

## **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT** **by Harry P. Schneider, DPM, Class of 1999**

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After graduating from NYCPM in 1999, I was honored to complete a residency at Cambridge Health Alliance, a Harvard Medical School teaching affiliate. I was the first PGY3 resident as the residency transitioned from a two-year to a three-year surgical residency. After graduation, I remained an attending at Cambridge Health Alliance, and then became Program Director in 2009. I have graduated 27 residents since becoming program director and 41 residents since becoming an attending at the residency program. My former residents practice in Canada, England, and all over the United States.

I am currently on the Board of Registration of Podiatry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I also hold leadership and/or volunteer committee appointments with CPME, ACFAS, and ABFAS. I enjoy working with students and residents from various schools and residency programs. I have been selected to speak yearly at the ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference.

In my free time (wait, he has free time?), I enjoy spending time with my family, swimming, and watching my two children compete in various swim meets around the country.

I am most proud of the students and residents that have rotated through Cambridge Health Alliance. At every local, regional, and national conference, I reunite with colleagues from around the country who have achieved personal and professional success after residency training.

Our biggest concern should be the future of our profession. We have a wonderful profession that allows for personal and professional growth, a great salary, and time to raise a family. We must all invest in our future. I have given talks to three undergraduate universities this year and I recommend all podiatrists do the same. I was amazed that the pre-medical advisors had no idea about podiatry!