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2013 Winter Internship Students



Internship students observing while 3rd year student facilitates casting during a Bio-Mechanics Workshop.

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Featured Faculty



Dr. Christine P. Miller,
DPM,CWS,FACCWS
Chairman, Department of Podiatric
Medicine and Orthopedics

Dr. Christine Miller is the Chairman and an Assistant Professor of the Department of Medicine and Orthopedics at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Miller is a board-certified podiatrist and wound care specialist. She obtained her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. She completed her residency in podiatric surgery at Virtua, West Jersey Health System in Camden, NJ.

TUSPM Tidbits

Diabetes Awareness Club was founded with the intent to serve the TUSPM clinic, community and the greater Philadelphia area in the realm of diabetes awareness and care. The club has just launched the **Biggest Loser Campaign**. They have created numerous workout sessions and are supporting both staff and students who participate.

Application Deadline for Admission

June 30, 2013 for August 2013
Entering Class

Learn more click here

www.e-aacpmas.org

Dr. Miller joined the TUSPM faculty in 2008. She is a fellow member of the Provost Teaching Academy (PTA) at Temple University. She received her Graduate Certification in Higher Education. Dr. Miller is a standing Member on the Committee of Academic and Professional Standards (CAPS) which establishes and enforces professional conduct and academic performance. She is also responsible for overseeing and developing the curriculum in the Medicine and Orthopedic Department.

She has experience in wound management and has facilitated a research study on the diabetic foot called "A Comparison Of Nail Reduction Techniques for Diabetic Patients". She teaches Radiology and serves as Course Director of Pediatrics, Infectious Disease and Fundamental of Podiatric Practices II.

Dr. Miller is well respected by her peers as well as her students. She has been awarded the teacher of the year award for demonstrating outstanding teaching and dedication to the student body. One of her most recent accolades is her recognition by the Provost of the University as

Outstanding Faculty of the Year. In her spare time she enjoys studying history and foreign relations. She is also currently learning to read and speak Farsi which is derived from the Persian language.

**Temple University
Outstanding Faculty
Accept awards for
University service**



Amongst the Awardees Dr. Christine P. Miller, (rear 4th from right) Assistant Professor at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine

Open House

April 20, 2013
10:00am - 1:00pm

TUSPM hosts a Saturday Open House twice a year. For students and advisors interested in learning more about the educational process and career opportunities in the podiatric medical profession.

Please RSVP at
admissions@tuspm.temple.edu
or 215-625-5451

TUSPM Summer Internship Program (SIP)

June 7—14, 2013

This is a one week program that provides a synopsis of the profession and the education process. Spend time shadowing podiatric physicians in various health care settings, receive hands-on experience in biomechanics and participate in an anatomy workshop. The program and housing are provided at no cost. Learn more by visiting the TUSPM website.

**Application Deadline for the
Internship Program**

April 19, 2013

Student Spotlight



Chrisbel Dafeamekpor
Class of 2015

Chrisbel Dafeamekpor is a second year student at TUSPM. He graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biophysics. After college, he worked in the field of RF Engineering for about 4 years and started a family, however the desire to be a physician kept gnawing at him. When asked how he was introduced to the field of Podiatric Medicine Chris replied "After the heads up about Podiatry by my friend, I decided to research the field on my own. I visited the Foot and Ankle Institute at TUSPM to get more exposure to the field in order to make an educated decision as to whether this field was for me. He was shocked at how important the field is in today's team approach to healthcare. Chris learned that Podiatrists have balance between clinical care and surgical procedures; and that the pay and hours are comparable to a lot of other specialties. Podiatrists treat a range of patients with various issues and the patient satisfaction is very high.

As a podiatric medical student Chris realizes medical school is no walk in the park and TUSPM's curriculum is as intense. He is very ambitious and dedicated to both his studies and his family. He states that his "first year was an eye opener because it exposed him to the knowledge of the human composition in a

way physicians and healthcare workers utilize to do their jobs. Chris felt that his experience has been enlightening, and having to juggle medical school and family life with a new born baby is very challenging. However with a lot of discipline and time management he was able to excel. During his second year he has been able to build upon his experiences and the foundation that was established in the first year. Now he has a better appreciation of the knowledge that has been offered in the pursuit of this specialty and is able to piece together the bigger picture. He is a member of the following clubs, Stirling, Hartford, DiPrimio Society which students must maintain a 90 or above average in the anatomical sciences, Practice Management, SNPMA and the TUSPM Student Christian Clubs. Chris is also the recipient of the Hartford Memorial Award and various TUSPM scholarships.

After completing his residency, his career goal is to open up his own practice. Chris summarizes his desire to pursue the field of Foot and Ankle Surgery by reflecting on this famous poem by Robert Frost:

"The Road Not Taken". The poem speaks of a common scenario in life. A traveler has come to a crossroads and is forced to make a choice on which "road," or path of life, he wants to choose. Both paths are inspected equally, and the traveler makes a choice and continues down the road. The author is happy with his choice; he decides to choose the road LESS traveled, and for that reason he is able to say with a sigh "in his old age that he chose the correct road, and that it has changed his life for the better; he is not just a regular Joe, and he has lived an adventure by choosing the less traveled road. He closes by saying "Many people have not taken this path to the field of Podiatry and it is really "a road not taken often" but it is a profession on the rise, it holds a lot of promise of



innovation and ingenuity in health care."



