Dr. Hand, ’49, Establishes TUSPM Scholarship, Honored with Impact Award

BY MAGGIE WURST, SMC ’17

Catherine Hand, DPM ’49, was introduced to the field of podiatry when she was a young girl. “When I was in fifth grade I was taken to a podiatrist because there was something on my foot that became infected,” said Dr. Hand. “The podiatrist did not hurt me and it kind of fascinated me.”

Upon graduating from Albright College with her undergraduate degree, she knew that the medical field was in her future.

“I always wanted to do something along the medical lines,” said Dr. Hand. “When I was ready to decide what I wanted to do, someone mentioned podiatry and I immediately thought of my past experience and followed through.”

Hoping to become a podiatrist in 1945, Dr. Hand enrolled in the Temple University School of Chiropody and graduated in 1949.

Inspired by the scholarships she received while studying at TUSPM, Dr. Hand established the Catherine H. Hand, DPM ’49 Endowment Scholarship Fund within the past fiscal year for students dedicated to their studies.

On her own financially, Dr. Hand was assisted through her podiatry education by a Senatorial Scholarship, which provided her with $200 a year for her educational expenses.

“When I was going to school, my finances were quite sparse, and I was very happy and thankful for the scholarships that I had,” said Dr. Hand. “When I graduated, I wrote to Senator Ruth who had provided the Senatorial Scholarship for me, and I told him hopefully in the future I could help other students.”

Dr. Hand went onto open her own podiatry practice in Palmyra, PA and practiced podiatry for 42 years before retiring.

The Catherine H. Hand, DPM ’49 Endowment Scholarship Fund will be used to provide annual scholarships to one or more students. The scholarships will be awarded to students who are in financial need and also excel in their courses at TUSPM.

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From the Podium of Dean
John Mattiacci, DPM ’70

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Mark Twain once said: “The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.” Today you are experiencing the second most important day of your life. Today you find out why you were born. Today you become a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. You would not be here, having spent your time and your treasure to earn a degree which will allow you to benefit others—if you were not born to do it.

Today you enter a profession with virtually unlimited horizons. In your life, you will have the ability to practice, on your own, or with a group or with a corporation integrated with other specialty physicians. You can teach; you can direct residents or you can work in hospitals. You can go into research or you can work in the medical industry.

But whatever path you choose, you must never forget that your ability to choose your future comes to you because of the work and the dedication that YOU displayed here at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine.

Today I issue you a challenge. I challenge you to make this day the date upon which you know the LEAST about medicine.

Albert Einstein said that “Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.”

I want you, today, to make a pledge to yourself that you will never stop learning. Beginning today, each decision that you make will have a direct influence on the type of man or woman that you will be in ten, twenty or forty years.

Decide, today, to face each challenge that comes to you in your personal or professional life with the same intelligence, dedication and industry that you have displayed over the past four years here with us.

Decide, today, to become a physician leader and be involved in the changes that will influence your career over the next forty years.

You MUST become involved in the events which affect your medical practice. These events will unfold around you each day.

When you choose to become a leader in our profession, you will be involved in the committees, the corporations and the consultations that will lead to the final form of your community’s healthcare delivery system. Do not be a victim of those changes, be an agent of those changes.

You can only be that involved if you continue to be the same professional, with the same intellectual curiosity that drove your life here with us.

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Now a well-respected podiatrist, Dr. Kittra Owens ’05 didn’t take a straightforward path to her current career.

“I was teaching at a high school for students who were interested in health career professions, so my job as an instructor was to find opportunities for them to shadow doctors,” said Owens. “I had set up a rotation with a podiatrist, and when we met, it was at that moment that I realized podiatry was one of our best-kept secrets.”

Upon returning from her shadowing experience, Owens had learned a great deal about the field, and felt confident that she could succeed as a podiatrist.

“I would be coming into podiatry school at a time when residents would have not only had medical rotations, but they would get more surgical and podiatric and medical expertise by the time they finished a three-year residency program,” said Owens.

