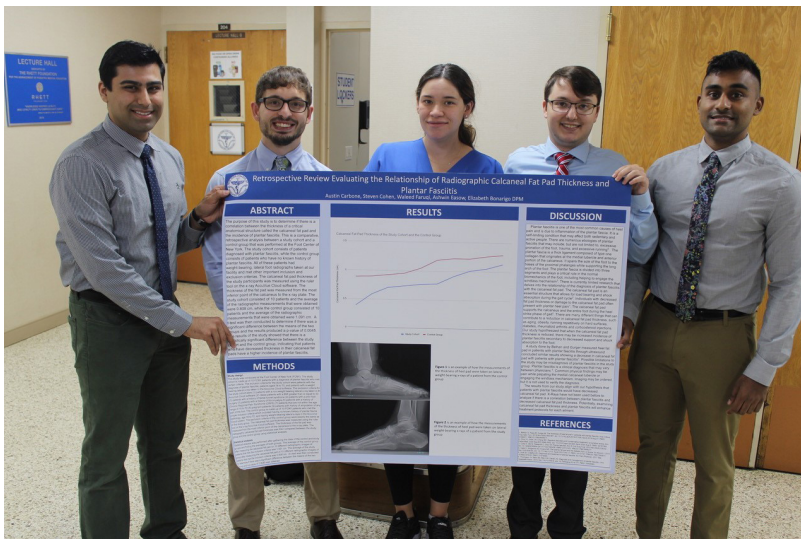


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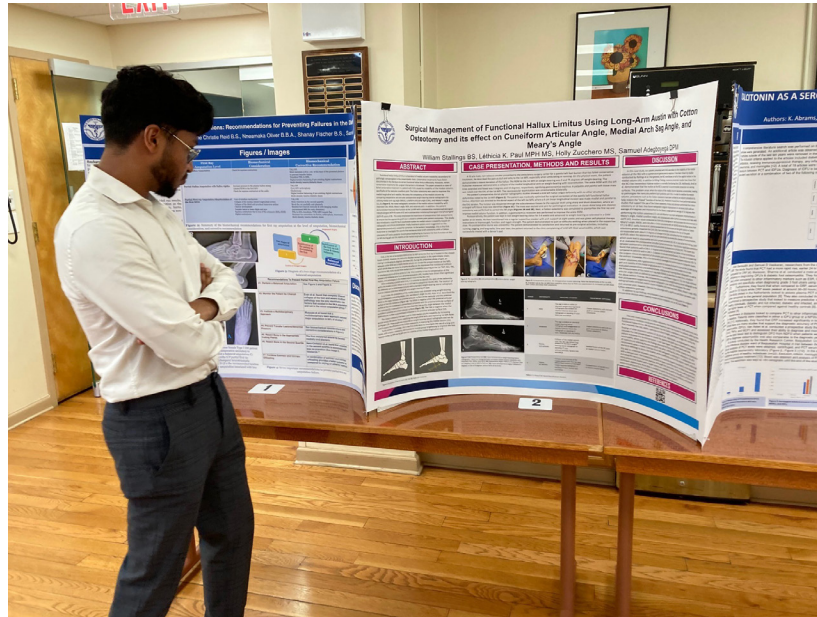
The first-place winners from left to right -- Waleed Faruqi, Austin Carbone, mentor Elizabeth Bonarigo, DPM, Steven Cohen and Ashin Easow -- proudly display their poster.

At last – a return to an in-person, pre-Covid Poster Day! Poster Day 2022 featured the hard work and insights of the Class of 2023 for its Research Projects and Presentations. **Eileen D. Chusid, PhD**, Dean and Associate Professor of the Division of Pre-Clinical Sciences and **Kenneth H. Astrin, PhD**, Associate Professor of the Division, organized the competition and were joined on the steering committee by **Ronald Soave, DPM (1981)**, Professor and Dean of the Division of Clinical Sciences. The posters were once again judged by **D. Scot Malay, DPM, MSCE, FACFAS**, Director of Podiatric Research at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia and recently retired editor of the Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery.

Poster research, preparation and presentation is part of the third-year curriculum, and the posters themselves represent aspects of the students' clinical studies. A large team of clinical faculty mentored the third-year student groups as they worked on their posters, including: Samuel Adegboyega, DPM; Sharon Barlizo, DPM; Elizabeth Bonarigo, DPM; Joseph D'Amico, DPM, DSc; Robert Eckles, DPM; Matrona Giakoumis, DPM; Aaron Glockenberg, DPM; Anthony Iorio, DPM; Anthony Jabra, DPM; Kevin Jules, DPM; Samantha Landau, DPM, MPH; Loretta Logan, DPM; Sarah Mohamed, DPM; Margarita Presman, DPM; Susan Rice, DPM; Reem Sheikh, DPM; Ronald Soave, DPM; Michael Trepal, DPM; Oren Vaknin, DPM; Thomas Vitale, DPM; Russell Volpe, DPM and Daniel Yaeger, DPM.

19 posters were presented by 19 different groups of students. The winning poster selected by Dr. Malay is "Retrospective Review Evaluating the Relationship of Radiographic Calcaneal Fat Pad and Plantar Fasciitis." It was mentored by **Elizabeth Bonarigo, DPM (2016)** and created by students **Austin Carbone, Steven Cohen, Waleed Faruqi** and **Ashwin Easow**. The winning students shared a \$1,000 prize donated by the Queens Division of NYSPMA.

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Second place went to: "Erchonia FX635 Low Level Laser Therapy Treatment Modality for Plantar Fascia Pain." Mentors: **Oren Vaknin, DPM, Robert Eckles, DPM** and **Reem Sheikh, DPM**, and students: **Al-anna Taubman, Ravneet Gill, Behruj Shikdar** and **Roman Stepanian**. Third place: "Equinus as a Risk Factor for Pain in Pediatric Pes Planovalgus." Mentor: **Russell Volpe, DPM (1983)**, Students: **Yolisept Bencosme, Anthony Berton, Alex Fleischman** and **Jonathan Sweeney**. The top three posters will be printed and hung on the second floor.

Academic Dean **Michael J. Trepal, DPM (1981), FACFAS**, said he was "thoroughly impressed with the quality of work and dedication to the task." Dr. Trepal spread kudos widely to all faculty and staff who supported these presentations as well as to Dr. Malay (assisted by Dr. Hye Kim) "for the enormous effort to carefully review, critique and judge each poster."

ACFAS announced that **Naohiro Shibuya, DPM, MS, FACFAS** would succeed Dr. Malay as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery.