Dr. James McNerney Earns Gallery of Success

BY MELODIE CARTER AND JEFF JANICZEK

One of the highest honors bestowed by the Temple University community is the Gallery of Success Award, given only to the most outstanding and exemplary alumni.

Dr. James E. McNerney, DPM ’70, became the 22nd doctor of podiatric medicine to receive this prestigious honor for his exceptional commitment to the School of Podiatric Medicine. His portrait and biography are now displayed on the lower level of Mitten Hall at Main Campus among the other 2011-12 Gallery of Success recipients from the 17 individual schools.

“I was very surprised to be honored by the Gallery of Success,” Dr. McNerney said. “I definitely did not expect it.”

Before coming to Temple, Dr. McNerney received his bachelor’s degree from King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He later completed his surgical residencies at St. Luke’s Hospital and the Children’s Medical Center in Philadelphia. Dr. McNerney then returned to TUSPM as a faculty member before establishing his own private practice in his hometown of Binghamton, N.Y. Education has remained a priority for him ever since.

“One of the things that has kept me at Temple University for so many years, of course, is teaching. I enjoy teaching,” Dr. McNerney said. “I work for a large medical corporation, the United Health Services of Binghamton, and we have a surgical residency program. We currently have nine residents.”

In addition to serving as the surgical residency director for United Health Services, Dr. McNerney has remained instrumental in the field of podiatric medicine. He is a seasoned podiatrist with United Medical Associates and specializes in complex foot care cases.

In 2010, his passion for education led him to establish the James and Katherine McNerney Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of his parents, who were also keen on education. Throughout more than 40 years of commitment to the School of Podiatric Medicine, Dr. McNerney has exhibited incomparable leadership, and TUSPM recently announced his appointment to the Board of Visitors.

As a new member of the Board, Dr. McNerney will provide fresh insights into the field of podiatric medicine as well as continue his tremendous generosity and plans for the TUSPM community.

“I expect Temple University to have a very bright future, especially in podiatric medicine and surgery,” Dr. McNerney said. “I expect us to continue to excel above other schools of medicine.”

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Greetings,

As summer approaches us in Philadelphia, we are continuing our tradition of excellence despite facing a number of growing challenges in our pursuit of progress at TUSPM.

Our classrooms are full, and the quality and education of our students has never been higher as we remain at the forefront of education in the field of podiatric medicine. However, dealing with the ongoing reduction of Commonwealth appropriations by Governor Corbett is a financial obstacle we now face in the TUSPM community.

The continued reduction of state appropriations has impacted our students and the community. The cuts have caused a number of budgetary concerns within the University, but with help from you, our constant supporters, we can overcome this adversity without compromising the outstanding education and development of our students. It is our hope that these temporary financial issues will be resolved quickly and appropriately.

Despite these growing concerns, TUSPM has continued to flourish at 8th and Race streets. Our school has established Philadelphia’s first Lymphedema and Diabetic Ulcer Treatment Clinic operated solely by podiatrists, and our clinics treated more than 45,000 patients this past year. This has made the Foot and Ankle Institute one of the largest and most productive podiatric clinics in the world. This not only greatly benefits the local community but also serves to further the growth of our students into well-rounded physicians.

Dr. Larry Kaiser, president of the Temple University Health System, and his colleagues have taken notice of TUSPM’s impressive achievements and has exhibited a profound respect for podiatric medicine, and his interest in TUSPM has been quite gratifying. Dr. Kaiser agreed to be a keynote speaker at our graduation ceremony, which took place on May 9, 2012, and we look forward to continuing to work with him in the future as we build a stronger presence in the Temple University Health System.

Thank you for supporting our magnificent institution, our students, and our profession through your personal investments and generous donations, and as always, we welcome you to your alma mater with open arms.

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Dr. Fred Goldman, DPM, has done it all.
Over the past century, he has volunteered to treat wounded veterans, served as president of the Philadelphia County Podiatry Society, and even built his own office out of a two-car garage. Most notably, Dr. Goldman is one of the founders of the Pennsylvania School of Podiatric Medicine (PCPM), which was the predecessor to the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine.

