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NEW YORK COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT FEATURES KEYNOTE SPEAKER KENNETH E. RASKE, PRESIDENT, GREATER NEW YORK HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION



Kenneth E. Raske, who recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as President of Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA), delivered the keynote address to the graduating class of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) and received an honorary degree of

Doctor of Humane Letters-Honoris Causa, during the College's 98th Commencement Ceremony at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in New York City on Wednesday, May 27th. Louis L. Levine, President and Chief Executive Officer of the College, presided at the commencement ceremony. Mr. Raske addressed the 71 graduating seniors—who received their Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degrees—and an audience of nearly 1,000 faculty members, parents, family and friends. In addition, Bradley Bakotic, D.P.M., D.O., Principal Partner, Bako Pathology Services, and Bob S. Biller, D.P.M., former Chairman of the New York State Board for Podiatry, Member of the NYCPM Board, and Chairman of the Board's Education Committee, were also honored, both receiving the College's honorary doctorate.

In his keynote address, Mr. Raske spoke about the health care system in the U.S., saying he believed that this was the year marking the beginning of health care reform in America. He told the graduates they would be traveling that road, and would be the ones to help make the reforms work. He talked about how costs might be reduced for hospitals, practices, and individual doctors in ways that would still ensure that patients were served well and providers were paid reasonably. He described some of the proposals discussed at the recent meeting in Washington, D.C. with the President, and touched on how reducing "defensive medicine", malpractice insurance costs, and a persistently high readmissions rate could contribute to reform of the health care system. Mr. Raske concluded his keynote address by reminding the graduates they were at the beginning of their careers of healing, and beginning a lifetime of new learning. He said service to the community was the only measure of their success.

NYCPM President and CEO Louis L. Levine said, "The three leaders whom we are honoring today are all exceptional individuals who, in their respective fields, are dedicated to improving the human condition. We are honoring each of them to applaud their service and their dedication, and for exemplifying the ideals that the New York College of Podiatric Medicine encourages in each of its students."

NYCPM DEDICATES NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART BAKO ANATOMY LAB



The new Bako Anatomy Lab at NYCPM.

Supported by a substantial founding donation from Bradley Bakotic, D.P.M., D.O., and Bako Pathology Services, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to

mark the opening of its completely new, state-of-the-art Anatomy Lab.

The new lab, to be known as the Bako Anatomy Lab, is divided into two distinct sections, allowing for two separate courses to be run simultaneously. The sections can also be combined. Forty-eight students, at six per table, can work in the larger of the two rooms, and twelve students can work in the smaller one.

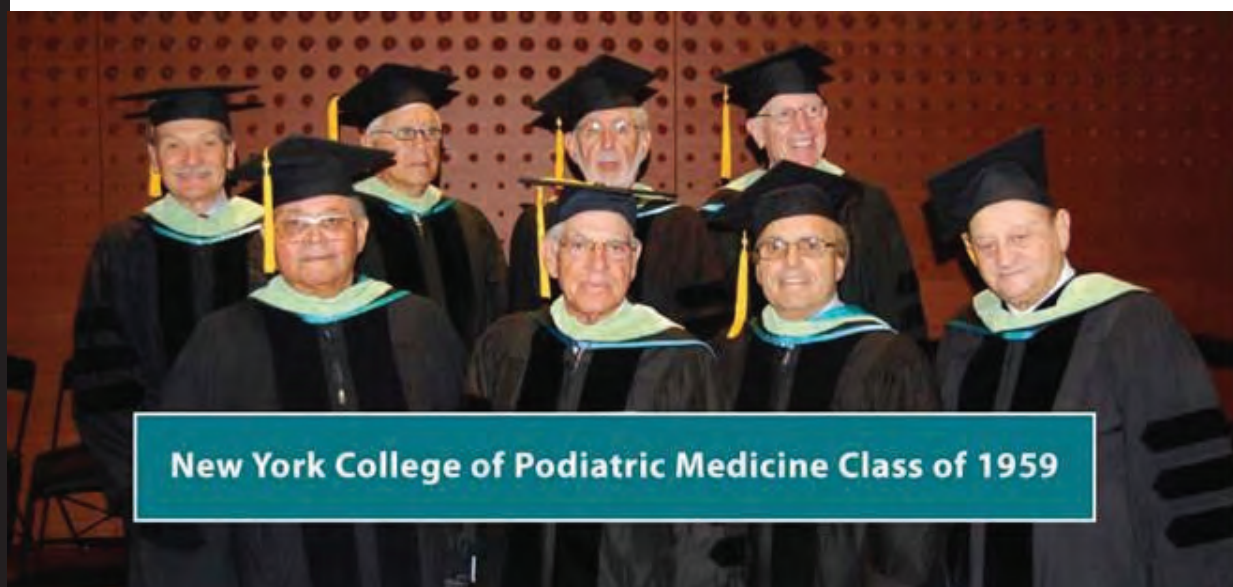
The Bako Anatomy Lab is state-of-the-art in terms of technology, environmental features, and aesthetics. It has five twenty-two-inch, ceiling-mounted, flat-screen TV monitors, one fifty-inch, flat-screen LCD monitor, and one forty-two-inch, flat-screen LCD monitor. The lab also has video cameras and a computer system to assist with instruction. There is a large adjoining room for the storage of cadavers. All in all, this ultra-modern new facility will enhance the learning experience for podiatric medical students at NYCPM for generations to come.