By changing career paths and attending TUSPM, Owens was able to receive a great education, which helped her gain success in both podiatry and in the navy.

From the beginning of Owens’ education at TUSPM, she felt great support from the staff and her fellow students.

“Going to TUSPM was sort of a highlight because I fell in love with the school and the support staff as soon as I got inside,” said Owens. “I knew by the time I started that by the time I finished, I was going to be a highly qualified and conscientious podiatric surgeon.”

Owens took a residency in Dearborn, MI at Oakwood Hospital because of the multi-disciplinary educational opportunities she would be given.

“There were seven other residency programs associated with the medical care system, so I knew that I would have the chance to exchange with many types of residents,” said Owens. “I knew I was going to get well-rounded exposure to other residents and all types of medicine.”

At the time Owens was finishing at Oakwood Hospital, the navy was recruiting podiatrists, and on the day that she completed her residency, she was sworn in as a U.S. navy officer.

According to Owens, she began her career as a podiatric doctor and surgeon at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, but throughout her eight years in the Navy, she was able to serve in many global locations including Japan, Afghanistan, and Cuba.

“I progressed to various naval hospitals working side by side with orthopedic surgeons,” said Owens. “I was their foot and ankle surgical consultant on reconstructive and traumatic foot and ankle injuries.”

Although Owens served as a podiatrist, her duties as a naval officer far surpassed those of a civilian doctor.

“As a civilian podiatrist it’s easy to come to work, see patients and go home to take off that hat, but in the military, it’s not that simple,” said Owens. “You have officer responsibilities which include running a department and being the authority in charge of your civilian staff, so you have to manage that as well as take on collateral assignments.”

Although there was a difficult workload, Owens believes her service made her a better podiatrist.

“I’m not only a good physician and surgeon, I also have an understanding of how the backbone of medicine operates, and that is the key part of what the navy gave me,” said Owens.

Owens also credits her education for her success in the navy and as a podiatrist.

“I remember the day I graduated from TUSPM as being one of the most exciting days of my life because I felt that I was prepared to take on the challenges of a residency,” said Owens. “Going into my residency with that confidence gave me the platform to build on my academic and clinical excellence, so by the time I entered the military, I felt that I had a successful education.”

After recently retiring from the Navy as a lieutenant commander, Owens began working for VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System in their Department of Veteran Affairs.
Dr. Daniel Margolin, '86, Creates Podiatry Survival Blueprint™, Offers Business Tips to Podiatrists

BY LIAM GLOWACKI, SMC '17

Students who graduate from podiatry school may find that they have a difficult time maintaining a successful practice. Dr. Daniel Margolin has experienced this firsthand.

When he graduated from TUSPM in 1986, Dr. Margolin initially found himself struggling to apply his clinical knowledge to a business setting, but eventually found his own path to success. Now, he wants to share his experience and expertise through the Podiatry Survival Blueprint™, a product designed to help podiatrists increase their practice and reduce business-related stress.

Dr. Margolin empathizes with the fact that most medical students are only taught how to treat patients, which is the greatest purpose of medical school. “Unfortunately, being successful in business also requires training in how to correctly hire staff, how to correctly manage those staff once hired, how to correctly use public relations and marketing to expand the practice into viable ranges, and how to systematize the practice so that stress generated by its success doesn’t make your head explode,” explains Margolin.

His Blueprint aims to rectify this by introducing doctors and staff members to business concepts and techniques. “The burden of my lack of training, student and practice loan debt, became almost too much to bear,” says Dr. Margolin.

Upon starting a practice, Margolin soon realized that it was his responsibility to himself, as well as his patients, to educate himself in business management and turn around the course of his career. His practice, the New Jersey Foot & Ankle Center, is currently one of the largest in the country, with over 50 new and 300 current patients making appointments on a weekly basis. “I have codified what I have implemented so that any Podiatrist can duplicate my successful actions,” he explains. “I pioneered the use of video training and developed the concept of Video Assisted Technology Amplification, a simplified way to train doctors and their staff.”