On April 12, 2012, Dr. Goldman reached another remarkable milestone by turning 100 years old.

“Turning 100 feels different from being 99,” Dr. Goldman said with a smile.

Originally from the Logan Section of Philadelphia, Dr. Goldman graduated from the Temple University School of Chiropody in 1932 and operated his own office in Center City Philadelphia at 11th and Chestnut streets for many years. Dr. Goldman eventually moved to Northeast Philadelphia, where he transformed an old garage into a new home for his private practice. Over the years, he also established a clinic at Methodist Hospital and served on staff at both Kensington and Parkview Hospitals.

It was in 1963 that Dr. Goldman and a number of colleagues obtained a charter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to open a new podiatry school to fill a void left by the Temple University School of Chiropody, which closed in 1960.

“A few of the fellas got together and somehow got a charter, but we had no money,” Dr. Goldman said. “Little by little, it started to come in, but the school had to have a place while it was still waiting for money.”

PCPM operated in rented facilities for its first few years before moving into its own building at 8th and Pine streets in 1965. When the current campus opened in 1973, it was the first facility ever developed specifically for podiatric use.

“We finally had enough money for the beginnings of a school,” Dr. Goldman said. “When we began to raise big money, I became one of the founders. After the school was built, we needed a clinic so I was one of the founders of [the Foot and Ankle Institute] as well.”

Throughout his career, Dr. Goldman has seen huge advancements in podiatric medicine but still takes pride in his low-tech, yet effective, treatments of common ailments, such as warts.

Dr. Goldman’s care for patients and undeniable talents for surgery have made a powerful impact on his son, Dr. Noah Goldman, DPM, who did not consider anything but podiatry for his own career path.

“I never knew anything else. I grew up with it and was always around it,” Dr. Noah Goldman said. “When I ended up going to school, I would help out juniors and seniors and show them how things were supposed to be done.”

Dr. Goldman taught his son almost everything there is to know about podiatric medicine, including how to properly remove corns.

“My son was about 17 when he got involved in the school’s activities,” said Dr. Goldman, who now has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. “Whenever we had a seminar or a convention of some kind, he was there to help set it up.”

Aside from their mutual passion for podiatry, the father and son have shared a number of hobbies, including carpentry and gift-making.

Today, they still play cards, usually pinochle, and maintain a close relationship.

“Best hands in the business,” Dr. Noah Goldman said of his father. “As far as I’m concerned, he’s number one.”
Matthew Rementer defines the modern Renaissance man.

As just a second-year student, Rementer is the TUSPM student body president elect, a member of the Sports Medicine and Wound Care clubs, and also highly involved in the Best Buddies organization. Rementer is making his mark on podiatric medicine through his talent of being remarkably personable.

Rementer completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Delaware, where he initially majored in biology but later realized he had more interest in nutritional sciences.

"I was interested in food and the healthy eating, especially for children, where obesity rates are growing faster every year," Rementer said. "Nutrition allowed me to study a different side of the medical field."

Rementer always knew he wanted to be a physician but was unsure which field to specialize in until he discovered podiatric medicine.

"Podiatry fits me because of the diversity that exists within it," he explained. "You can specialize in many different areas."

Choosing Temple was a simple decision for Rementer, who credits TUSPM with offering the best educational opportunities.

He was most impressed by the school’s direct integration with the Foot and Ankle Institute.

“I love the clinic at TUSPM,” Rementer said. “It allows for a great hands-on educational experience. Also, all of the clinicians that we have as educators are great resources for students.”

Rementer has become deeply involved in the TUSPM community.

In the coming year, he will step into his new role as student body president. He already has a number of ambitious plans in store for TUSPM. These include everything from adding more electrical outlets in classrooms to strengthening the school’s relationship with Main Campus.

The Philadelphia native also recognizes the importance of the growing diabetes epidemic. With his background in nutritional health, Rementer hopes to help patients understand the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

“Some of the predisposing factors for diabetes are obesity and unhealthy eating,” Rementer said. “With my knowledge, I’ll hopefully be able to help my patients understand that side of the disease, and help control, and possibly even prevent diabetes from occurring.”

