Ms. Virginia Parks elected as Liaison to American Public Health Association

Virginia Parks has been elected by the APMSA House of Delegates as the new liaison to the American Public Health Association (APHA). Ms. Parks is a first-year APMSA delegate representing the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM). In her speech, Ms. Parks emphasized the rapidly growing diabetic population and how Podiatrists must do their part to stop this public health epidemic. Ms. Parks will succeed Ms. Cheree Eldridge, a fourth-year APMSA delegate from New York, who served as the liaison for four years and worked toward increasing podiatry student involvement in the APHA.

Recently, NYCPM has expanded its involvement with public health; in 2010, a joint DPM/MPH program was developed with Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and this past fall, three students from NYCPM attended the annual APHA Conference to present research on podiatric issues in public health. Currently, eight more NYCPM students are involved with public health research under the direction of Anthony Iorio, DPM, MPH and plan to present their research at a future APHA meeting.

Ms. Virginia Parks (second from left) with the NYCPM APMSA Delegation at the recent APMSA Mid Winter meeting in San Antonio, Texas.