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What does musician Bob Marley have to do with dermatologic podiatry? Because of Dr. Tracey Vlahovic, fourth-year TUSPM student Kristen Cadieux knows the answer.

In one of her many untraditional, pop culture-infused lectures, Dr. Vlahovic made sure the topic of acral melanoma was not forgotten by relating to Cadieux and her peers that Marley died of the disease when it spread to his vital organs. “She taught us how to clearly evaluate for acral melanoma and how important it is because of how quickly it can spread,” said Cadieux.

After having her as a third-year dermatology professor and through various guest lectures during their first and second years, Cadieux and her fellow peers in the Class of 2016 nominated Dr. Vlahovic for Professor of the Year, which she was awarded.

By connecting her class lectures to clinical examples and promoting an open classroom setting, Dr. Vlahovic inspires her students in their studies and encourages them to succeed in their podiatric education. “I will always remember her because she is so approachable and her personality is so warm,” said Cadieux.

Dr. Vlahovic’s teaching style is not only clear, but also student-oriented. “I like how easy it is to understand her because she’s so succinct in what needs to be known for each patient’s best outcome,” said Cadieux. “She will tell us what we need to know for boards and what we need to know for national testing, but also what we need to know to treat a patient in the best, safest, and most efficient way.”

Upon graduating from TUSPM in 2000, Dr. Vlahovic completed a residency program at St. Luke’s Hospital in Allentown, PA. “During the residency I had a dermatology rotation and I asked my resident director at the time if there were any fellowships in dermatology,” said Dr. Vlahovic. “They created a fellowship in dermatologic podiatry and I was the first one to go through it.”

After finishing her residency, she returned to TUSPM to teach and practice in the Foot and Ankle Institute. “I felt that I had this knowledge,” said Dr. Vlahovic. “I wanted to give back to my profession and teach what I had learned.”

Dr. Vlahovic’s passion for the fields of dermatology and podiatry also plays a role in her teaching style, which invigorates her students. “Her passion translates to other people and it makes you more excited to learn from her,” said Cadieux. “She is so well-versed in the current research and literature that she will talk about different antifungals that go out of use because they have awful side effects.”

Dr. Vlahovic recognizes the students’ experiences in podiatry school, and tries to keep her lessons entertaining. “I like to associate some of the skin conditions with pop culture items so that it can be memorable for the students,” said Vlahovic. “I remember what it was like to be in their shoes, so I try to be reachable so they know that they can reach me if they have questions.”

Dr. Vlahovic’s favorite aspect of teaching is watching her students learn and mature throughout their time at TUSPM. “It’s an honor to be a teacher and it’s really exciting to see my students grow during their third and fourth year,” said Vlahovic. “I have so many students in my classes, and seeing them do so well makes me proud and happy to be a small part of their education.”
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Go forward today and dedicate yourself to not only being the best podiatric physician that you can be, but being the best person that you can be.

In that way your development will always be proudly claimed by you, by your family and by us here at Temple.

Come back and see us often.

John A. Mattiacci, DPM ’70
Dean

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One of the most critical decisions a person makes in his or her lifetime is deciding what legacy to leave behind. Many Temple friends, alumni and donors have chosen to make their legacy a philanthropic one, naming Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine in their will or otherwise making a planned gift. This decision is the penultimate gesture of giving back and empowering the next generation to make their own marks on the world.

To recognize these forward-thinking donors, in 1991 Temple University established the Acres of Diamonds Circle. Today, the Acres of Diamonds Circle includes approximately 900 members who have collectively given back nearly $150 million dollars in gifts to Temple University, ranging from endowed chairs, vital scholarships and numerous special programs that greatly enhance Temple’s mission of excellence in education.

One of our own Acres of Diamonds Circle members is Dr. Jack Schreffler, ’56.

“I’ve always believed in giving back to my profession,” stated Dr. Jack Schreffler. He is one of the founders of the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine later to become the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. In 2012, Dr. Schreffler gave TUSPM an extraordinary lead gift of over $130,000 in support of the scholarship initiative launched by Temple University.