Jeff Janiczek contributed to this profile.

On behalf of our patients and students, TUSPM would like to acknowledge the corporate generosity and support of Surgical Supply Service for their benevolent donation of five brand new, much-needed, exam / surgical tables to the Foot and Ankle Institute, valued at $30,000.
TUSPM RUNNING CLUB PROFILE

BY JEFF JANICZEK

When second-year student Alex Emerel first arrived at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, he was shocked to discover that the school lacked a running club.

“A lot of people join student clubs for a reason, but I wasn’t really interested in any of them,” Emerel said. “The only one I wanted to be a member of was the running club, and it didn’t exist.”

There had not been a running club at TUSPM for more than 30 years, but Emerel, who has been an avid runner since middle school, decided that he would make it his mission to breathe new life into the club.

“It’s what I’ve wanted to do since I’ve gotten here,” Emerel said.

Less than two years later, his ambitious plans are already coming to fruition. With more than 40 members, the running club is one of the newest and most popular student clubs on campus. The club schedules weekly group runs and meets regularly to discuss their plans for upcoming events.

The meetings include faculty lectures about topics relevant to the sport. Dr. Howard Palamarchuk, DPM, the club’s advisor, spoke to the club about his days as a race walking champion, and Dr. Kendrick Whitney, DPM, led a discussion about a new fad known as “barefoot running.” Both lectures were well attended.

Emerel, the club’s president, hopes to continue to attract unique speakers to the meetings. He believes that the club should not only offer a healthy way to relieve stress but also provide students with a unique avenue for learning.

“Our goal as individuals isn’t to be the best runner,” Emerel said. “It’s about wanting to get together to train and learn. A lot of patients come in and want to know about shoes and stretching, so it’s beneficial for everyone.”

Although competition is not the primary focus of the club, many of its members train for the annual Blue Cross Broad Street Run. Emerel, who ran track and cross country as an undergraduate at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is one of several students who made the 10-mile trek down Broad Street.

“It’s the flattest 10-mile race on the East Coast,” Emerel said. “The mileage seems like a lot, but students here tend to be on the healthy side. The average person can usually finish it.”

The Broad Street Run is not the only race the running club will be preparing for this year.

On September 22nd, the School of Podiatric Medicine, the School of Engineering, and Temple Ambler will host the first-ever Owls for Strides 5K Race at Temple’s suburban campus in Ambler, Pa. The running club has taken a leading role in helping to organize the event, which will benefit student scholarships and financial aid (see page 15 for details).

“One of the really cool things we’re doing with the 5K is an inter-Temple school competition,” Emerel said. “Plus, there will be all of the great things that come with a race like this, including t-shirts, medals, and discounts for students. It’s going to be a lot of fun.”

Emerel hopes to see the race become an annual event, which could help sustain the running club well into the future.

(From left to right) Club officers Kyle Mauk, Monica Cooney, Jinho Yoo, and Alex Emerel

“If everything goes well, we hope to get more people involved next year,” Emerel said. “The main goal is to keep this club afloat. It is tough work to keep a student organization afloat, but I think the annual 5K will help.”

Along with Emerel, Kyle Mauk, vice president, Jinho Yoo, treasure, and Monica Cooney, secretary, want to extend the running club’s reach as far as possible before graduating from TUSPM. One way they hope to do this is by becoming involved in programs to aid Philadelphia Marathon runners as they prepare for the race.

“Yes, years ago, they used to send a group of students from Temple to help out the athletes, but since then, Jefferson University has actually taken over,” Emerel said. “I want to get some of our club members to help out with that again, which is a long term goal.”

Several members of the club are marathon runners themselves so participating in the program would seem like a perfect fit.

“There are a lot of students in our group who do marathons, but there are also a lot of people who just want to stay in shape,” Emerel said. “It’s tough training for a marathon and going to school; you have to be pretty dedicated to both medicine and the sport.”
Dr. Joseph M. Caporusso, DPM, ’89 was installed as president of the American Podiatric Medicine Association recently. APMA’s staff, comprised of approximately 60 professionals, is dedicated to promoting foot and ankle health, member service and professional excellence. Dr. Caporusso sat down with Strides to discuss his recent appointment as president.

