair Augmentation technology (Vol. 32:4).

### ANDREW BELIS, DPM, '99

Congratulations are due to Dr. Belis who was inducted onto the Board of Directors for the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons. Dr. Belis was also elected President of the Lee County Medical Society, an affiliate of the FPMA. Dr. Andrew Belis was featured on Fort Myers, FL NBC-2 where he discussed heel pain syndrome and quick remedies that help to ease

the pain. The article, "Health Matters: Standing up to heel pain" can be found on <http://www.nbc-2.com>

### DESMOND BELL, DPM, '95

Dr. Bell was featured in an educational video by Fight 4 My Feet, a program that offers information to wound care providers and patients. The video is available at [Fight4myfeet.com](http://Fight4myfeet.com)

### BARBARA BLACK, DPM, '86

Dr. Barbara Black performed foot screenings on homeless men and women Wednesday at Project Homeless Connect. The story, "Project Homeless Connect at the Farm Show Complex", was featured in Patriot News (Dan Gleiter, September 25 2013)

### BARRY BLOCK, DPM '72

Congratulations to Podiatry Management News Publisher Dr. Block for reaching over 14,500 subscribers daily.

### PETER BREGMAN, DPM, '94

Dr. Bregman lectured at Graham International Implant Institute's 6th Annual Symposium in which presenters discussed latest technology and innovations in foot and ankle surgery (Podiatry Management News, May 04, 2013).

### HILLARY B. BRENNER, DPM, '02

Dr. Brenner was featured in an article entitled "Foot Health 101: Learn How to Treat Your Feet" on US World News website in which she discussed various common foot problems (Rachel Pomerance Berl, October 7, 2013).

### STEPHEN A. BRIGIDO, DPM, '02

Dr. Brigido was featured in Podiatry Management News for his work as a primary investigator in a study on the SilverSeal post-surgery dressing. (July 26, 2013 #4,832)

### THOMAS CHANG, DPM '90

Congratulations! Dr. Chang will be a representative for podiatry on the new Foot & Ankle Advisory Board of BioMedical Enterprises, Inc. He was chosen for his experience in the podiatric field and research on Nitinol technology (Podiatry Management News July 18, 2013 #4,825)

### JOSEPH M. CAPORUSSO, DPM, '89

International Federation of Podiatrists President, Dr. Caporusso gave the opening speech at the FIP World Congress of Podiatry in Rome, Italy on October 17th 2013. He said the World Congress of Podiatry is the largest it has ever been.

## What year did you graduate?



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## ★ ALUMNI AND STAFF NEWS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11)

### **JAMES CHRISTINA, DPM, '83**

Dr. Christina is the Director of Scientific Affairs for the APMA. He briefly discussed the APMA Seal of Acceptance/Approval program with WTOP Washington, DC news.

### **ROSS SAMUEL COHEN, DPM, '91**

Dr. Cohen was elected to serve a five-year term as Board member of Maryland Podiatric Medical Association.

### **MARY CRAWFORD, DPM, '88**

Dr. Crawford was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Foot & Ankle Foundation for Education and Research.

### **CORINE CREECH, DPM, '11**

Dr. Creech coauthored "Can Scaling Theory Aid In Charcot Foot Reconstruction In Obese Patients?" with Andrew J. Meyr, DPM and Kelly Pirozzi, DPM in the March issue of Podiatry Today, in which they give insight into Charcot Foot reconstruction in Obese patients.

### **APARNA DUGGIRALA, DPM, '00**

Dr. Duggirala, Conference Chair and American Association for Women Podiatrists Co-Vice President, is featured in Podiatry Management News for successfully holding AAWP Scientific Conference at the Biltmore Resort in Coral Gables, Florida (May 18, 2013 #4,773).

### **MICHAEL FEIN, DPM, '81**

Dr. Fein was voted a "Top Doc" in the April 2013 issue of Connecticut Magazine. Over 15,000 questionnaires were collected over a four-year period to determine the most highly recommended doctors in various medical fields.

### **JAMES FURMATO, DPM, '95**

Dr. Furmato coauthored "Effect of Shoe Flexibility on Plantar Loading in Children Learning to Walk" which was published in the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association (July/August 2013 vol. 103 no. 4 297-305)

### **GERALD A. GALINUS, DPM, '91**

Dr. Galinus and his wife Dr. Nicola Delorio, are featured in Press of Atlantic City for their work at the Doctors' medical spa, Accent Aesthetics, Medical & Laser Day Spa in Galloway Township (Kevin Post October 2, 2013).

### **GABRIEL V. GAMBARDELLA, DPM, '10**

Dr. Gambardella was featured in the March issue of Podiatry Today, in which he coauthored "Understanding The Biomechanics Of The Transmetatarsal Amputation" with Peter A.

