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KSUCPM graduates 2018 class of 105 students, with commencement speech delivered by Ohio Congressman Brad Wenstrup, DPM.

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Springtime at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM) has always been a season of change and of promise. It is in spring that we bid farewell to another class as they recite the same podiatric physician’s oath that our alumni know so well, and begin their lives as doctors of podiatric medicine. With great pride, I witnessed the class of 2018 begin their careers with a 99% residency match rate. Just as these 105 individuals were beginning their first classes as podiatry students four years ago, I too was taking on a new role as Dean of KSUCPM. My role as Dean of this great institution is the highlight of my career as a podiatric physician, and I am reminded of the magnitude of this honor every spring season during graduation.

Throughout this issue, you will learn of the incredible strides that our students are making both in and out of the classroom through award-winning research studies, international mission trips and national recognition. The collaborative achievements of our faculty and staff continue to demonstrate our fervor for the success of our students and the future of podiatry. I find myself welcoming a new class this summer feeling inspired and energized, and I hope you feel a proud and renewed connection to your alma mater as you read about what we have accomplished together at KSUCPM.

As we enter into another busy summer at the college, we assemble to bring alumni and students together again in our 2nd Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend. Starting Thursday, August 16th, KSUCPM will hold its Inaugural North Coast Foot & Ankle Symposium, hosting nationally renowned speakers and industry lead workshops at a special alumni rate of just $49. The weekend that follows will welcome alumni and friends of the college to the Alumni Reunion on Friday, the Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday, as well as the annual golf outing on Sunday. All proceeds will benefit the endowed student scholarship fund, which serves to provide key financial support to our students, building a sustainable future for our college.

I hope that if you have not visited the college since your time here, that you take this opportunity to reunite and celebrate with your fellow classmates, staff and current students. Thank you for staying connected and I wish you an enjoyable and productive, but also restful, summer.

Allan M. Boike, DPM, FACFAS
Dean
On Saturday, May 12th, Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine gathered at Cartwright Hall at the University’s Kent Campus to see off another class of podiatrists, ready to take the Podiatric Physician’s Oath and dedicate themselves in service to the health of humanity. This year’s 105-strong class of 2018 is one to remember. It represents 34 states across America and three nations, boasting an incredible residency placement rate of 99% of students that are eligible/seeking. With their demonstrated allegiance and fervor for their newly acquired expertise, KSUCPM and its Dean, Dr. Allan Boike, can be confident knowing that this class will go on to better their profession and respective communities. This class in particular will forever hold a special place in Dr. Boike’s career, as it was just a month prior to the start of their first year classes that he entered his new position as Dean of KSUCPM.

This year, KSUCPM proudly welcomed Dr. Brad Wenstrup, Congressman from Ohio’s 2nd District and Colonel in the United States Army Reserve, to deliver the commencement speech that will release the Class of 2018 to their futures. Dr. Wenstrup was elected in 2012 to represent the people of Ohio’s Second Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. He brings his experience as a doctor of podiatric medicine, as well as an Army Reserve officer, Iraq War veteran, and small business owner to help Congress tackle the economic and security challenges facing the nation.

A Cincinnati native, Dr. Wenstrup graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1980. He earned his degree as a podiatric surgeon and later established his private practice in Cincinnati, where he treated patients for the last 26 years. Dr. Wenstrup has served in the U.S. Army Reserve since 1998, currently holding the rank of Colonel. In 2005-06, he served on a tour of Iraq as a combat surgeon, and was awarded a Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge for his service. Wenstrup continues to fulfill his Reserve duties and podiatric training by treating patients at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda.

If you have been keeping up with recent events, you’ll know that Dr. Wenstrup seems to be adding a new title to his name: Hero. Twice in just over a six-month stretch, Wenstrup has found himself part of an unforeseeable emergency and, without hesitation, jumped in to help. The first incident occurred in June of 2017 when a gunman opened fire during practice for the GOP congressional baseball team. When the shooting began, Dr. Wenstrup immediately jumped into action, minimizing blood loss of one victim, House Majority Whip Steve Scalise. Scalise has since miraculously returned to his position in Congress, after being declared at an “imminent risk of death”. Earlier this year, his life-saving training was needed again when an Amtrak train delivering Wenstrup and fellow GOP members to a retreat, crashed into a truck in Virginia in late January. Without hesitation, Wenstrup, flanked by several other doctors on board, fled out of the train to assist the injured. “I guess you’ve got something in front of you and you hope you can do something to help. You just go ahead and help. That’s all I was really thinking about at the time,” Wenstrup said. Spoken like a true foot and ankle surgeon.
Severance Hall in Cleveland, Ohio boasts a rich history of music, culture, architecture and, yes, an estimated 40 graduation ceremonies where hundreds of young students became Doctors of Podiatric Medicine. The Hall’s architectural significance has been recognized by local and national preservation societies, including the Cleveland Landmarks Commission and the National Register of Historic Places. This August, alumni, family and friends of Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine will bask in the grandeur of Severance Hall to bestow honors upon several alumni, including the induction of three into its Hall of Fame Society. Before attending the Alumni & Hall of Fame Awards Dinner on Saturday, August 18th, here is the history of Cleveland’s long-beloved Severance Hall.

