At NYCPM’s 2009 Symposium on the Geriatric Foot and Ankle: (l. to r.) Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean, and Professor, Department of Surgical Sciences; David H. George, DPM, Past Dean, Graduate Medical Education; Robert A. Eckles, DPM, Associate Professor of Orthopedic Sciences, and Dean of Clinical Studies and Graduate Medical Education; and Anthony Iorio, DPM, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Community Health and Medicine; and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education.

The New York College of Podiatric Medicine recently presented a resoundingly successful Symposium on the Geriatric Foot and Ankle, capping a year of outstanding Continuing Medical Education programs.

The symposium, held at Weill Cornell Medical College, was attended by more than 160 doctors, and featured twenty outstanding speakers from around the country, representing both podiatric and allopathic medicine, as well as academic research. Keynote speakers included Cynthia Magro, MD, PhD, from Weill Cornell Medical College, who spoke on Dermatopathology for the DPM, and Mark Young, MD, from Johns Hopkins, who spoke on Pain Syndrome. Other lectures relating to the ever-expanding field of geriatric medicine focused on podiatric surgery, dermatology, vascular surgery, orthopedics/biomechanics, wound care and radiology.

The General Chairman of the symposium was Robert A. Eckles, DPM, Associate Professor of Orthopedic Sciences and Dean of Clinical Studies and Graduate Medical Education at NYCPM. The Scientific Co-Chairs were Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean, and Professor, Department of Surgical Sciences; Anthony Iorio, DPM, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Community Health and Medicine, and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education; and Rock G. Positano, DPM, Director of the Non-Surgical Foot and Ankle Service at New York’s Hospital for Special Surgery, and Director of the Foot Center, Sports Medicine section, at the Orthopedic Trauma Service, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

In addition to the lecturers, Louis L. Levine, NYCPM President and CEO, spoke about the many advances the College has made in recent years, both in the academic sphere and in the almost-total modernization and upgrading of its facilities. Both Mr. Levine and Howard Rusk, Jr., NYCPM Director of Alumni Relations, also spoke about the upcoming Centennial Celebration the College is planning for 2011, including an Academic Convocation and Dinner on May 18, 2011.
A group of NYCPM students, Class of 2011, demonstrated their holiday spirit recently by collecting and donating toys to children at a nearby shelter for homeless families. The students, members of the Student National Podiatric Medical Association, ran a toy drive at the College during the first three weeks of December, collecting more than 80 toys. Donations of new and gently-used toys were received from students, NYCPM and Foot Center of New York faculty, as well as administration and staff. On Thursday, December 24th, the students and their boxes of toys were driven in a College van to the Old Broadway Family Residence, where a group of very happy children and their parents celebrated the holidays just a little bit early.

The students who were key to the Toy Drive were members of the NYCPM Class of 2011 Candace Buckley; Sarepta Felix; E. Giannin Perez; Jacqueline Quintero; Daphne Robert; and Silas Salano. Faculty members Eunice V. Ramsey-Parker, DPM, MPH, Associate Professor of Podiatric Medicine, and Clinic Administrator; E. Giannin Perez; Jacqueline Quintero; Sarepta Felix; and Silas Salano were also critical to the success of the Toy Drive.

Community Outreach

Faculty and student volunteers from NYCPM recently participated in several health-related events in the community:

• They performed 40+ foot screenings at the Convent Avenue Baptist Church health fair.

• They performed foot screenings at the Central Harlem Health Revival, which was held in the plaza in front of the New York State office building on 125th Street.

• They distributed FCNY literature and performed foot screenings at the 92nd Street Y’s annual Street Fair, held on Lexington Avenue between 94th and 79th Streets.

• They distributed literature about the Foot Center’s services and on diabetic foot care, and gave out refrigerator magnets with FCNY’s name and phone number, at St. Matthew’s Baptist Church, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, and four other neighborhood churches.
Fortunato Battaglia, M.D., Ph.D., was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Pre-Clinical Sciences at NYCPM. Dr. Battaglia has both his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Messina School of Medicine. He was previously Assistant Medical Professor at the Sophie Davis School of Bio-Medical Education at the City College of New York, part of the City University of New York. He is also currently Adjunct Assistant Professor, Division of Brain Stimulation and Therapeutic Modulation, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University, and New York State Psychiatric Institute.

Anthony V. D’Antoni, DC, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pre-Clinical Sciences, was recently advanced to full membership status in the North American Spine Society following the awarding of his Ph.D. degree. The Society’s members are orthopedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, and others involved in spine care. Dr. D’Antoni has also been invited to be on the editorial board of the Society’s online publication, SpineLine, and to serve on the Advisory Editorial Board of the Society’s print publication, The Spine Journal. In addition, Clinical Anatomy, the Official Journal of the American Association of Anatomists and the British Association of Clinical Anatomists, has accepted a Letter to the Editor by Dr. D’Antoni, entitled “Ponticulus Posticus: Another Variant Present in a Recently Published Case”.

Johanna Godoy, DPM, Surgery Instructor in the Department of Surgery at NYCPM, recently put together a program of mock-interviews intended to help seniors with their upcoming residency interviews. The mock-interviews run through a number of scenarios that could take place, and include asking students personal questions and having them work up a “patient.” The faculty members conducting the mock-interviews go through common mistakes that are made, and the different wording that can be used to answer a question. Faculty members participating were Drs. Barlizo, Godoy, Khan and Vitale, and Residents Drs. Kwok, Loor and Maurais.