Blume, DPM. The authors discussed ways to properly select patients with diabetes in need of transmetatarsal amputation, the biomechanical aspects of the procedure, and tips about post-operative shoe selection. (Vol. 26:3)

### **KELLY GEOGHAN, DPM, '97**

Dr. Geoghan appeared in Podiatry Management News in which she was the featured podiatrist on the Baltimore local news station WBAL TV giving insight into laser treatment of fungal toenails (March 04, 2013 #4,706). She was also featured for her trip to Haiti where she volunteered in medical clinics to treat survivors of Haiti's 2010 earthquake (September 12, 2013 #4,867).

### **MARC GINSBURG, DPM '82**

Dr. Ginsburg was the featured podiatrist on YNN Central New York News station during a discussion on youth athletes affected by Server's Disease and Achilles Tendonitis.

### **OLGA GONZALEZ, DPM, '09**

Dr. Gonzales participated in a podiatric service trip to Nicaragua servicing severely neglected patients. She went with fellow resident Patricia Kim, DPM and TUSPM students Anetka Strus and Jenna Song. The story appeared in Podiatry Management News (March 05, 2013 #4,707)

### **MICHAEL E. GRAHAM, DPM, '94**

Dr. Graham, founder of the Graham International Implant Institute's (GIII), held its 6th Annual Symposium which draws top international surgeons. He also traveled to Rome, Italy where he conducted a workshop on the use of fluroscopy in foot surgery at the World Conference of Podiatry.

### **JOHN GUILIANA, DPM, MS, '86**

Dr. Guiliana established a trust with Dr. Hal Ornstein, to promote self-development of students and residents as well as support practice management initiatives (Podiatry Management News, April 5, 2013 #4, 734).

The doctors also coauthored a Podiatry Management article, "Charisma: Your Fuel for Success which gives suggestions and tips to be a more charismatic doctor (Vol. 32:4).

Dr. Guiliana delivered the commencement address to the graduating class of 2013, the first graduating class of the newly established College of Podiatric Medicine at Kent State University.

### **EDWIN S. HART, DPM, '83**

Congratulations to Dr. Hart who won McQuaid Distinguished Service Award from PPMA.

### **ARTHUR HELFAND, DPM, '57**

Dr. Helfand updated his 40-year history of podiatry, which was originally published in 2006 for The American Public Health Association's (APHA) Podiatric Health Section. He also wrote the chapter "Design Issues in Geriatric Footwear" in the recently published Handbook of Footwear Design and Manufacture. Dr. Helfand was recently elected Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, a position he will hold from 2013-2014.

### **ROBERT W. HERPEN, DPM, '80**

Congratulations to Dr. Herpen who won the award of Podiatrist of the Year from PPMA.

### **VINCENT HETHERINGTON, DPM, '77**

Dr. Hetherington is currently the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Kent State University College of Podiatric. He was featured in Podiatry Management News for his work with AAPPM chair, Hal Ornstein to include practice management in the core curriculum at KSUCPM (June 19, 2013 #4, 800).

### **ALLEN JACOBS, DPM, '73**

Dr. Jacobs taught a one-day intensive course "The Diabetic Foot - A Comprehensive Review" at the Academy of Physicians in Wound Healing (APWH) first annual conference.

### **RICHARD JACOBY, DPM, '69**

In June, Dr. Jacoby was featured on KSAT 12 San Antonio News where he talked about how amniotic fluid can save feet (Jun 10 2013). He was also featured on Ivanhoe News, Channel 5 discussing diabetes. The article was entitled "The Bitter Truth Behind Sugar & Diabetes" (October 8, 2013).

Dr. Jacoby was honored at the Association of Extremity Nerve Surgeons meeting where he was awarded special recognition for research and leadership. (Podiatry Management News, November 11, 2013 #4,912)

### **LAWRENCE C. KALKER, DPM, '89**

Dr. Kalker was featured in Podiatry Management News for his work collecting new socks for The Valley Youth House Shelter which caters to neglected and abused youth (October 21, 2013 #4,894).

## ALUMNI AND STAFF NEWS (CONTINUED ON PAGE 14)

### **KHURRAM H. KHAN, DPM, '01**

Dr. Khan was featured in Podiatry Management News after he served as a reviewer for the National Institutes of Health study section on "Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Sciences." Dr. Khan is currently an Associate Professor of Medical Sciences at New York College of Podiatric Medicine (March 01, 2013 #4,704).

### **PATRICIA KIM, DPM, '10**

Dr. Kim recently participated in a podiatric service trip to Nicaragua servicing severely neglected patients. She went with fellow resident Olga Gonzalez, DPM and TUSPM students Anetka Strus and Jenna Song. The story appeared in Podiatry Management News (March 05, 2013 #4,707).

