At the NYCPM Annual Awards Ceremony, Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean, introduces Susan Rice, DPM, Associate Professor of Surgical Sciences, and Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

On Wednesday, May 9, members of the Classes of 2012 through 2015, along with faculty, administration, proud parents and other relatives, as well as several distinguished guests, gathered in one of the large lecture halls at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) to honor more than fifty high-achieving members of the four Classes with scholarship awards and certificates.

Laurence J. Lowy, DPM, Dean for Student Services, opened the ceremony by introducing Louis L. Levine, President and CEO, and Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, both of whom offered brief remarks. Dr. Lowy also introduced the distinguished guests, who included Vito J. Rizzo, DPM, President of the New York State Podiatric Medical Association (NYSPMA); Christian A. Robertozzi, DPM, Past President of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), who presented the Jonathan Robertozzi Foundation Memorial Scholarship; Israel Goldstein, DPM, Adjunct Associate Professor of Medical Sciences at NYCPM, who has endowed the Dr. Israel Goldstein Scholarship; Gary Strauss, CEO of PEDiNOL® Pharmacal, who presented the PEDiNOL Award for Dermatology, and two distinguished NYCPM Board members, Gabriel P. Caprio and Peter J. Norton.

All told, NYCPM awards nearly $600,000 in scholarships annually, including awards to graduating seniors. Many of the scholarships are endowed by NYCPM alumni or are sponsored by organizations such as the APMA and the NYSPMA. The awards ceremony itself was generously supported by Brad Bakotic, DPM, DO, and Bako Podiatric Pathology Services.

Following the Awards Ceremony, the Pi Delta National Honor Society, Gamma Chapter Pinning Ceremony took place. Khurram Khan, DPM, Associate Professor of Medical Sciences, and Faculty Advisor for the Chapter, introduced the Class of 2013 Pi Delta candidates, Sara El Bashir and Marianna Soliternik, and initiates, Karim A. Badawy, Christopher Lee Lovell, Kristin Tiffany Visco, and Anna Wojcik. Dr. Trepal then pinned the initiates, and led them in reciting the Pi Delta Oath.