Melvyn Grovit, DPM, MS, C.N.S., Sidney Solid Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Podiatric Medicine, lectured at the 50th anniversary conference of the American College of Nutrition, held in Orlando, FL. He presented his research on “The Place for Nutrition in the Pathogenesis and Management of Crohn’s Disease”. The research, co-authored by Alfred E. Slonim, M.D., Dr. Grovit and Linda Bulone, RN, was published in the June issue of the Journal of the American College of Nutrition. Dr. Grovit was recently appointed to Columbia University Medical Center, Division of Molecular Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics, where he is continuing his research in nutrition and Crohn’s disease.

Zhiyong Han, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pre-Clinical Sciences, is the lead author of a paper that appeared in the June 2009 issue of Anticancer Research, published by the International Institute of Anticancer Research. The title of the paper is “14-3-3 σ-Dependent Resistance to Cisplatin”.

Mark A. Kosinski, DPM, Professor of Podiatric Medicine, has been elected a Fellow of the prestigious New York Academy of Medicine. The Fellows of the New York Academy of Medicine embody the highest levels of achievement and leadership in the fields of medicine and health, as well as science, social work, nursing, education, law and research.

Zev Leifer, Ph.D., Professor of Pre-Clinical Sciences, has had an abstract accepted for a poster presentation at the American Society for Microbiology Annual Research Meeting on Bioddefense and Emerging Diseases. The title is “Bioterrorism Education in the Medical School Curriculum: A Proposal”.

Russell G. Volpe, DPM, Professor of Orthopedics and Pediatrics, participated in the recent 12th annual International Conference on Foot Biomechanics and Orthotic Therapy, held in Atlanta. Dr. Volpe presented a plenary lecture on “A Planal Dominance Approach to Custom Foot Orthoses in Children”, and also offered hands-on workshops on serial plaster immobilization casting for congenital foot deformities. Joseph D’Amico, DPM, Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics, also presented a plenary lecture, entitled “Developmental Flatfoot in the Pediatric Patient”.

Following the recent redesign and modernization of the NYCPM website (www.nycpm.edu), the same internal team of website designer, departmental administrators, and writers has now also redesigned the Foot Center website (www.footcenterofny.org/).
The extensive series of renovations to the College's physical plant has continued apace.

- Six new air conditioning units have been rigged on the building, replacing the old units.
- A new boiler was installed and has been in operation since October.
- Fifty-one fixtures around the College have been outfitted with new, energy-efficient LED lighting that has a lifespan of 8-10 years.
- New gas lines have been installed.
- Installation of a new air handler unit in the basement to support the operating room has been completed.
- The entire second-floor hallway is being renovated.
- The front walls of the two big lecture halls are being resurfaced.
- The Bako Pathology Lab in the basement of the College has been completed.
- The Admissions and Pre-Clinical Sciences departments have undergone internal renovations.

Seven NYCPM juniors recently completed an Honors Dermatopathology Rotation at the Weill Cornell Department of Pathology/Division of Dermatopathology, under the direction of Cynthia Magro, M.D., Chief of the Division and Garrett Desman, M.D., 6th-year Fellow in Dermatopathology and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pre-Clinical Sciences – Pathology at NYCPM. Dr. Desman reported back to the NYCPM administration that the NYCPM students performed at the level of the Cornell Residents. Both he and Dr. Magro indicated they were extremely pleased and impressed with the NYCPM students. The Department of Pre-Clinical Sciences at NYCPM hopes to make this opportunity available annually to the top ten students in the third-year class.

The hundredth anniversary of the College’s founding will be here in 2011, and we have established a Centennial Scholarship Fund to help support the students of tomorrow. Over the past three years, NYCPM has awarded over $1,500,000 in scholarship grants.

**We need your support to meet our scholarship goals!**

Please make a donation to the NYCPM Centennial Scholarship Fund today! Go to [www.nycpm.edu/alumni.asp](http://www.nycpm.edu/alumni.asp) and click on the “Donate Now” link.

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**NYCPM Pi Delta National Podiatry Honor Society, Gamma Chapter Names 2011 Members and Elects New Officers**

Congratulations to the new officers and members of the Gamma Chapter of the Pi Delta National Podiatry Honor Society:

- President: Kristy Muscatello
- Vice President: Hiren Makwana
- Secretary/Treasurer: Jamie Chaffo
- 2011 Members:
  - Jamie Chaffo
  - Usama Khayyal
  - Kristy Muscatello
  - Hope Markowitz
  - Bradley Mechak
  - Hiren Makwana
  - Elynor Giannin Perez
  - Kenya Wiltsie

Faculty Advisor: Khurram H. Khan, DPM

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**NYCPM/FCNY Family Proud of One of Our Finest**

Victor Jimenez (left), Medical Technologist and Assistant to the Clinic Administrator at FCNY, has been part of the FCNY family for over thirty-five years, filling a variety of positions during his career. His daughter, Miriam, graduated from the New York City Police Academy on December 30, 2008, and has been assigned to the 28th Precinct, in Central Harlem, for the past year. Recently, she paid a visit to the Clinic and College and, after meeting with President & CEO Louis L. Levine (right), she toured the building and encountered several doctors who remembered meeting “Victor’s little girl” years before.