Dr. Schreffler received his pre-podiatry education at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA, and graduated from Temple University’s School of Chiropody in 1956. He worked to put himself through school as a salesman selling cooking items for Wearever. However, he also relied on the generosity of alumni who established scholarships. “There were graduates ahead of me, people I didn’t know, who endowed scholarships so that I could pursue my chosen profession,” said Schreffler.

“Upon graduation, I made it a purpose and responsibility to make available the same opportunity for other hardworking students,” he added. “In my mind, it wasn’t an option.”

In addition to his gift in 2012, Dr. Schreffler and his wife, Joyce, have committed to another major gift in support of both the refurbishing of the TUSPM Anatomy Lab and his Scholarship, the Dr. and Mrs. Jack Schreffler Scholarship, which the couple established and endowed in 1999, for students with financial need.

A long time Conwell Society Member, Dr. Schreffler wants to inspire like-minded individuals to give back to their school. “I’m committed to my School and I relish my experience here,” he said. “If alumni feel the way I do and want to share the rewards of their profession, they can help make the same dream possible for a qualified student.”

Acres of Diamonds Circle members, like Dr. Schreffler, help further Temple’s mission of research, teaching and service, and provide opportunities to those for whom a university education might not otherwise be possible. The generosity of these members cements their legacies as people who have helped leave the world better than they found it.

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Jack Schreffler, ’56
Remembering DPMs Louis, ’67, and Michael, ’76, Centrella

It isn’t shocking to the members of the Centrella family that brothers Louis and Michael decided to attend podiatry school to become Doctors of Podiatric Medicine.

Their father, Michael Centrella Sr., graduated from Temple School of Chiropody in 1941 and passed his passion on to his sons.

In addition to being podiatrists and having two children each, the brothers shared something else in common: they both died of cancer before the age of 60.

By reflecting back on their memories of Michael and Louis, the Centrella family is able to shed light on the brothers, who were the inspiration for the Centrella Family Memorial Scholarship Fund.

According to Michael’s daughter Michelle Harra, Michael was a hardworking man who connected with his patients.

“My dad was very outgoing and loved to meet new people,” said Harra. “He could make friends with anyone, and always tried to make his patients comfortable and wanted them to feel as if he really knew them.”

Michael took over his father’s podiatric practice in 1980 and retired from the podiatric field in 2008.

According to Michael and Louis’s niece Lexy Spikes, Michael was a dedicated family man who put everyone at ease.

“Mike was a kind and generous man,” said Spikes. “He was so proud of his daughters and kept me informed of all their activities and accomplishments.”

Like his brother, Louis was known to be a dedicated podiatrist and father. He also had a sense of humor that is remembered by many members of his family.

“Louis was always the life of the party, and his personality was magnetic,” said Spikes. “I think his love for people made him a great podiatrist because he not only wanted to help people, he wanted to know them too.”

Both brothers are memorialized through the Centrella Family Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was initiated by the Delaware Podiatric Medical Association to provide scholarships for successful fourth year students. However, to elevate the Centrella Fund to an endowed scholarship, a minimum of $25,000 needs to be invested in the Scholarship Fund. The Centrella family is trying their best to endow the fund in perpetuity to honor the memory of Michael Sr., Michael Jr., and Lou Centrella, and their impact on podiatry. To date, they have reached 70% of their goal.

“The Centrella Family Memorial Scholarship Fund will carry on the legacy of Michael and Lou by honoring their work through paying it forward to excelling students in need,” said Michael’s other daughter Meredith Centrella. “The fund will memorialize the dedication the brothers brought to the podiatric community, while assisting students to become exceptional doctors so they can provide patients with the best care.”

Students eligible for the scholarship have financial need and have excelled in the study of anatomical sciences and surgical anatomy through research or publication.

