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## **Class of 2018 Thanks Cadaver Donors with Convocation**



*At the convocation of thanks to the donors of human cadavers, were, left to right: Michael Sayad, Mai Pham, Vrunda Dalal, all Class of 2018, Michael Paula (Class president), and Daria Dykyj, PhD, Professor of Lower Extremity and Anatomy. On the monitor above them, left to right, are Anthony DiLandro, EdD, Adjunct Professor of Pre-Clinical Sciences; Joy Reidenberg, PhD, Adjunct Professor of Pre-Clinical Sciences; and Dr. Dykyj.*

On Monday October 19, the students of the Class of 2018 held a convocation of thanks. This is a tradition in medical schools for students as they finish anatomy. In the case of our students, this year for the first time the convocation is being held as they complete their second anatomy course, their LEAN course. They completed General Anatomy in June, and the Lower Extremity course this fall. This is an important way for medical schools to help the medical students think about the personal dedication and sharing on the part of the donors, according to Daria Dykyj, PhD, Professor of Lower Extremity and Anatomy. At the October 19 ceremony, NYCPM students had a chance to share their thoughts about how grateful they are for the opportunity of learning by using human cadavers. Students offered their heartfelt thanks with poems, and lit candles in memory and tribute to the generosity of the donors.