With his wife, Elisabeth, John Long Severance, president of the Orchestra’s board of trustees, Cleveland industrialist and generous philanthropist, announced a $1 million pledge (worth $24bn today) toward a permanent home for The Cleveland Orchestra. Upon the untimely death of Elisabeth, John devoted all of his energy towards completing this new Hall as a memorial to his wife, and the total investment of the project grew to nearly $7 million. The Orchestra chose a location in the heart of Cleveland’s University Circle, home to many cultural, medical and educational institutions.

John strived for an elegant structure that incorporated the finest materials and the most advanced features. A Georgian exterior echoed that of the nearby Cleveland Museum of Art, and was crafted with Ohio sandstone and Indiana limestone. Interior elements fancy a more eclectic style, including Art Deco, French Nouveau, Classicism, Egyptian Revival and Modernism, and are tied together by the patterns of his wife’s favorite flower, the lotus blossom.

Construction began in December 1929, and saw completion just in time for the first home performance by The Cleveland Orchestra on February 5, 1931. With age came refurbishments to improve the acoustics of the Hall, and the addition of a restaurant. In 1997, with a $36.7 million commitment to the project, Severance’s 2,000-seat Concert Hall, the 400-seat Reinberger Chamber Hall, and the Grand Foyer were faithfully restored to preserve the historical integrity. Severance Hall reopened on January 8, 2000, as a long-beloved concert hall returned to the service of its world-class Cleveland Orchestra.

If you graduated from OCC, OCP, or OCPM, Severance Hall may hold a special place in your heart, where many of you stood and recited the Podiatric Physician’s Oath, becoming a Doctor of Surgical Chiropody or Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. It is the College’s relationship with this grand, beloved piece of Cleveland history that makes Severance Hall the perfect location for this year’s Alumni & Hall of Fame Awards Dinner. Visit www.kent.edu/cpm/2018ARW and register to celebrate our alumni and partake in the future of Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, and Cleveland’s beautiful Severance Hall.
NEWLY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FORMED BY STUDENT ORGANIZATION, OPMSA

In 2017, the college began a new tradition combining many of our alumni events, into one weekend, to form the KSUCPM Student and Alumni Reunion Weekend. The weekend has been a collaborative effort between CPM’s Institutional Advancement department and the Ohio Podiatric Medical Students Association (OPMSA).

Following the 2016 Centennial Celebration, students approached the college to combine efforts for two main reasons. “We see the need for more scholarships to be available to students,” says 4th year medical student and past OPMSA president, Chandler Ligas. “We are living it, and hearing the sacrifices many of our colleagues are making, to be able to afford their dream of becoming a podiatrist.” Ligas went on to say that CPM students were also interested in more networking opportunities with alumni, so they can interact with individuals who have walked along the same path as them in the past.

With the formation of the Student and Alumni Reunion Weekend, and the collaborative efforts of OPMSA, the inaugural weekend was able to endow nearly $31,000 to benefit student scholarships.

This year, the 2018 Student and Alumni Reunion Weekend will continue to grow this endowed scholarship to ensure it is making a large impact in the near and ongoing future of CPM students. As with any endowed scholarship, this scholarship will be awarded to a CPM student, based on the criteria created for this fund.

Please consider making a gift to support our current students and their fundraising efforts by attending the 2018 Student and Alumni Reunion Weekend, August 17th-19th, or making a contribution towards the event. Proceeds raised from the 2018 Student and Alumni Reunion Weekend will continue to benefit the OPMSA Student Endowed Scholarship Fund. Additional information and online registration for the weekend can be found at www.kent.edu/cpm/2018ARW.
STUDENTS VISIT NICARAGUA ON MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

Throughout the course of their education at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM), students may develop a passion to serve communities outside of our great nation. Sai Narra, a fourth year podiatry student at KSUCPM is one of these students. "I have wanted to go on a mission trip since my first year here at KSUCPM," Sai explains, "I felt that it was something that our curriculum was missing and that would add to my clinical experience". Feeling inspired as she watched the journey of three classmates’ mission trip in 2015, Sai investigated the opportunity for herself.

