

The Other Side of the Polish Exchange Program



Polish student Monika Słupińska (left) and Agnieszka Wnuk (right) pose with (left to right) Dean Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Robert Eckles, DPM, and COO Joel Sturm after receiving their certificates.

In the July issue of *Footprints*, Sang Hyub Kim (2018) wrote thoughtfully about his experiences in Poland during a two-week exchange program arranged by Trustee Halina M. Semla-Pulaski, DPM ('89), LHD. For the other side of the exchange, two students from the Health and Sciences Department of Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie (Jagiellonian University in Kraków) studied at NYCPM for two weeks. Below is a letter that one of the two Polish students who visited NYCPM during the exchange sent to Dean Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81). After their two weeks, the students received certificates for their "Clerkships in Lower Extremity Biomechanics and Rehabilitation." Both students are PhD candidates at Jagiellonian University in Kraków, which was founded in 1364 by Kazimierz III Wielki (Casimir III the Great), and is the oldest university in Poland.

Dear All,

I and Monika are safely back home. Thank you so much for the opportunity to visit New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

It was once in a lifetime experience for us and made me even more sure that I would like to pursue a career in foot physiotherapy.

Over the course of our short term internship, we were able to spend some hours with perfect teachers listening to them and talking with them about biomechanical and surgical approaches, we were discussing a pediatric issues and we could even practise some serial casting.

Your advice and experience has been tremendously helpful throughout these past two weeks. I would love to stay in touch with you sharing also my researches and observations.

Sincerely,
Agnieszka Wnuk