School of Podiatric Medicine Fourth Year Student **Michael Sganga** talks about the transformative experience of his first week out of the classroom and into the clinic. Learn

Alumni Profile



Dr. Lawrence Levine, DPM
PCPM Class of 1971

Dr. Lawrence Levine, podiatrist and founder of Foot Health Centers, P.A., is based in New Jersey. Dr. Levine was recognized for developing the first podiatry program in the country for five Federally Qualified Health Center locations throughout Southern New Jersey. These facilities enable lower income individuals to receive the care that is needed. The physicians in his medical practice treat approximately 10,000 patient visits annually to both underserved and homebound patients.

Foot Health Centers, P.A., was founded in 1972 by Dr. Levine, now encompasses 13 doctors working out of 34 offices, nursing homes and assistant living facilities throughout Southern and Central NJ and Philadelphia. The practice's size enable it to offer state-of-the-art systems to expedite patient

diagnostic results and treatment at all of its health centers and office locations. Dr. Levine is afflicted with most of the major healthcare facilities in Central and Southern NJ.

Dr. Levine believes that due to the dramatic increase in obesity, diabetes and peripheral arterial disease in underserved population is an epidemic that directly impacts foot health. He states "it's rewarding to be able to provide high quality care to deserving patients who otherwise could not afford the care they need resulting from their diseases"

Dr. Levine has received numerous awards for research in podiatric medicine. He has also been honored as a Top Doc in several publications in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He received his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from the

Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine in 1971 which is now Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. He has taught at the school since 1984 and is currently an adjunct professor at TUSPM. He is a fellow with the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Levine is also a Fellow American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Dr. Levine is a well respected Podiatrist by his colleagues and students. He is well known within the communities in which he's served and has been an advocate for patients that can not afford the high quality care that they deserve. We are very grateful and honored that Dr. Levine remains a avid supporter of Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine.



Around Town



The Philadelphia Museum of Art

(one mile from campus)
Wednesday's from 5-9pm
is pay as you wish



The Philadelphia Convention Center

Plays host to the upcoming Auto Show and the Flower Show which is the most attended event at the Center

Philadelphia International Flower Show

"Brilliant"
March 2 -10, 2013

Dad Vail Regatta

May 10-11, 2013

Stotesbury Regatta

May 16-18, 2013

Penn Relays

April 25 - 27, 2013

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Temple University News

William Maul Measey
Institute for Clinical
Stimulation and Patient
Safety

Temple's William Maul Measey Institute for Clinical Simulation and Patient Safety has earned reaccreditation as a Level I Education Institute by the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

Accreditation lasts for three years and represents the highest level of quality and standards for surgical education.

The Institute, which was one of the first such programs to receive ACS accreditation in 2006, provides a vital teaching and training function for medical students, residents, physicians, nurses and other health professionals. Programmable and anatomically detailed mannequins help teach a range of clinical and decision-making skills, while other modules and technologies allow participants to practice surgical skills, from suturing to laparoscopy. In many cases, standardized patients – many of whom have acting experience – are trained to simulate real-life medical situations, enabling learners to practice a variety of all-important patient care and communications skills.



Aberdeen Dad Vail/Stotesbury



Regatta

The Dad Vail celebrates its 75th Anniversary here in Philadelphia. The Schuylkill River in Philadelphia is the place to be for rowing in the US. Philly proud to host numerous regattas such as the Dad Vail Regatta which is the largest collegiate regatta in the US, Stotesbury Cup Regatta, which is the largest high school regatta in the world, the Schuylkill Navy Regatta, and the Independence Day Regatta which is the largest summer club regatta in the US. So get your row on and attend one of the Regattas in Philly.



Eighty-three (83) Temple physicians have been named to the Best Doctors in America® list for 2013. Only five percent of doctors in America earn a spot on the prestigious list compiled and published by Best Doctors, Inc®. The physicians on this year's list practice at Temple University Hospital, Temple University Hospital -Episcopal Campus, Jeanes Hospital, and Fox Chase Cancer Center.

The doctors named to the "Best Doctors" list were nominated by fellow physicians and selected through a peer-review process. "Best Doctors" are recognized for providing the most advanced medical expertise and knowledge to patients with serious conditions.

"We are proud of the 83 Temple physicians to be named among the best doctors in the nation," said **Larry R. Kaiser, MD**, President and CEO of Temple University Health System, and Dean of Temple University School of Medicine. "These physicians and the more than two dozen specialties they represent are a reflection of the high quality of care Temple patients receive."

First Podiatric-Run "Lymphedema and Diabetic Ulcer Clinic

The Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (TUSPM), in collaboration with corporate partner Devon Medical Products, recently opened the city's first podiatric-run Lymphedema and Diabetic Ulcer Clinic at the Temple Foot and Ankle Institute, located on 8th Street, between Cherry and Race Streets. Lymphedema is swelling from fluid retention that is caused by blockage of the lymph vessels. Diabetic ulcers are wounds or open sores that will not heal or keep returning. Both conditions present a potentially serious risk of infection. The goal of new clinic is to prevent foot amputation by treating patients' symptoms early and quickly.

Philadelphia Zoo

Want to walk over 42-acres of Victorian gardens to view more than 1,300 animals? The Philadelphia Zoo is the place to do so. It is the first and oldest zoo in the US and opened in 1874. Last year the zoo welcomed over 1.2 million visitors. Not only can you visit all of the animals but you can go on safari, travel the world in their creatures of culture series, attend their concert series or get your Halloween on at the Boo at the Zoo.