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Running Club Represents TUSPM in Alumni Weekend Race

BY MAGGIE WURST, SMC '17

On the morning of Saturday, April 25, 2013, TUSPM students lined up in the middle of Temple University’s main campus to participate in the 2nd Annual Capt. Eileen Bradley 5K Run and Fun Walk.

A majority of the students were members of TUSPM’s Running Club, so it was not surprising to see them participating in a race. However, what made the race unique was its tie to alumni and its location on Main Campus.

By bringing together members of their club as well as other TUSPM students to run during Alumni Weekend, the TUSPM Running Club bridged the gap between current students and alumni and represented TUSPM as a part of Temple University.

According to President of TUSPM’s Running Club and second-year student Sarah Morrison, the students gathered before, during, and after the race at the alumni table to help reach out to alumni with President of TUSPM’s Alumni Association, Harris Klear, DPM ’71.

“We had a great turnout,” said Morrison. “We had five students specifically volunteering with Dr. Klear at the alumni table throughout the morning.

Morrison heard about the race through TUSPM Student Body President Christina Bui.

“I know a decent amount of alumni and as the president of the running club, I tried to recruit as many people as possible,” said Morrison.

Morrison saw the opportunity to network with alumni as a valuable experience for herself and her peers.

“A big part of the podiatry world is making connections with people in different places, and establishing connections while we are still in school is a great opportunity for when we are done and looking for residencies,” said Morrison. “Getting in touch with the alumni is great, and just having a conversation and learning about what they do on a daily basis is pretty valuable to someone who is just starting out.”

The race also gave TUSPM students the chance to be represented at a main campus event, which, according to Morrison, is important for TUSPM’s culture.

“It’s hard to remember sometimes, as Temple Podiatry students, that we are affiliated with Temple University as a whole since our campus is located at a separate location,” said Morrison. “Participating in Temple University events on the main campus is also a great reminder that we are a part of a much bigger affiliation and nationally recognized institution.”

At the race, the students warmed up with each other and got ready for the 9:30 a.m. start in the middle of 13th Street.

“I feel like everyone had a great time,” said Morrison. “We all started together in one big group and everyone collaborated together.”

Morrison designed t-shirts for the runners that featured feet and “TUSPM” on their backs.

Refreshments and a complimentary beverage from the pop-up Victory Brewing Company Beer Garden were waiting for the runners after they completed their race.

Morrison won a medal for being the Top Overall Female while second-year student and TUSPM Running Club member Robert Ezewiro won Third Overall Male.

Along with participating in races, TUSPM’s Running Club also participates in volunteer work in the community. Recently, they collected shoes for the non-profit organization, Back On My Feet, which helps fight homelessness through running.

“We donate new or gently-used shoes to Back On My Feet, and the shoes are given to those in need or they get sold and the profits go back to the organization,” said Morrison.

According to Morrison, the club is looking forward to next year’s race during Alumni Weekend.

“Now that we know the drill and what to expect for the race, I think we will definitely get more people involved next year.”

1. President of TUSPM’s Running Club and third-year student Sarah Morrison wears one of the shirts she made for the Running Club.
2. Morrison and fourth-year TUSPM student Robert Ezewiro hold their medals by the Bell Tower. Morrison won Top Overall Female and Ezewiro claimed Third Overall Male.
3. President of TUSPM’s Alumni Association, Harris Klear (left) and third-year TUSPM students Jeffrey Zimmerman, Laura Howell and Ethan Simoneau greeted alumni at the TUSPM table during the race.

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From the time TUSPM Senior Academic Coordinator Carol Krouse graduated from high school, she knew she wanted to go into the medical field. “I always wanted to be where patients were and before coming to TUSPM I worked for two hospitals and I always liked that atmosphere,” said Krouse.

Before her June 25th retirement, Krouse shared many memories and experiences that she will take with her into this new stage of life. In the past 27 years, Krouse has seen various changes and advancements in TUSPM, and has gained a knowledge of the field that she would not have expected to leave with.

Before she came to TUSPM, which was known as the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine at the time, Krouse worked for the CEO of Lawndale Community Hospital and the Vice President of Jeanes Hospital.

