



ACE Student Club Holds First Inter-Professional Symposium with Two Other Schools

Student Eddie Lee (2017) founded ACE – The Health Practitioner’s Society last year, and this year, the club sponsored its first Inter-Professional Care Symposium on April 12 at the SUNY College of Optometry. Lee founded ACE – it stands for Accommodation, Conglomeration and Eudaimonia – to “enrich the professional experiences of graduates so that in the future, they can associate closely with peers of other health professions. ACE is an experience that offers a lifetime membership into a professional society that will bring great benefits to all health practitioners ... Our main goal is simply to provide a platform where all health professionals can come together, enjoy each other’s company, and help each other succeed by providing insight to our own personal experiences.”

Lee said that the purpose of the Inter-Professional Care Symposium was to allow ACE members as well as other students to learn with different aspects of patient care with respect to different professions. Chapters of ACE have been established at two other schools: the SUNY College of Optometry and the NYU College of Dentistry, and at the symposium ACE assembled a diverse roster of speakers that included a podiatrist (NYCPM’s own Anthony Iorio, DPM ('81), MPH); a physician (Dr. Ramanathan Raju, MD, MBA, President and CEO of NYCHHC, the keynote speaker at NYCPM’s 2014 graduation); Naomi Ray-Schoenfeld, NP, Institute for Family Health; Adele Panico, LMSW, works at multiple STD clinics operated by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and Brian Hall, OD.

“By presenting several clinical cases,” Lee said, “we were able to compare and contrast the roles of each profession in each of the case scenarios.” About 160 students registered for the symposium, and two faculty of SUNY College of Optometry attended as well. “It was a complete success,” said Dr. Iorio. “It was the first time I’ve attended a mixed symposium since I graduated from NYCPM, and I was proud to represent the College on the occasion of the first-ever inter-professional discussion of its type in New York!”



At the ACE-organized symposium, were, left to right: Dr. Richard Madonna, OD, Kevin Zhang (SUNY/Optometry); Edwin Zhu (NYCPM 2017); Shing Yuen (NYCPM 2017); Jennifer Chu (NYU/Dentistry); Yu Ting Saw (NYCPM 2017); Sam Mark (NYCPM 2017); Christine Tam (SUNY/Optometry), Dr. Anthony Iorio, DPM ('81) MPH, organizer Eddie Lee (2017). All of the students belong to ACE chapters at their respective schools.



At one of the panel discussions at the ACE symposium were, left to right: Ramanathan Raju, MD, MBA, President/CEO of the NYCHHC; Adele Panico, LMSW; Naomi Ray-Schoenfeld, NP; Anthony Iorio, DPM ('81), MPH.