### **DAVID KIRLIN, DPM, '83**

Dr. Kirlin was reappointed to his seat on Board of Podiatry Examiner for his second term which he will serve for three years.

### **BENJAMIN J. KLEINMAN, DPM, '08**

Congratulations to Dr. Kleinman who was named Treasurer of the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association for 2013-2014.

### **STEVEN KRAVITZ, DPM, '79**

The Academy of Physicians in Wound Healing (APWH) held their first annual conference in April with its founder Dr. Kravitz. The next conference is expected in March 2014.

### **ADAM LANDSMAN, DPM, PHD, '90**

Dr. Landsman lectured at two conferences in India about on the use of advanced biologics for joint resurfacing and on his research using SilverStream, "a silver solution used to disrupt biofilms prior to application of advanced biologics used for complex wounds." The story appeared in Podiatry Management News (October 19, 2013 #4,893).

### **ENZO LEONE, DPM, '99**

Congratulations to Dr. Leone who was named President of the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association for 2013-2014.

### **MICHAEL LIEBOW, DPM, '96**

Dr. Liebow was the featured podiatrist alongside fellow alumni Dr. Erika Schwartz, '02 in a Washington Post article about how feet have not evolved to walk in high-heel shoes. The full article can be read at The Washington Post website (C. Ianzito, June 17, 2013)

### **GEORGE LIU, DPM '99**

Dr. Liu was featured in Podiatry Management News as the first podiatrist to serve as President of Faculty Senate at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School (July 29, 2013 #4,834).

### **MICHAEL LYONS, DPM, '04**

Dr. Lyons was featured in Podiatry Management News as the first person to implant cellular allogeneic bone graft in a foot and ankle procedure (September 27, 2013 #4,874).

### **DANIEL MARGOLIN, DPM, '86**

Dr. Margolin was recognized in Podiatry Management News for his work collecting shoes to donate to charitable organizations (November 16, 2013 #4,917).

### **JOHN MARTY, DPM, '83**

Congratulations to Dr. Marty who was re-elected to the Freeport Area School Board for another four years (PPMA Update August 2013, page 13).

### **JOHN MATTIACCI, DPM, DEAN, '70**

Dean Mattiacci serves as the President of Guild 45 and Vice President of the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU). He delivered a moving speech about the necessity of OPEIU and the future of the podiatric field at the 26th OPEIU Convention. He is featured in the OPEIU newsletter, White Collar.

### **ROSE MATTIOLI, DPM '52**

Dr. Mattioli and her late husband Dr. Joseph Mattioli, a dentist, were cofounders of the Pocono Raceway which recently built a tribute to its founding couple.

### **BRIAN MELLEY, DPM, '91**

Dr. Melley won the 26th Avalon Offshore Open when he caught a 12.52 lb. fish.

### **ANDREW J. MEYR, DPM, '06**

Dr. Meyr coauthored "Can Scaling Theory Aid In Charcot Foot Reconstruction In Obese Patients?" with Kelly Pirozzi, DPM, and Corine Creech, DPM in the March issue of Podiatry Today, in which they give insight into Charcot Foot reconstruction in Obese patients.

### **JASON R. MILLER, DPM, '97**

Congratulations to Dr. Miller who won Special Recognition Award (Podiatrist) from PPMA.

### **DANNY P. MORGAN, DPM, '73**

Dr. Morgan was featured on WKRC Cincinnati Local News discussing the transition from surgical boot to street shoes.

### **JOAN OLOFF-SOLOMON, DPM, '81**

Dr. Oloff-Solomon, presented a new collection of high heels at Fashion Footwear Association of New York's New York Shoe Expo. She fused her love of podiatry and fashion to revolutionize how women wear high heels.

### **KELLY PIROZZI, DPM, '10**

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### **JANE PONTIOUS, DPM, '85, FACULTY**

Dr. Pontious is a current Associate Professor in the surgery department and was recently featured in the April issue of Podiatry Today in which she wrote "Treating Undiagnosed Charcot Neuroarthropathy Following Traumatic Hallux Varus Repair" with TUSPM student Irfan Ahsan. They outline the treatment of a patient with previously undiagnosed Charcot following hallux varus surgery (Vol. 26:4).

### **LEONARD PORTNOY, DPM, '67**

Dr. Portnoy, General Chairman of the Region Three Corporation, presented Dean Mattiacci with a check for TUSPM's James E. Bates, DPM Presidential Scholarship fund at the Region Three Meeting at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, NJ.

