TUSPM new simulation center, which boasts 12 clinical rooms, will enhance medical education by providing students with a place to practice patient interactions and receive immediate feedback from faculty.

“A dedicated simulation center for podiatric students will allow us to prepare students better and more thoroughly for professional practice,” said Raquel Perez, a clinical instructor in the Standardized Patient Program who was instrumental in planning the new center. “We are a supplementary program designed not to replace real-world experience, but to provide students with a safe and nurturing environment in which to make mistakes and learn from them.”

Perez said the simulation center, which was in the works for about a year before its official opening, will allow more opportunities for early intervention and skills development. In addition to audio and video recording equipment, the center’s clinical rooms have one-way mirrors so that attending physicians can observe students interacting with standardized patients without actually being present inside the room and offer immediate feedback.

The anatomy lab, at TUSPM, is newly renovated with an expansion that includes new technology and A/V systems for each cadaver station. This expansion also includes a new cold room, showers, and locker room. Additional tables were added that reduces the student to cadaver ratio. TUSPM students can utilize the Netter’s Atlas of Human Anatomy and the Anatomy TV software which offers 3D Human Anatomy teaching to enhance their learning.

The university has invested approximately over $3 million to complete both projects.
TUSPM Student Spotlight

Rami Basatneh
Co-Founder, Global Health Club
TUSPM Class 2019

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Board of Directors is pleased to recognize a podiatric medical student, Rami Basatneh, as its APMAPAC Champion. Basatneh is an ambitious, highly compassionate, and motivated individual. “I wanted to make a difference by doing something great. Advocating for the profession for parity is very important to me and the most exciting things I get to do! Everyone needs to be a part of the solution by supporting APMAPAC and befriending their legislators. This is critical to our future as physicians.”

Basatneh serves as the American Podiatric Medical Students’ Association (APMSA) delegate for the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (TUSPM) class of 2019, and he is the student liaison to the APMAPAC Board of Directors. He developed the “Golden Foot Trophy”, an award for the podiatric medical school that raises the most dollars for APMAPAC. In its inaugural year, the trophy went to TUSPM for its sponsorship, under Basatneh’s guidance, of an ugly mustache fundraising contest. Basatneh was recognized for his work by the 2017 APMSA House of Delegates with the prestigious APMSA Leadership Award.

He grew up in suburban Dallas and attended the University of Texas at Dallas, where he graduated in three years with a BS in neuroscience. Basatneh applied to a master’s program at Heritage University in Toppenish, WA. He took medical school courses alongside medical students. It was there that Basatneh met Mark Johnson, DPM, a dean who instilled the drive to “make a difference – do something great!”

While Basatneh was taking lower extremity clinical skills classes, the professor introduced him to Joshua Johnson, DPM, and encouraged Basatneh to shadow the doctor to learn about the profession. “I fell in love instantly with the profession and its diversity of practice, from neurology to trauma to surgery to wound care and more, all in the same day,” said Basatneh.

Basatneh founded and is vice president of the Global Health Club at TUSPM. This club provides students with a global perspective on medicine. He is also a volunteer director for Food Aid and works closely with founder Patrick A. DeHeer, DPM. The program provides podiatric students with the opportunity to participate in medical missions worldwide. “I came up with the idea of Food Aid, but knew I would need help,” said Dr. DeHeer. “I asked Rami if he would be interested, and he took on the project and has continued at every turn to impress me by his dedication, creativity, and intelligence. Anyone who meets Rami knows he will be a leader in the profession.”

“Rami motivates people just by entering a room. His energy is contagious,” said Maggie Kreutter, DPM, former APMSA student liaison to the APMAPAC Board and current first-year resident at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. “He is passionate about bettering our profession and has done a great service for podiatry in educating and inspiring students from all of our schools.”

In honor of World Diabetes Month, TUSPM Students participate in Step Out to Stop Diabetes

TUSPM Sports Medicine and Wound Care clubs teamed up to give free foot screenings at the American Diabetes Association Step Out to Stop Diabetes Run/Walk! We are grateful to the ADA for allowing us to participate in the event and hope we can bring awareness to the public about the importance of diabetes education and early prevention. We can’t wait to go back next year!

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Student Reflections

Second and third year students from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (TUSPM) participated in foot examinations of over 100 Special Olympic Athletes at the recent Annual Fall Sports Festival held at Villanova University. As part of the Healthy Athletes Program, Fit Feet provides podiatric screenings with referrals as needed to the athletes' hometown podiatrist for follow-up care.

Also as part of the Temple team, Mr. Jim Dodds, certified pedorthist of the Hanger Corporation, fabricated heat-molded inserts for a majority of the athletes. TUSPM clinical associate professor and clinician for Fit Feet, Howard Palamarchuk, DPM stated that this is a great learning experience for the students and a chance to give back by volunteering for such a worthy cause.

TUSPM would like to congratulate the Class of 2017

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine would like to welcome the TUSPM Class of 2021.
Best of luck in your first year!

Fall Sports Festival for Special Olympics

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