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Christina Bui, a third-year student at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (TUSPM) has been named the winner of the 30th Annual American Podiatric Medical Writers Association Student Writing Competition. Her paper was entitled, “Objectives in Healthy People 2020 Regarding Diabetes and Lower Extremity Amputations”. Bui will receive a one thousand dollar honorarium from a special endowment by Dr. and Mrs. Steven Berlin to the APMA Educational Foundation.

The Donors Remembrance Ceremony for 2016 took place at the University of Pennsylvania on April 27th. This ceremony is a commemorative event held in order to honor and give thanks to people who donated their body to medical education at various medical schools throughout the city of Philadelphia.

This is an invitation only event attended by family members of those who have been organ, tissue or cornea donors during the previous year. Students who have had the opportunity to learn from their generous gift also attend this event.

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During my summer orientation at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, I was amazed at everything the school had to offer its students. I became more involved with student organizations, and I thought something was missing. As an openly gay podiatry student, I felt that Temple needed an organization that would provide a welcoming and inclusive environment to students, faculty, and administration of all sexual orientations and genders. I also understand the need to create a safe place for students struggling with their sexual identity and fear of what others may think. An organization not only to provide a place to help support fellow students struggling through a difficult time, but also to teach allies about our experiences. My classmate, Camille Kim, and I decided to bridge that gap and create our own student organization called SPECTRUM.

The mission of SPECTRUM is to provide educational resources and professional networking to its LGBTQ members and allies. Through seminars and group meetings, our club hopes to educate other students and members about LGBTQ issues and concerns in the health field and community. For example, some issues all podiatric medical professionals will encounter is how to appropriately address LGBTQ patients and how to assess their social history. We also hope to provide connections and advice to residency applicants who are concerned with disclosing their sexuality during externships and residency interviews.

We are proud to have the positive support from our faculty, administration, and fellow classmates thus far. We have an excellent faculty advisor who is willing to help us reach our goals. I hope to bring change and great impact to many people, and especially Temple’s podiatry program. By learning to be more aware, we can become better trained physicians and improve the personal care of our patients.

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Great (Un) Expectations

In July, 2015, I packed up my life and made the road trip from Houston, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to pursue a career in podiatry. I cannot believe I am already nearing the end of my first year here at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. As most ambitious students do, I expected to go to school, get good grades, and maybe when I wasn’t buried under a pile of books, explore a bit of the city in my free time. As I reflect back on this year, I realize that the unexpected things are the ones that have taught me the most.

Firstly, I expected rigid stability from a school established in 1963. I now sense a culture that is becoming increasingly responsive to change. As an undergraduate business major at McCombs, I learned the seven most important words of policy: “We have always done it that way.” People are typically the most resistant part of a system to change. As future healthcare professionals, we need to be prepared to adapt and respond to the white water world we will be thrust into upon graduation, and this preparation should start now. TUSPM faculty and students lead in this preparation by example. Our faculty seeks to improve communication with students by not only holding open forums, but also following through to make proposed changes. Additionally, our extremely involved student organizations regularly provide the opportunity to hear from professionals in fields such as sports medicine, practice management, and wound care, to help supplement our theoretical framework with practical knowledge.

Secondly, I expected to make some friends at TUSPM. This feels much more like a family. As President of the Class of 2019, I am humbled to represent a class that exudes the essence of unity on and off campus.

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The Delaware River Waterfront, just a short walk from Old City and Historic Philadelphia, hosts family-friendly attractions and events all year long. All summer long, Penn’s Landing is home to exciting live music on the Delaware River Waterfront. Celebrate all summer long with patriotic performances, inspirational festivals, smooth jazz and much more. Best of all, most concerts are free and family friendly.

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Around Town

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