When interviewing with TUSPM Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Kieran Mahan, Krouse connected with him over their shared New England background. “I was born and raised in Rhode Island, and Dr. Mahan was born and raised in Connecticut,” said Krouse.

From that moment on, Krouse’s love for TUSPM, its students and podiatric medicine started to grow, and it hasn’t stopped since. “When I talk to students on Orientation Day, I tell them that they chose the right profession,” said Krouse.

Krouse’s daily duties include answering numerous phone calls, scheduling meetings for Dr. Mahan with board members, students, and student council members, and also supporting the students who find themselves having trouble balancing personal and academic life. “A lot of students are married and have families, and it’s hard for them to go home and be a parent and a spouse and go to medical school full time,” said Krouse. “The students are like my grandchildren, and I really enjoy being a mentor to them.”

Krouse has watched many changes take place in the school, including the enrollment of more females and a more selective admission’s process. “My first graduating class here in 1989 was mostly all guys, and now it’s more women than men,” said Krouse. “Also, when I first came here, our quota was 135 students a year, and it dropped down to 100 students only because a cap was instituted by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.”

In addition to building strong bonds with students, faculty and staff, Krouse is grateful for the mentor she found in Dr. Mahan. “He taught me how things run in our school,” said Krouse. “Now, no one in my family goes to a podiatrist without talking to me first.”

Of course, when she does refer a family member or friend to a podiatrist, Krouse is grateful for the mentor she found in Dr. Mahan. “I like to give the new guys a chance,” said Krouse.

In her retirement, Krouse looks forward to spending time with her husband who retired eighteen months ago, two children, and five grandchildren. She has also begun to plan trips to the beach, Disney World, California, and Hawaii. “I am going to miss all of the great people at TUSPM, the students, and most of all Dr. Kieran Mahan, who has not only been my boss, but my friend,” said Krouse. “I am just really ready to relax and enjoy all the free time I will have.”
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MARYELLEN BRUCATO, DPM ’10
Dr. Maryellen Brucato, DPM of New Jersey Foot and Ankle Center in Oradell, NJ was selected to travel to Frisco, Texas to participate in the interview process for podiatric surgery residents for Atlantic Health System (AHS). She serves as the coordinator for clinical research for AHS.

JAMES R. CHRISTINA, DPM ’83
Dr. James R. Christina was confirmed as the new executive director and chief executive officer of the APMA. Dr. Christina was selected after a lengthy national search process conducted by JDG Associates executive search firm and confirmed by the House of Delegates during its annual meeting.

ROBERT A. CHRISTMAN, DPM ’81
Dr. Robert A. Christman, in addition to a successful academic career as a professor at the College of Podiatric Medicine, Western University Health Sciences, authored and edited the second edition of the textbook Foot and Ankle Radiology, recently published a five-part Special Section on the Radiographic Anatomy of the Foot and Ankle in the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association (JAPMA) and facilitated a one-day diagnostic imaging Masterclass at the 2015 Australian Podiatry Conference.

SUZANNE FUCHS, DPM ’09
Dr. Suzanne Fuchs is quoted in the May 2015 edition of Reader’s Digest about peripheral arterial disease (PAD).

JEFFREY KATZ, DPM ’79
Dr. Jeffery Katz recently became the 96th president of the New Jersey Podiatric Medical Society (NJPMS) upon taking the oath of office at the society’s annual leadership dinner.

JOHN KLAUS, DPM ’75
Dr. John Klaus recently retired from private practice after 38 years.

ENZO LEONE, DPM ’99
Dr. Enzo Leone received an award for service as President of the Maryland Podiatrist Medical Association from 2013–2015.

LARRY LEVINE, DPM ’71
Dr. Larry Levine was the keynote speaker at the Rites of Passage Ceremony for the TUSPM Class of 2017 who received their white coats.

