New York College of Podiatric Medicine Welcomes Class of 2017 with Annual White Coat Ceremony

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Delivers Keynote Address as First-Year Students Take First Step On Road to Becoming Doctors of Podiatric Medicine

(New York, NY) – On Tuesday, September 10, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) welcomed the 107 students in the Class of 2017 at the College’s annual White Coat Ceremony, in which the future Doctors of Podiatric Medicine symbolically don their white coats and together recite the Hippocratic Oath.

After opening remarks by President Louis L. Levine welcoming the Class of 2017, Deputy Board Chairman Rock G. Positano, DPM, MSc, MPH, offered greetings to the assembled College community and guests.

Jaime Torres, DPM, Regional Director, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Region II, delivered the keynote address. In his speech, Dr. Torres spoke about empathy, and urged the student doctors to remember they would be treating real people behind every symptom and every diagnosis.

Dr. Jaime Torres, a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Foot Center of New York, is Regional Director of Region Two at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He previously served as Associate Director of Consultative Services at Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital, part of New York City’s Health and Hospitals Corporation, which is the nation’s largest public hospital system.

Dr. Torres is the founder of Latinos for National Health Insurance, a national coalition working for equality in healthcare. As vice-chair of the National Diabetes Education Program’s Hispanic/Latino Work Group, he was instrumental in creating bilingual health campaigns for people with diabetes.

Dr. Torres received his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from NYCPM, and a Master’s degree in Community Health from Long Island University.

Some Facts about the NYCPM Class of 2017

Forty-six percent of the Class of 2017 is female, and fifty-four percent is male. The members of the Class of 2017 come from 17 states, as well as from Canada and Korea. Nine students have Master’s degrees, and two are foreign medical graduates.