Cutting the ribbon to dedicate the new Bako Anatomy Lab at NYCPM are Bradley Bakotic, D.P.M., D.O. (center left), Principal Partner, Bako Pathology Services, and Louis L. Levine (center right), President and CEO of NYCPM. Looking on are (l. to r.) Michael J. Trepal, D.P.M., NYCPM Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean, Rosario J. LaBarbera, D.P.M., NYCPM Trustee, and S. William Sigler, NYCPM Executive Vice-President.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION / ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Both interest and excitement are growing as the New York College of Podiatric Medicine heads towards its Centennial Celebration in 2011. The College is joining together with its Alumni, friends and supporters in developing a program that will be a fitting tribute to the Centennial. It will honor the College's many achievements and contributions to the profession. Indeed, the College and its Alumni have played a key leadership role in helping to shape the direction of present-day podiatry. Our Centennial Celebration is a start and a platform for launching the College into its second century of excellence.



Members of the Class of 1959 at Commencement. Front row (left to right): Dr. William Beavers III, Dr. Herbert Janow, Dr. Eugene Appel, Dr. Howard Werter. Back row: Dr. Herbert Greenberg, Dr. Karl Bernstein, Dr. Justin Wernick, Dr. Harold Mandel.

CLASS OF 1959 REUNITES FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT 2009 COMMENCEMENT

Eight members of the NYCPM Class of 1959 reunited to mark the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation at this year's Commencement ceremony. The alumni, Drs. Eugene Appel, William Beavers III, Karl Bernstein, Herbert Greenberg, Herbert Janow, Harold Mandel and Justin Wernick, were called to the stage and given honorary awards by President Levine. After the ceremony, a luncheon, sponsored by the NYCPM Alumni Association, was held in their honor at O'Neals Restaurant. Over the meal, members of the Class of '59 reminisced about their experiences at NYCPM; they were one of the last classes to be personally interviewed for admission by Dr. Maurice Lewi, NYCPM's founder.

CLASS OF '49 ALUMNUS SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Louis Penensick, DPM, NYCPM Class of 1949, has made a substantial and greatly appreciated contribution to the Student Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Student Scholarship Fund is the major component of the College's Centennial Celebration Campaign. The donation by Dr. Penensick, a member of the first post-World War Two graduating class, addresses one of NYCPM's most pressing needs, given the current state of the economy. Anyone interested in donating to the Student Scholarship Fund should contact Alumni Relations Director Howard Rusk, Jr., at hruusk@nycpm.edu or call him at (212) 410-8058.

NYCPM Student Receives First Annual David Gutierrez Memorial Scholarship

(left to right): Craig Herman, D.P.M., Past President, Bronx Division, NYSPMA; Donna M. Alfieri, D. P. M., Associate Professor of Podiatric Medicine at NYCPM, and V.P., Bronx Division, NYSPMA; Blanca Diaz, NYCPM Fourth-Year Student and Winner of the David Gutierrez Memorial Scholarship; and Enid Goris, D.P.M., President, Bronx Division, NYSPMA.



On May 5th, 2009, the Bronx Division of the New York State Podiatric Medical Association had the honor of presenting the first annual David Gutierrez Memorial

Scholarship. David Gutierrez was a graduate of NYCPM. In attendance at the ceremony were the Gutierrez family, including David's wife, son and mother. The recipient was Blanca Diaz, a graduating senior from NYCPM. Blanca, originally from Puerto Rico, represented all that the committee was looking for in an applicant for the first scholarship. One particular paragraph in her application stands out:

"The four years I have been studying at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine were challenging, difficult, and rewarding. I overcame many obstacles when I moved to the Bronx from Puerto Rico four years ago to study podiatric medicine, including adaptation to the City and overcoming a language barrier. Participating and attending numerous extracurricular events at school have made the journey smoother."

The 2009 Northwest Podiatric Foundation 5th Annual Dermatology/Pathology/Plastic Surgery Course

In mid-May, the prestigious Northwest Podiatric Foundation (NWPf) conducted a highly successful Continuing Medical Education program at NYCPM. The program, "THE 2009 NORTHWEST PODIATRIC FOUNDATION 5TH ANNUAL

DERMATOLOGY/PATHOLOGY/PLASTIC SURGERY COURSE", was the first East Coast CME event ever held by the Seattle-based Foundation. Lecturers included Dr. Bradley Bakotic, Dr. G. Dock Dockery, Dr. Mary E. Crawford, Dr. Bryan Markinson, and Dr. Dennis Shavelson. There were more than ninety registrants for the course. The NWPf's Dr. Rex Z.

Nilson, a Trustee and Director of Meeting Organization, and Tresha M. Carter, the Foundation's Director of Marketing and Administration, were instrumental in presenting the program.



Watch for announcements soon about upcoming NYCPM 100th Anniversary events.

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