**Strides:** What have your experiences with APMA been like?

Dr. Caporusso: “In 2000, I served on committees, the APMA Diabetes Advisory Committee in particular. Then in 2002, I won an election. I’ve been working towards becoming chair since then. It’s been a great ride. I’ve been involved in every committee and facet of APMA. Now, I’m getting ready to take the helm, so to speak.”

**Strides:** How much of an honor is it to have earned this position?

Dr. Caporusso: “It’s really a great honor. It’s so special to be president of APMA. There are so many well-respected people here, but being president during our 100th Anniversary makes this even more special. I’m proud to be here and excited to help our team reach its goals. I’ve been involved for the past 12 years, but this is on a different level. It’s a great culmination of a career. I’ll do my best to make our profession proud.”

**Strides:** What will be your highest priorities as president of APMA?

Dr. Caporusso: “My goal right now is to further our relationships with medical associations to help us gain parity. It’s important for people around us to see what we do as podiatric physicians and what our role is in the healthcare system. We provide care every day and play such a special role in the mobility of our patients. My goal is to integrate all of the medical associations and societies into seeing what we’re doing. A band of a thousand people singing our song is more forceful than just our members.”

**Strides:** With your vast experience in podiatric medicine, what advice would you give to TUSPM students today?

Dr. Caporusso: “We have plenty of evidence that shows how we fit into caring for the public. There have been many studies that show a great need for podiatric physicians well into the future. There are nay-sayers everywhere, but there are many positive people in podiatry. When you look the numbers, you see that the future is bright. We have some concerns and hills to climb, but that’s all of medicine. The students at Temple right now are very fortunate, and I would advise them to study hard and get the best residency training possible. That’s what it’s all about.”

**Strides:** Do you have any plans to collaborate with TUSPM as president?

Dr. Caporusso: “I don’t have any immediate plans, but I’m always interested in hearing the ideas, input, and concerns of the people who are leading our profession in education. [Dean] Dr. John Mattiacci is one of those leaders. I believe that education is the key. I’m always looking to collaborate with professors and deans to further the education and experiences of our students.”

**TUSPM SPORTS MEDICINE CLUB UPDATE**

On October 30, 2011, in Arlington, Va., student members of the TUSPM Sports Medicine Club joined the medical team at finish line tent alpha, working alongside of corpsmen, physical therapists, nurses, and doctors of the U.S. Navy Clinic in Quantico, Va. “This year marked 20 consecutive-years that the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine has been a part of this race” said Dr. Howard J. Palamarchuk, DPM, TUSPM Director of Sports Medicine. Dr. Palamarchuk and the fourth-year Sports Medicine Club students also represented TUSPM at the 2012 Boston Marathon in April.

If you have news you’d like to share in the next issue of Strides, please call or e-mail Giavanna Ippolito (215) 625-5249 / gippolito@tuspm.temple.edu
Congratulations to Dr. Marc Karpo who has been a part of the TUSPM community for more than 36 years and continues to be an outstanding contributor to this institution. Strides congratulates Dr. Karpo on the new position.


DR. TYLER FUGATE, DPM, ’00
Congratulations to Dr. Tyler Fugate and his wife Angelique on the birth of their second daughter, Claire Marie Fugate, who joins her big sister Audrey.


DR. ALAN GOLDENHAR, DPM, ’83
Dr. Alan Goldenhar was recently profiled in the article, “Meet a pedaling commuter…Podiatrist makes it a lifelong habit,” in the publication Concord Monitor.

Source: www.concordmonitor.com/article/287535/meetpedalingcommuter?SESS9b0b04600c8ef9d52c6b2a65b0ae5343=google&apage=full


DR. JOHN GUILIANA, DPM, ’86
Dr. John Guiliana and Dr. Hal Ornstein, DPM, were featured in the Podiatry Management article, “Why God Gave Us Two Ears and One Mouth” (Vol. 31, January 2012, p. 205). He also was featured in another Podiatry Management article, “Podiatric Practice 2012: Tips, Tips, and More Tips”, as part of a panel discussion about the latest trends in running a podiatric office (Vol. 31, February 2012, p. 63).