MICHAEL MARCUS, DPM ’75
Dr. Michael Marcus was appointed chief of surgery at Beverly Hospital in Montebello, CA. Dr. Marcus is also a fellow at the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and board certified in foot and ankle surgery.

CHRISTINE MILLER, DPM ’03
Dr. Christine Miller is the first podiatrist to graduate from the patient safety fellowship at the University of Florida College of Medicine, and the first podiatrist ever to complete an allopathic patient safety fellowship. She was also awarded a $25,000 grant to improve both patient safety and quality at University of Florida Health System.

KITTRA OWENS, DPM ’05
Dr. Kittra Owens, who achieved the rank of lieutenant commander in the US Navy, was featured and lectured at the opening session at the 2015 APMA national conference.

NICHOLAS PAGANO, DPM ’04
Dr. Nicholas Pagano was appointed as American College of Foot & Ankle Pediatrics (ACFAP) newest board member at this year’s conference.

LESLEY D. ROBINSON, DPM ’00
Her abstract, co-authored by Angel A. Cox, DPM; James B. McGuire, DPM ’81, PT, CPed, FAPWHc; Ebony Love, DPM ’06; Robert W. Herpen, DPM ’80; Woojung Lee, BS; and Robert Ezewuiro, MPH, placed third in the “Outstanding Small Case Study/Series Poster Abstract” at the 2015 APMA Scientific Meeting. Their abstract is “Case Series: Evaluation of the Efficacy of a Cryopreserved Placental Membrane for the Treatment of Chronic Diabetic Foot Ulcers.”

HAROLD SCHOENHAUS, DPM ’70
Dr. Harold Schoenhaus co-chaired the first Superbones Superwounds Conference to go multidisciplinary in Orlando. He provided a state-of-the-art lecture and workshop program with new Restorix Health faculty members.

SAMUEL SCHUSTEK, DPM ’78
Dr. Samuel Schustek teamed up with the Salvation Army and other Virginia podiatrists for the annual “Shoes For The Homeless” campaign, which provides foot protection to local community members by offering free shoes to those in need.

USPM Alum, Dr. Bradley Lamm, ’00 was chosen by the Doctors’ Show as the best expert to grow/lengthen the short toes of a young woman, Sierra, who had deformed toes caused by constrictive band syndrome, a birth deformity. Dr. Lamm will perform this young woman’s surgery in the Fall of 2015. You can follow her story at www.thedoctorstv.com.
MAGGIE U. SOLIMEO, DPM ’07
Dr. Maggie U. Solimeo was a finalist for “Physician of the Year” category in the 2015 Healthcare Heroes program for Lehigh Valley Business.

JORDAN STEWARD, DPM ’03
Dr. Jordan Steward was elected president of the Maryland Podiatrist Medical Association.

TRACEY VLAVHOVIC, DPM ’00
Dr. Tracey Vlahovic was an invited speaker at the 19th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Council for Nail Disorders in San Francisco. It was here that Dr. Vlahovic assumed a seat on the board of trustees of the Council.

On April 28th, two TUSPM alumni enjoyed a mini reunion on campus after nearly two decades of separation. Dr. Jay Harmelin, ’81, had been a mentor to Dr. Hillary Brenner, ’02, while she was still an undergraduate at Stockton State College. After finding Dr. Harmelin’s number in the yellow pages, not knowing that he was also a Stockton State Alumni, the young Brenner cold called him to see if she could shadow him at his practice. Both took a chance on each other and all of these years later, both DPMs run successful practices—Dr. Harmelin near the Jersey Shore and Dr. Brenner in Manhattan.

TEMPLE EVENTS

Homecoming Weekend
October 9–11, 2015

Gallery of Success
October 9, 2015

FOOTBALL: Temple University vs. Notre Dame University
Lincoln Financial Field
TUSPM Tailgate Tent
October 31, 2015

Third Annual Global Day of Service
November 7, 2015
www.alumni.temple.edu

White Coat Ceremony
April 8, 2016

Alumni Weekend
May 2016

Commencement Ceremony, Class of 2016
May 9, 2016

The National APMA Annual Scientific Meeting—Philadelphia
July 14–17, 2016
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Podiatry Content Connection Provides Services to Alumni, Supports TUSPM

BY MAGGIE WURST, SMC ‘17

CEO of Podiatry Content Connection Jeff Hartman knows firsthand the importance of podiatry as a medical profession.

