

Gregory Rose (2023) Named Winner of 2023 Michael L. Stone Award



Gregory Rose (2023) is the NYCPM winner of the 2023 Michael L. Stone, DPM Outstanding Professional Conduct Award, which is presented by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS). The prize was determined by the NYCPM Scholarship Committee, chaired by Susan Rice, DPM (1988), working in conjunction with the Department of Surgery. Greg is now the National Student Representative for the ACFAS Membership Committee, the only student on the committee, which represents nine of the podiatric medical schools. He is the former president of the NYCPM ACFAS student chapter, and in that role helped to coordinate many lectures and workshops.

Greg is currently pursuing a dual DPM MPH degree. According to an appreciation by **Matrona Giakoumis, DPM, FACFAS** (2010) an instructor in NYCPM's Department of Surgery, "he represents the highest standard of professionalism, deportment and ethics in his interactions with peers, professors and staff," and he "exemplifies a unique level of discipline, drive and motivation," able to maintain a high level of academic accomplishment while serving in leadership positions. He will receive his award in person at the annual ABFAS meeting to be held in conjunction with the ACFAS meeting in Los Angeles in February. The award includes a cash award, plaque, and expenses paid to attend the ABFAS meeting. Congratulations!

Read Dr. Giakoumis' appreciation of Greg Rose below.

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Matrona Giakoumis, DPM, FACFAS (2010) wrote this appreciation of Greg Rose:

I have come across very few students who are as deserving of the Michael L Stone Outstanding Student Award, as Gregory Rose. I am deeply convinced that Mr. Rose meets all of the qualifications for the award; he represents the highest standard of professionalism, deportment, and ethics in his interactions with peers, professors, and staff. In the time that he has been at NYCPM, he has exhibited qualities of a future leader of the foot and ankle surgical profession, self-awareness, a focus on relationship-building, bias for action while empowering others and remaining constant and consistent. He also exhibits qualities of empathy, vision and transparency with an interest in research and has published several papers in NYCPM's Podiatric Medical Review. I am fully confident that he will make a great contribution to the field of podiatry in the coming years.

In his second year Mr. Rose served as president-elect of the ACFAS student chapter of NYCPM. He rose to the top of his class all the while holding several leadership positions and pursuing a dual DPM MPH degree; he has completed the MPH from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai while studying for the DPM at NYCPM. He exemplifies a unique level of discipline, drive and motivation, being able to successfully accomplish all these things with a high level of excellence. As President of the NYCPM ACFAS student chapter, he helped coordinate numerous lectures and workshops, more than any previous student president that I have worked with. He reached out to various professionals across the country and had them lecture on various informative and beneficial topics.

He is a natural-born leader and was voted Class President from 2019-2020. As president, he dealt with various issues in an uncompromising manner and with integrity in a way that is commendable. Mr. Rose also served as Class President during his first year at NYCPM, at a time when NYC was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, which necessitated us to convert to a fully remote learning platform. He was a great facilitator for his fellow classmates, helping to ensure their education would not be compromised due to this unique and unforeseeable situation.

Greg currently serves as the National Student Representative for the ACFAS Membership Committee. He is the only student on the committee, which represents all nine podiatric medical schools. The mission of the Committee is to increase participation, spread information and ultimately continue to strengthen the bonds of the podiatric profession. Though he is a very modest person, his talents are well-known among his fellow students and faculty.

Greg comes from a medical family -- his father is a practicing podiatrist. However, Greg's path towards podiatry was not always linear. You would never know that from talking to him as his passion for the field and for what he does is strikingly evident. I know without a doubt that he will go far in his future endeavors. He will become an excellent practicing physician, surgeon and leader in our field, and he has already proven to be an asset to the profession.