



NYCPM
New York College of Podiatric Medicine

NYCPM Welcomes the Class of 2019!



A memorable cruise around New York Harbor on a sunny August Saturday was just the beginning of the warm welcome that greeted the Class of 2019 to NYCPM.

The Class' two-day orientation the following week began with welcomes by President and CEO Louis L. Levine, by COO Joel Sturm and VP of Academic Affairs and Dean Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81), as well as introductions to many members of the administrative staff with whom the students will be dealing directly. A big brothers/big sisters lunch paired the first years with older students who will guide the freshmen through their preclinical and clinical work. A welcome from APMA followed.

New York State Podiatric Medical Association President Andrew Shapiro, DPM ('86) and Executive Director Michael Borden, CAE, welcomed the students at the beginning of the second day. Eileen Chusid, PhD, Dean of Preclinical Sciences also addressed the students, as did Anthony Cosenza, PhD, NYCPM's Psychological Counselor.

The White Coat Ceremony, held two weeks later at the New York Academy of Medicine, was the class' most formal and public welcome. After remarks by President Levine and Trustees Susheel Bathla, DPM ('94), and Treasurer Peter Norton, President Levine introduced the evening's keynote speaker, Prakash Krishnan, MD, FACC, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Endovascular Interventions at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.



Class of 2019 White Coat Ceremony



*Left - Craig Carter (2019) sang the Star-Spangled Banner at the White Coat Ceremony.
Right - Dr. Prakash Krishnan addressed the Class of 2019 at the White Coat Ceremony.*

Dr. Krishnan is a prominent cardiologist and a strong supporter of podiatry; he told the students that podiatrists provide a valuable first step in the diagnosis of vascular disease. He spoke at length about the significance of the white coat and the ceremony in which it is presented – Dr. Krishnan said the ceremony is a rite of passage that welcomes students to the profession. The coat represents altruism, respect, duty, honor, respect and compassion; it allows others to recognize that the wearer is in the medical profession; the coat is a declaration of commitment. The short coat helps patients recognize that the wearer is a student, but also a caregiver.

Dr. Krishnan then gave the first-years advice drawn from his own experiences. First: always take time for your family. Second: always take time for yourself. Third: enjoy every moment!

After Dr. Krishnan's remarks, President Levine presented him with an award in recognition of his support and service to the College. Mr. Levine called Dr. Krishnan a "key component of our clinical activities."

Nick Salerno (2017), President of the Student Association, told the Class of 2019 that the white coat is "a symbol of everything you've worked for."

Next, the 107 members of the Class of 2019 donned their white coats in front of families, the College community and members of the Board of Trustees. Dean Trepal administered the Hippocratic Oath.

NYCPM's Class of 2019 is an accomplished and diverse group, according to Dean for Student Services and Enrollment Management Lisa Lee. 47% female and 53% male, the students come from 22 states and three countries. Students in this class have received over \$400,000 in scholarships from the College.