Award Events Honor Faculty and Students
Faculty recognized for their published research;
Students honored for accomplishments in academics and service

In two separate events on Friday, May 7, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine recognized students and faculty who have distinguished themselves.

At the Faculty Author Recognition Event, 17 NYCPM faculty, adjunct faculty, staff, and administration, as well as 12 students, were recognized for their contributions to scholarly writing through published research in 2014. Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81), FACPAS, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, said that “the number of awards being given today are an indication of the intellectual growth of our institution.”

In his introduction to the compiled Faculty Bibliography, NYCPM President and CEO Louis L. Levine wrote that he hoped “that the Faculty Bibliography … will advance the strong tradition of scholarly inquiry that exists among the faculty at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine.”

That evening, 140 awards were given to students. Laurence Lowy, DPM, Dean for Student Services, described the average NYCPM student as “intelligent, motivated and dynamic,” but noted that the award winners were recognized for above-average academic achievement, community service, giving back to the College, and advancing the profession. According to Susan M. Rice, DPM ('88), Chair of the Scholarship Committee, four new awards were added to this year’s honors: the Aida Luz Vélez Méndez Compassion Award (named in memory of the mother of Peter Barbosa, PhD, Professor of Pre-Clinical Sciences); the American Board of Podiatric Medicine Graduate Merit Award; the Dr. Frederick Lubell Memorial Scholarship Fund (named for a recently deceased alumnus of NYCPM); and the Special Merit Award – Pre-Clinical Sciences.

In addition, 22 students were inducted into the Pi Mu Delta National Podiatry Service Society; six members in each of the Classes of 2015 and 2016 were added to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges; and 10 members of the Class of 2016 were initiated into the Pi Delta National Podiatric Honor Society (Gamma Chapter Pinning Ceremony) for academic achievement.

Dr. Trepal told the students, ”What’s important is what it took to earn your recognition,” and that their past achievements are indicators of what they will do in the future.

Congratulations to all!
Pi Delta Initiates at the Annual Awards Ceremony were (left to right): Crystal Gunsch; Brittany Ciaramello; Thomas Vitale, DPM; Gabrielle Laurenti; Christopher Wolf; Michael Rossidis; Emily Sanphy; Gaston Mike Liu; Sara Mohamed; Jack Levenson, with Susan Rice, DPM (’88), Chair of the Scholarship Committee; Michael J. Trepal, DPM (’81), FACFAS, VP Academic Affairs and Dean.

Prema Hampapur received the Bruce Frankel Memorial Scholarship Award, presented by Arthur Gudeon, DPM (’60).

Vivian Vo was one of two winners of the Dr. Israel Goldstein Scholarship, which was presented by Dr. Goldstein.

Andrew Shapiro, DPM (’86), president-elect of the New York State Podiatric Medical Association, presented the Foundation for Podiatric Medicine Award to Elizabeth Bonarigo, one of six students to win the award.

Nathaniel Alabi (right) receives one of the 13 NYCPM Scholarship Awards from Laurence Lowy, DPM, Dean of Student Services.

Timothy Miller received the American Board of Podiatric Medicine Graduate Merit Award, a new award this year, presented by the ABPM president, Michael DellaCorte, DPM (’81).

Christopher Wolf, center, poses with Thomas Vitale, DPM (’85), and Michael J. Trepal, DPM (’81), FACFAS.

Susan M. Rice, DPM (’88), Chair of the Scholarship Committee with Andrew Shapiro DPM (’86), president-elect of the New York State Podiatric Medical Association.