



NYCPM
New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Get to Know NYCPM's Faculty:

Susan M. Rice, DPM

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Susan M. Rice, DPM ('88), cares a lot about her students and about her profession, and it's obvious no matter what else she's talking about. Dr. Rice graduated cum laude with a BS in Biology from Manhattan College in 1984, and graduated as a DPM from NYCPM cum laude in 1988. She spent her two-year surgical residency with NYCPM rotating through College-affiliated hospitals.

This busy faculty member maintains a private practice in Tarrytown, NY and manages the Facebook page for the Foot Center of New York, the College's clinical affiliate. She is married and has three children -- Dr. Rice "truly feels" that one is able to manage a work-family balance as a podiatrist.

Dr. Rice joined the NYCPM faculty in 1990, and has seen some very positive changes in both the College and the profession since then. She became an attending in the surgery department at Metropolitan Hospital in 1994, and feels that all of the HHC hospitals provide excellent training facilities for our students and residents. Students at the College are exposed to a diverse range of patients and pathologies thanks to working in the HHC hospitals, and, conversely, our work in those hospitals extends the exposure of those community residents to the work of NYCPM/FCNY. Dr. Rice has been here long enough to have cultivated relationships with patients at both the Foot Center and Metropolitan Hospital. She thinks the surgery department at NYCPM/FCNY is very cohesive, and that it's wonderful to work with the faculty who were her teachers and are now her colleagues.

She feels that the caliber of students has risen over the years; currently she finds students "driven and eager to learn." Dr. Rice is Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and thinks it's important to recognize students for their accomplishments. The students are dedicated in many ways, she observes, not just academically.

When she considers the future of podiatry, Dr. Rice would like to see greater recognition for podiatrists as specialists that help with diabetes, but also as medical professionals who can recognize a wide range of problems that patients don't yet know they have – vascular problems, arthritis, and malignancies among others. Podiatrists also help people stay active and pain free.

She would like everyone to understand that the College really cares about its students and their success and wants them to achieve and to look back and remember us.