### **SAMUEL QUARTEY, DPM, '79**

Dr. Quartey was acknowledged on Philly.com as a successful Philadelphia podiatrist and representative of the Ga people from the south west coast of Ghana near Accra that currently live in the US. Dr. Quartey is also one of the first African American surgeons to open a private practice in Philadelphia. Read the full article at (Derrick Moore, Feb. 25, 2013).

### **GARY A. RAYMOND, DPM, '82, FACULTY**

Dr. Raymond was appointed to the Board of Trustees at Juniata College. He will serve on the board through 2016.

### **BILL J. RELEFORD, DPM, '88**

Dr. Releford was featured in Podiatry Management News for using Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) therapy to relieve pain in Olympic long jumper Norris Frederick (May 04, 2013 #4,760). Dr. Releford was also recognized in PM News for his work with the Black Barbershop Health Outreach Program, a healthcare program he started in 2007 for African American men. The program is now in 42 US cities (May 20, 2013 #4,774).

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### ANDREW RICE, DPM, '85

Dr. Rice was voted a "Top Doc" in the April 2013 issue of Connecticut Magazine. Over 15,000 questionnaires were collected over a four-year period to determine the most highly recommended doctors in various medical fields.

### ERIC RICEFIELD, DPM, '87

Dr. Ricefield was featured in an article by Lynne Adkins on the CBS News website in which he discusses Diabetic peripheral neuropathy and a new technique, MicroVas, to reestablish feeling and blood flow (Nov. 13, 2013).

### THOMAS M. ROCCHIO, DPM, '00

Congratulations to Dr. Rocchio who won The Rising Star Award from PPMA.

### LAURENCE RUBIN, DPM '87

Dr. Rubin was featured in Health News Digest this July with the key to treating hallux rigidus. (Jul 15, 2013).

### ERIKA SCHWARTZ, DPM, '02

Dr. Schwartz was the featured podiatrist alongside fellow alumni Dr. Michael Liebow, '96 in a Washington Post article about how feet have not evolved to walk in high-heel shoes. The full article can be read at The Washington Post website (C. Ianzito, June 17, 2013). She was later featured in another Washington Post Article about shopping for the right comfort shoe (Jill U. Adams, Nov. 11, 2013).

### AUSTIN SEDICUM, DPM '01

Dr. Sedicum has opened The Eatery 309 which houses Burrito Boy, Pita Girl, and YoYum Frozen Yogurt at 157 S. West End Blvd. in Quakertown, PA

### MAASI SMITH, DPM '99

Dr. Smith published a suspense novel titled, Michiefmakers. It is an eerie tale about a young woman in Newark who's caught between reality and a sinister place. Pick up your copy at amazon.com

### MARY E. LOFTUS, DPM '82 and EUGENE SMOLENS, DPM '77

Dr. Smolens and Dr. Mary E. Loftus, DPM '82 were married last fall. The couple generously requested that contributions be made to the Alumni Scholarship fund at TUSPM in lieu of wedding gifts, raising considerable funds for student scholarship.

### ROBERT M. SNYDER, DPM, '67

Dr. Snyder, President of the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care, is featured in Podiatry Management News for accepting a \$100,000 grant from Shire for fellowships in the 2014-2015 academic year (May 07, 2013)

### JINSUP SONG, PHD, DPM, '97, FACULTY

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### JORDAN STEWART, DPM, '03

Congratulations to Dr. Stewart who was named Vice President of the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association for 2013-2014.

### NICK TAWELL, DPM, '91

Dr. Tawell gave his podiatric opinion about runners and toenail health to the Philadelphia Inquirer on June 30, 2013 (Philly.com, Jen A. Miller).

### PAUL MICHAEL TAYLOR, DPM, '70

Dr. Taylor obtained a Coast Guard Captain's Masters License which enables him to teach sailing at various schools in addition to his practice as a podiatrist.

### BRAD A. TOLL, DPM, '85

Dr. Toll was elected to serve a five-year term as Board member of Maryland Podiatric Medical Association.

### WILLIAM M. URBAS, DPM, '84

Dr. Urbas was featured in PPMA Update August issue for how he helped raise awareness on wound prevention and treatment (p.13).

### TRACEY VLAHOVIC, DPM, '00, FACULTY

Congratulations to Dr. Vlahovic and her co-authors for being awarded first place at the APMA Annual Scientific Meeting for their Outstanding Oral Abstract Presentation and for their Outstanding Poster Abstract (Large Case Study/Series)

### KENDRICK WHITNEY, DPM, '83, FACULTY

Dr. Whitney coauthored "Effect of Shoe Flexibility on Plantar Loading in Children Learning to Walk" which was published in the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association (July/August 2013 vol. 103 no. 4 297-305)

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#### **Region III APMA Scientific Meeting**

*Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ  
Thursday, May 1 through Friday, May 2, 2014*

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#### **TUSPM Commencement**

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