“My dad suffered from diabetes and he had Charcot foot, so I know the value that podiatrists bring to the table in treating diabetic foot pain,” said Hartman. “Your feet are the foundation of your health, and if you don’t have good foot health, then you don’t have good health in general.”

Because of his connection to the field and his desire for podiatrists to have the opportunity to market their services virtually at a fair price, Hartman decided to start Podiatry Content Connection.

The company offers podiatric practices various services to increase their online visibility and presence.

“Our services involve developing a great web and social network presence, and each podiatry practice is a little bit different so we try to find out what makes them unique and bring that forward,” said Hartman. “Beyond creating a web presence, we will also create content every week with blog posts and companion articles regarding podiatry.”

Along with providing various podiatrists their inexpensive digital marketing services, Hartman and the Podiatry Content Connection team provide discounts for TUSPM alumni, and also donate a portion of their profits from TUSPM alumni to TUSPM monthly.

Since the program began in March, 2014, Podiatry Content Connection has contributed $10,196.25 to the School in support of the TUSPM General Scholarship Fund.

According to Randy Rosler, Director of Client Services, podiatrists often have trouble marketing their practices, which is where Podiatry Content Connection can provide assistance.

“Generally speaking, podiatrists are great clinicians, but unfortunately many are not good at websites and social media,” said Rosler. “We see that up to 40 percent of podiatrists don’t have a website, so they are completely invisible online.”

Through focusing on the marketing aspect of podiatry, Hartman, Rosler, and the rest of the team at Podiatry Content Connection take the marketing responsibility off of the podiatrists so they can focus on their patients.

“Years ago, it used to be just having a website was good enough, but now, you have to stay active to register with search engines and people,” said Hartman. “The idea is that we want the podiatry practices to see new patients, and if they have a new flow of patients coming in, that’s going to keep their practice growing and staying healthy.”

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES PODIATRY CONTENT CONNECTION CAN PROVIDE YOUR PRACTICE, VISIT WWW.PODIATRYCONTENTCONNECTION.COM OR CALL THEM AT 718-475-9449.

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—JEFF HARTMAN
White Coat Ceremony acts as rites of passage for second year students

BY: LIAM GLOWACKI, SMC ’17

Since 1995, TUSPM podiatry students undergo a rite of passage, in which the 2nd year academics make the transition into the clinical world of podiatry. A ceremony provides these worthy students with their own white coat, which marks the halfway point of their time at the school. The commemoration is also an excellent opportunity for alumni and friends of the school to show their support by making a donation that goes toward the students’ coats.

This tradition was introduced twenty years ago by alum Dr. Edwin Hart III, ’83, and often features a distinguished orator, who speaks on behalf of the alumni, in a speech that has come to be known as the George A. Sonneborn Memorial Lecture. A group picture commemorates this special occasion, right after each student has recited the official Podiatrists’ Creed, pledging “to render service to humanity with impartial respect for the dignity of man,” among other solemn promises. The affair concludes with a reception for family and friends of the new clinician to celebrate together.

President of the Class of 2017 Richard Bruno called this year’s affair “a beautiful event honoring the hard work my colleagues and I have put forth up until this point,” and states that “being coated by our respected clinicians will further boost our drive to finish strong and be the best our prestigious medical field has to offer.”

TUSPM asks its friends and alumni to support the White Coat Campaign by asking for a contribution of $250. By sponsoring one of the Class of 2018, you are ensuring that these students achieve the dreams that they have been working toward for the last two years or longer.

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Las Vegas, NV
October 22–24

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Hyattsville, MD
October 23–25

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Ft. Myers, FL
November 5–8

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November 5–8

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