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New York College of Podiatric Medicine

NYCPM Welcomes the Class of 2018 with Orientation, a Harbor Cruise and White Coat Ceremony



The Class of 2018 has arrived at NYCPM and the College has gone all out to give them a warm and wonderful welcome.

First, a cruise aboard the *Bateaux* took the Class around the harbor to the Statue of Liberty and featured a lovely sit-down luncheon. Then, the Class' orientation included introductions to the administration and the president of the APMA, Frank Spinosa, DPM (80). At the orientation luncheon, the first years were matched up with "big brothers and big sisters" who would guide them through their preclinical

and clinical work. The Class of 2018 was more formally welcomed at the White Coat Ceremony, held September 9th at the New York Academy of Medicine, at which Board members, alumni/faculty, as well as the President of NYCPM's Student Association addressed the students. Deputy Board Chairman Rock Positano, DPM ('88), MSc, MPH, Chair of NYCPM's **Department of Academic Orthopedic Surgery**, told the students they will "train with the best in the country." Keynote speaker Joseph C. D'Amico, DPM ('73), Adjunct Professor of Orthopedics and Pediatrics at NYCPM, called the coat the "most famous uniform in medicine," and Sara Cathcart (Class of 2016) and Student Association President, told the audience that donning the white coat as a third-year student is the "moment it all becomes real." The white coats were put on in front of proud parents and the College community, followed by a mass administration of the Hippocratic Oath, led by Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81), Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of NYCPM.

The 97 students in the Class of 2018 come from 19 states, as well as from Puerto Rico and Canada. Thirty-nine percent are female and sixty-one percent are male. The students include a foreign medical graduate, five who are pursuing dual DPM and Masters of Public Health (MPH) degrees in partnership with the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and several who entered with advanced degrees, including Masters of Science and Masters of Public Health. Welcome!