DR. JOHN M. HURCHIK, DPM, ’89
Dr. John Hurchik was recently featured in Podiatry Management for an article titled “Triathlon Basics- Part 1!” (Vol. 31, January 2012, p. 147). He was also featured in another Podiatry Management article, “Triathlon Basics – Part 2” to conclude his discussion about treating triathletes (Vol. 31, February 2012, p. 73).


DR. MARC KARPO, DPM, ’82
Congratulations to Dr. Marc Karpo who has been installed as the next president of the Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association.


DR. ROBERT KONCHAR, DPM, ’83
Dr. Konchar recently became a member of the Honorary Medical Staff of Midland Memorial Hospital in Texas. Honorary status is restricted to those individuals whom the medical staff wishes to honor. Dr. Konchar is now semi-retired in Midland, Texas.


DR. KIERAN MAHAN, DPM, ’80, FACULTY/STAFF
Dr. Kieran Mahan will rejoin the TUSPM Administrative Council as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2012. Strides is thrilled to welcome back Dr. Mahan and congratulates him on the new position.


DR. JAMES B. MCGUIRE, DPM, ’81
Dr. James B. McGuire was featured in a CBS Philly report, “Health Watch: Fighting Germs with Silver and Copper,” on October 24, 2011.


Dr. McGuire also was recently featured in an article, “Diabetes and Your Feet,” in the Fall 2011 issue of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation/South Jersey Chapter.

Source: www.podiatrystem.com/newsletter.aspx?clientcode=EPWXQOZ7Ss&suicide=2556&newsvis=10&review

He also appeared in a Chicago Tribune article, “Podiatry Careers on Strong Footing”, on January 31, 2012.

Source: http://www.chicago tribune.com/classified/jobs/ch-podiatry-career-guide20120131 ,0,4756639.story


DR. ROBERT KONCHAR, DPM, ’83
Dr. Kevin Roberts co-authored a continuing medical education article in the March 2012 issue of Podiatry Management. The article was titled “Burn Injuries of the Foot and Ankle,” and discussed proper burn assessment and care that leads to improved results.


DR. JONATHAN ROSE, DPM, ’98
Dr. Jonathan Rose recently collaborated with Dr. Vincent J. Martorana, DPM, in writing a book titled The Foot Book: A Complete Guide to Healthy Feet. Published by Johns Hopkins University Press, the book describes common conditions that affect the foot and ankle and outlines available treatment options. Dr. Rose addresses the entire anatomy of the foot, describing in plain English its unique characteristics and biomechanical functions. The book was written to be a resource for the average person, physicians, or other medical personnel.


DR. LEE J. SANDERS, DPM, ’74
Dr. Sanders presented the keynote address at the 19th International Symposium for Foot Surgery in Munich, Germany on Dec. 3, 2011. His lecture was titled “My Lifetime Experience with the Treatment of Charcot Arthropathy: Lessons Learned” and was attended by 400 orthopedic surgeons.


DR. ANDREW SCHNEIDER, DPM, ’97
Dr. Andrew Schneider was recently featured in Podiatry Management for an article titled “Ancillary Essentials to Get Wounds Healed and Keep Your Diabetic Patients Loyal”. Source: Podiatry Management, Vol. 31, p. 165


DR. CHRISTOPHER B. STEWART, DPM, ’96
Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Stewart, who developed the groundbreaking nail restoration center NovoNail. Dr. Stewart now has now opened NovoNail locations in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, and throughout Virginia.


DR. TRACEY C. VLAVHOVIC, DPM, ’00
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MR. ARTHUR WASHBURN, CLA,’95, ’96, AND MICHAEL SGANGA, ’13, STUDENT
Dr. Arthur Washburn and student Michael Sanga were recently featured in the Winter 2012 issue of Temple Review for the article, “Skelton Crew”. Source: www.temple.edu/temple_review/2012_winter/f2_SkeletonCrew2.html


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Dr. Jay Schnitzer, DPM, knows a thing or two about resilience. The newly elected president of the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine Alumni Association Board has dedicated his life to medicine. Even when he was suffering from kidney failure in 2007, Dr. Schnitzer continued to see patients, refusing to allow his illness to prevent him from treating others.

