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ANNUAL NYCPM FACULTY RETREAT FOCUSES ON CULTURAL CLUES FROM THE PATIENT/STUDENT ENCOUNTER; PI DELTA NATIONAL PODIATRY HONOR SOCIETY, GAMMA CHAPTER PINNING CEREMONY ALSO HELD DURING THE RETREAT



NYCPM Pi Delta student inductees taking the oath, alongside faculty members of Pi Delta, during the recent NYCPM Faculty Retreat.

On a recent Friday, the faculty of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine gathered in one of the College's large lecture halls for its annual, all-day Faculty Retreat. Traditionally, the Faculty Retreat has been more than just a time for reviewing the state of the College, hearing updates from the various departments and taking care of academic and administrative housekeeping items. A substantial block of time during the day is given over to one or two guest speakers who address issues at the heart of what is most important to fulfilling the College's mission.

Guest speakers this year included Sister Annelle Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology and Behavioral Medicine at St. John's University, who spoke about what cultural clues can be gleaned from faculty encounters with students or patients. Ann Fenichel, Ph.D., a psychologist who serves as a consultant to the NYCPM Dean of Student Services, discussed how to identify and manage students with high stress levels.

In addition, Khurram Khan, DPM, Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine, and faculty advisor to NYCPM's Pi Delta National Podiatry Honor Society, Gamma Chapter, conducted the Chapter's pinning ceremony, at which eight students from the Class of 2011 were initiated into the Chapter.

Other speakers during the Faculty Retreat included Louis L. Levine, President and CEO, and S. William Sigler, Executive Vice-President, who discussed various aspects of the state of the College; Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean, who addressed academic climate and other issues; Lisa K. Lee, Associate Dean, Student Services and Admissions; and Anthony V. D'Antoni, D.C., Ph.D., who spoke on Gross Anatomy: Innovations in Instruction and Assessment.

During the lunch break, the day's sponsor, Northeast Financial, made a brief presentation, after which Joel Sturm, Vice-President, Administration, honored fifteen members of the faculty with awards acknowledging their many years of dedicated and outstanding service to NYCPM.