On Thursday, November 14, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) held an Academic Convocation and Testimonial Dinner at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan to honor three women – all graduates of the College – for their contributions to podiatry and to podiatric medical education, as well as for their service to the community. The three were each awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, the College’s highest honor.

Receiving honorary doctorates were Dr. Susheel Bathla, Dr. Kathleen Reilly Fallon, and Dr. Halina M. Semla-Pulaski.

The Convocation began with an opening processional of the honorees and the faculty, led by Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean; members of the NYCPM Board of Trustees; and the Hon. Louis L. Levine, President and Chief Executive Officer of the College. Following welcoming remarks from President Levine, each of the three honorees was presented with her honorary degree and NYCPM medal. The three doctors then each spoke briefly to acknowledge the honor.

“We are honored to have known and worked with these three doctors whose achievements we are celebrating here today,” said President Levine. “Each of these three honorees has been active in her community, in addition to having made significant contributions to the College, as well as to the fields of podiatry and podiatric medical education. We are extremely proud that they received their DPM degrees from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, and that they have gone on to accomplish the many things that they have.”