Faculty Retreat Features Presentations and Honors Deserving Faculty

A concept developed by Michael J. Trepal, DPM (’81), Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean, the annual Faculty Retreat brings all of the faculty together on a single day for the purposes of improving teaching as well as academic operation of the College. The day is spent learning about state-of-the-art developments in the field, generally from an external medical educator on a relevant topic; watching presentations that provide enrichment and further educate the educators; honoring colleagues that have reached service milestones; and spending time in small, departmental groups.

This year, five members of the faculty received plaques that honored their service from President and CEO Louis L. Levine:

- Samuel Adegboyega, DPM (’06), received the Presidential Award for Outstanding Service.
- Alain Silverio, MA, EdM, for five years of service;
- Jeffrey Cusack, DPM (’81), for 10 years of service;
- Eunice Ramsey-Parker, DPM (’85), MPH, for 25 years of service; and
- Zev Leifer, PhD, for 35 years of service.
After a discussion led by President Levine, and a presentation by Security Chief James Warren about active shooters and other security issues, Sally Schwab, PhD, MSW, Assistant Dean of Faculty Development and Associate Professor of Medicine at New York Medical College, gave two presentations about teaching. The first was “Creating a Safe Learning Environment and the Effects on Learning,” and the second was “Providing Effective Feedback.”

Next was a presentation by Greg Moeck, PhD and VP of Biological Sciences, The Medicines Company, on “The Impact of Skin Infections on U.S. Healthcare.” After that presentation, Eileen Chusid, PhD, Associate Professor and Dean of Pre-Clinical Sciences, and Director of Institutional Research, made a presentation about “Primal Pictures and its Use.” (Primal Pictures is 3D human anatomy medical software).

(Left) Alain Silverio, MA, EdM was honored for five years of service.
(Right) Jeffrey Cusack, DPM (‘81), was recognized for 10 years of service.

(Left) Eunice Ramsey-Parker, DPM (‘85), MPH, was honored for 25 years of service.
(Right) Zev Leifer, PhD, was recognized for 35 years of service.
After lunch, Peter Barbosa, PhD, vice president of the Faculty Council and Dr. Trepal updated the faculty on various developments. Paul Tremblay, MLIS, MA, NYCPM’s Chief Librarian, provided a report on RefWorks, a citation and research management tool already in use by scholars across the world. It is a significant addition to the list of resources made available to NYCPM faculty and students. Lorraine Chun, MLIS, Medical Librarian, updated the faculty about the News Feed section of the library website, and how articles can be requested. Individual and departmental meetings finished out the afternoon.

As always, the day ended with a social gathering.

Obed Figueroa (left) and Alain Silverio (right) at the Faculty Retreat wine and cheese reception.

At the wine and cheese reception following the Faculty Retreat were, left to right, Michael J. Trepal, DPM (‘81), Thomas DeLauro, DPM (‘76), and David George, DPM (‘72). Alain Silverio looks on.