

**Get to Know NYCPM's New Faculty:**

**Danielle DesPres, DPM ('16)**

*Instructor in the Department of Medicine*

**Anthony Jabra, DPM ('16)**

*Instructor in the Department of Surgery*

**Sarah Mohamed, DPM ('16)**

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All members of NYCPM's Class of 2016, our three new Instructors have just completed their residencies, and started work at the College on July 1.

**Danielle DesPres, DPM** (Yaros when she was a NYCPM student), attended the University of Illinois for her first two years of undergraduate education and then attended Wilkes University for her last two years, earning a BS in Biology. After graduating from NYCPM in 2016, she was accepted to the residency program at SUNY Downstate, where Dr. Trepal is the program director, and where only one resident a year is taken.

Why podiatry? Dr. DesPres said that she had suffered many sprained ankles and foot problems over the years as she pursued gymnastics, and that it was a talented podiatrist and foot and ankle surgeon who helped her the most; that's when she started thinking about podiatric medicine as a future career. "I like working in a small focused area (like the foot and ankle), which ironically is also one of the most complicated areas of the body," Dr. DesPres said. She will be working at Sydenham Hospital, and will teach at the College as well.

**Anthony Jabra, DPM**, took a pre-health course in high school at Hackensack Hospital in New Jersey, a program that introduces juniors to different medical professions. During his first year at Ramapo College, he took Mark Caselli, DPM's introduction to medicine course. Dr. Caselli became his mentor and Dr. Jabra applied to NYCPM. He won the Dr. Keith R. Springer Memorial Scholarship upon his graduation; it is given to a senior student who has demonstrated exceptional caring, compassion and wit. He completed his residency at NYCPM.

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Dr. Jabra will work at Metropolitan and Harlem Hospitals, and his goal is to become surgery certified. He likes certain surgical procedures, for flat foot and fusions, for example. He will be lecturing to a group of high school juniors at Metropolitan about podiatry through a program called Metropolitan Preparation for Achievement and Life Sciences (Met PALS), a five-week career exploration program for high school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing health care careers. That will help him feel he's come full circle!

**Sarah Mohamed, DPM** received a BA degree in Biology from NYU. She has family members with diabetes, which served as a motivator for her. She shadowed some podiatrists and came to an open house here. She graduated from NYCPM and completed her residency here. She will be based at Metropolitan Hospital and will work (temporarily) in the Radiology Section at FCNY. She feels diabetic foot care is highly needed, and is interested in surgery. She loves teaching, and "integrating everything. We're well trained enough to be able to help; NYCPM gives us a good foundation," she said.