Sai discovered The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC), and began focusing her energy into a mission trip during her 4th year. FIMRC is a non-profit organization that uses its network of outpatient clinic and partnerships to develop clinical services, community outreach and health education programs to improve upon the health of families throughout the developing world. When fellow classmates Mike Thomas, Morgan Baxter, Brandon Lee, and Selina Kaminski expressed similar interest, the group planned a trip for March 3rd – 10th to visit Limon Nicaragua in the Rivas district. Funds were graciously awarded through a grant from OCPM Foundation, in addition to a Go Fund Me Page that the students used to raise $500 for medical supplies that are seriously lacking abroad, including diabetic testing strips and prenatal vitamins.

FIMRC allowed the group to experience and provide service to various aspects of healthcare in Nicaragua, including diabetes, malnutrition, house visits and micro-insurance inspections. The diabetic health clinic saw roughly 20-50 patients daily, many of whom tested with regular-occurring blood sugars at 400mg/dl or higher due to their high-carb diets. Students examined and educated the community of Limon and its neighbors on the importance of foot-care and reducing blood sugar with proper diet and exercise.

In addition to diabetic care, FIMRC works to combat malnutrition, a common plague throughout Nicaragua communities. Students distributed meals, performed pre- and post-natal house calls to track weight and growth patterns of children, and educated new mothers on the importance of breastfeeding. Because FIMRC works in conjunction with Los Pipitos, an organization that helps children with physical or learning disabilities, our students had the opportunity to create lesson plans and hands-on activities with the children. FIMRC also runs a series of micro-insurance home checks. Families in this program live in shacks and are taught how to maintain proper living conditions inside and outside of their homes. Based on their abilities to maintain standards of cleanliness, such as keeping the outhouse closed, use proper water filters, keeping food covered and a designated home for livestock, families are awarded ‘points’ in a system that allows them to redeem points for upgrades to their homes.

Sai returned from her mission trip with a new perspective on health care and a renewed appreciation for both the big and little things that we often take for granted in our country: from clean drinking water to the power of educated women. “Most of the girls have children around the age of 15 and become the family care-takers”, she remembers, “This trip was an awesome experience and I learned so much.” Sai plans to return to Nicaragua during, or even after her residency, and hopes to pass the torch to another group of mission-driven students. “FIMRC does some amazing things in various locations and I highly encourage everyone to check it out and volunteer or donate!” For more information or to get involved, visit https://www.fimrc.org.
A WORD FROM THE LIBRARY:

Thank you for your in-kind donations to the KSUCPM Library!

Sometimes an alumnus calls or emails wishing to donate to the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM), other times past graduates will stop by with a box to drop off. Last month, a box of journals arrived in the mail anonymously! Donna Perzeks, the CPM library director, is always happy to hear from an alum and especially grateful when they have items to donate. For example, in the past year, the library has received some lower extremity human bone collections, several anatomical foot models, medical instruments and bag, a diploma from 1933, podiatry journals from 1917-1919, and many books. The old books may be discarded, but the human bones will be well used and appreciated by current students studying for anatomy exams! The KSUCPM Library accepts gifts in-kind of new and used books, journals, photos, and yearbooks as well as medical instruments and items related to KSUCPM, the Ohio College of Chiropody, the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, or the profession of podiatric medicine. Gifts that are in good condition and within the scope of the library collection may be used as an additional or replacement copy. If historically significant, items will be considered for the Archives Collection. Materials not retained may be offered to other libraries, faculty or students. For additional information: https://www.kent.edu/cpm/cpm-library-gift-policy

KSUCPM FOOTSTEPS NEWSLETTER

KSUCPM STUDENTS RECEIVE 1ST PLACE RESEARCH POSTER AT THE 2018 ACFAS NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) plays an integral role in the life of a podiatry student at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM). The organization exists to aid in developing school functions like surgical workshops and charity social events, and also allows students the opportunity to participate in podiatry and surgery-focused research, an area that according to second year student Natasha Bhagat, always has room for growth. In fact, the vast opportunity for research at KSUCPM was one reason she fell in love with the school, leading her to enroll in 2016. “The surgery professors at KSUCPM have played a tremendous role in helping students get involved in research,” Natasha recalls.