Now fully recovered, Dr. Schnitzer is ready to bring that same passion and energy to his new position on the alumni board.

“Temple saved my life,” he said. “Being president [of the alumni board] puts me in a position that is distinctly different and allows me to do more. Academics and counseling are absolutely on the forefront for me.”

Dr. Schnitzer’s highest priority is for the alumni board to become a greater resource for TUSPM students. He believes it should be active in both raising funds for students and mentoring them through school and residency.

“Certainly, we have a wealth of experience that makes us a little different from the academia kind of folks,” said Dr. Schnitzer, who graduated from PCPM in 1971. “We definitely have the blend of expertise necessary to help students.”

Dr. Schnitzer hopes to accomplish this by organizing monthly alumni meetings for second and third-year students. This will not only provide the students with valuable information but will also help them to forge stronger relationships with alumni.

“I want to become more interactive, and not just on the fiduciary end. I want the students to see a face,” Dr. Schnitzer said. “I was on the boards for 14 years and did written and oral exams. I have expertise on how to take an examination. I’ve done a talk on exams already, and it was highly attended.”

Dr. Schnitzer emphasized that alumni meetings can revolve around anything the students wish to discuss, including tips on how to land a spot in their dream residency program. His goal is to make the alumni board more “user-friendly” for students.

“I’m asking what we can do directly to encourage and to spread even simple knowledge,” Dr. Schnitzer explained. “It doesn’t need to be complex rear-foot surgery. It’s about how to act in a residency interview. It’s about how to study for the boards.”

TUSPM’s downtown location at 8th and Race streets sometimes causes students to feel excluded from the rest of the Temple Health System, which is another issue Dr. Schnitzer intends to address as president.

“I’d like TUSPM to become more integrated with the Temple Health Sciences Campus. I don’t want our students to feel like outsiders,” Dr. Schnitzer said. “That five or seven miles might as well be from here to Tibet, which creates some difficulties for us.”

Dr. Schnitzer has been an active member of the alumni board since 1998. He is confident that more integration with the Health Sciences Campus will lead to even greater results for the School of Podiatric Medicine.

“The connection with Temple University has created a much broader potential to do good,” Dr. Schnitzer said. “Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine is a big thing in my life, and I’m proud to be associated with it.”
Dr. Bradley W. Bakotic, DPM, speaks to students during the ceremony.

Vice President of Student Affairs Theresa Powell (left) and Dean Dr. John Mattiacci, DPM

Students applaud after receiving their white coats.

DR. JOHN MATTIACCI EARNED ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine Dean Dr. John A. Mattiacci, DPM, ‘70, received the 2012 Ellis Island Medal of Honor on May 12th in New York City.

This prestigious award is presented annually to American citizens who have distinguished themselves within their own ethnic groups while exemplifying the values of the American way of life. Dr. Mattiacci joined past medalists who include six United States Presidents, several Nobel Prize winners, and many other leaders in industry, education, the arts, athletics, and government.

The Ellis Island Medal of Honor is reserved for everyday Americans who have made freedom, liberty, and compassion a part of their life’s work. The award is sponsored by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO), which works to honor and preserve the diversity of the American people and to foster tolerance, respect, and understanding among religious and ethnic groups.

TUSPM WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the TUSPM women’s basketball team on taking home the first-place trophy from the 2012 American Podiatric Medical Student Association Championship Tournament in Miami. The TUSPM men’s basketball team also participated in the tournament.

The women’s basketball team poses with their trophy.
Dr. Michelle Butterworth, DPM, ’95, was recently installed as the 61st president of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. ACFAS is a professional society of more than 6,000 members that seeks to promote the art and science of foot, ankle, and related lower extremity surgery, and advance and improve standards of education and surgical skill.

Dr. Butterworth sat down with Strides to discuss her appointment as president.

**Strides:** What have your experiences with the ACFAS been like over the years?

Dr. Butterworth: “They’ve been great. I became involved with them first as a member of the student club and continued through residency. After that, I became involved with the College doing some work on committees. I served on several committees and enjoyed my work there. I thought it was just a great way to help our profession move forward … I became more and more involved and eventually became chairman of one of the committees. From there, I decided that I wanted to get more involved with the leadership. I ran for a position on the board and got elected. I loved the organization’s vision and mission. I was fortunate enough to move up through the tracks to become president.”

**Strides:** How did it feel to be named president of ACFAS?

Dr. Butterworth: “It was probably the greatest honor of my career, and my life really. I consider ACFAS to be the leading organization of our profession, and so it’s a huge honor to be elected president to serve that organization.”

**Strides:** What are your immediate goals as president?

Dr. Butterworth: “My highest priority is continuing down the path that we’re on, which means continuing to deliver a high level of education. Our seminars and field courses are designed to make sure that our educational component stays on track and continues to improve. Also, we’re looking to gain some larger databanks for additional research. One of my personal goals is to strengthen our influence among students and to get them more involved. Residency is going to be one of my key issues this year in focusing more on those students. I want to help residency directors and hold a residency director-type of forum. We also want to stay financially stable and continue to increase our membership, which is currently at an all-time high.”

**Strides:** Can you tell us about your private practice in Kingstree, S.C.?

Dr. Butterworth: “I’m in private practice with my husband, Dr. Stephen Corey, [DPM, ’86]. We’ve been here since he started it in 1998. I moved down from Philadelphia after I finished my fourth year of residency to join him in 1999. We’re in a small rural town, and we’re the only two podiatrists within a 40-mile radius. We have four office locations between the two of us, so we serve a very wide area. We do a lot of reconstructive surgery. I get referrals from all over the state, and it’s kind of funny how people come to this little town for their surgery. I’m also on staff at three hospitals, and they’re all in small towns. It’s been very challenging at times, but I certainly enjoy it. It’s definitely a needed service, and I feel that we are really benefiting our patients.”

**Strides:** What advice could you give to TUSPM students about preparing for the profession?

Dr. Butterworth: “I would say get involved as much as possible. Learn as much as you can and have an open mind. At this point in time, everything you’re doing is geared at getting a good residency. Every residency is different, specializing in different things. I think they need to stay on top of their academics, and in time, they should be looking for a mentor or role model to help them see the different aspects of the profession that they might want to focus on.”

**Strides:** Can you tell us about any plans you might have to collaborate with TUSPM?

“As far as me personally, I come up every year and visit with the students through the ACFAS Club at Temple. I work very closely with the leadership of the club. They came to our annual Scientific Conference in San Antonio, and I’ve got a very close relationship with them. When I come up to visit, I spend time with them in clinic and lecture. I then go to the local residencies and either do a roundtable or lecture. I’ll also be part of the alumni meeting that Temple is offering this year. I love Temple, and I’m true to my alma mater. I try to do as much as I can for the students. They contact me all year long with questions, and I’m always offering assistance and advice. I’ve got a strong relationship with the students, and hopefully, that will continue.”
**TUSPM Medical Team Provides Care at PhillyFest**

The Merriam Theater before PhillyFest.

Faculty member Dr. Howard Palamarchuk, DPM, along with students Whitney Ellis, Lara Stone, and Trilby Reeve, helped out the 2012 PhillyFest dance competition by providing medical assistance in case of injuries. There were only two incidents during the show that required medical intervention, but the medical team’s presence was greatly appreciated by the dance show, which was directed by TUSPM student Rikhil Patel. The competition was held at the Merriam Theater in Center City Philadelphia and won by UCLA. Rikhil Patel was also a member of the medical team.

The TUSPM medical team at PhillyFest.

**The Sterling-Harford-DiPrimio 80th Anniversary Dinner**

Dr. Raymond DiPrimio, DPM, at the Sterling-Harford-DiPrimio Dinner.

The Sterling-Harford-DiPrimio Honorary Anatomical Society of the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine hosted its 80th Anniversary Dinner on March 24 at the Downtown Club in Center City Philadelphia.

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The competition will include:

- Race chip timing provided by Run the Day
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Register details:

- Adults – $25, students and walkers – $15
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