ACFAS understands that research posters present a valuable educational experience for students, and so all nine podiatry schools in the country are required to present a foot and ankle surgery-focused research poster at the ACFAS National Scientific Conference each year. President-Elect Natasha, President Britain Wetzel, MSIV and classmate Kelly Rogers, MSIV, were given the opportunity to represent KSUCPM and attend this year’s National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The girls worked closely with Dr. Duane Ehredt (DPM’11, FACFAS), Assistant Professor in the Division of Foot & Ankle Surgery and Biomechanics at KSUCPM to formulate their study, A Novel Technique for Percutaneous Harvest of Calcaneal Autograft:

**Evaluation of Complications and the Effect on 1st MPJ and Lapidus Arthrodesis.** Using Dr. Ehredt’s patient database, the girls were able to extrapolate information on forefoot procedures in which he performed a calcaneal autograft. With this data and an in-depth literature review, they dove into looking at the fusion rates and morbidities associated with his modified calcaneal graft technique.

Through hours of research and teamwork, Bhagat, Wetzel and Rogers took 1st place in Student Posters at the ACFAS National Scientific Conference in March. “Doing research is a great way to take a break from reading for classes to see what we could be performing as foot and ankle surgeons one day”, Natasha states. The girls are looking forward to participating again next year at the 2019 ACFAS Nationals in New Orleans, Louisiana! To view their winning poster, visit https://www.kent.edu/cpm/ksucpm-alumni-newsletter.
KSUCPM FACULTY AND STUDENTS CONDUCT RESEARCH USING CURVEBEAM PEDCAT WEIGHT-BEARING CT SCANNER

Through a grant funded by the OCPM Foundation, KSU was able to acquire a CurveBeam pedCAT weight-bearing CT scanner. This unit utilizes cone-beam technology to yield low dose scans of either one or both feet, and to date, is the only one of its kind in Northeast Ohio. Part and parcel with this process, three potentially ground breaking research projects were proposed, all dealing with controversial topics in podiatric pre-operative evaluation. In the short time since, another seven research topics have been developed.

A team of KSUCPM researchers has completed the first project, which focused on the evaluation of hallux valgus deformity in the coronal plane of the foot. The team was comprised of CPM faculty members Jill Kawalec, PhD, Larry Osher, DPM, and Duane Ehredt, DPM, along with CPM students Kelsi Nutter (class of 2019) and Joseph Fleck (class of 2018).

In the evaluation of hallux valgus deformities, podiatric physicians routinely use weight-bearing radiographs to assess the magnitude of the deformity as an essential step in planning surgical correction. Unfortunately, there are a number of well-known issues associated with conventional foot radiographs. These include geometric distortion(s), unreliable measurements made between different observers, limited imaging in the coronal plane, and marked differences between weight-bearing and non-weight-bearing images. CT scanning allows cross-sectional imaging (slices) of the anatomical parts in all three planes of the foot without typical radiographic distortion. In addition, CT scanners effectively allow for three-dimensional reconstruction of the foot.

Hallux valgus is considered to be a triplane deformity. The sesamoids commonly displace from their normal alignment in patients with this deformity. In the recent medical literature, evidence suggests that the magnitude of this displacement can be determined by the coronal plane sesamoid rotation angle. The current x-ray imaging standard for the coronal plane is the sesamoid (forefoot) axial study, which requires the foot to be placed in an "affected" (supinated, semi-weight-bearing) position. Using the weight-bearing CT scanner, this research study was designed to determine the effect of different weight-bearing foot positions on the coronal plane sesamoid rotation angle as compared with standard sesamoid axial studies. All subjects with bunion deformities underwent both standard radiographic forefoot axial studies and weight-bearing CT studies in two extreme weight-bearing positions of the foot: maximum subtalar joint pronation and supination. The sesamoid rotation angle was then determined on all studies by all five investigators.

Recently, arguments have been brought forth advocating for the surgical correction of the coronal plane component as part of the bunion repair (e.g. Lapidus procedure). However, if the sesamoids significantly vary their position with differing weight-bearing foot attitudes, then the utility of the radiographic sesamoid axial study must be questioned. Our data did, in fact, demonstrate significant differences in the sesamoid rotation angle between the two extreme weight-bearing positions. In particular, sesamoid rotation angles were significantly higher in the pronated foot position. Moreover, sesamoid rotation angles from the weight-bearing CT supinated position, which simulates the position of the forefoot axial study, correlated with those values.

These results strongly suggest that the current imaging standard for evaluating the coronal plane degree of sesamoid rotation significantly underestimates this value. From a surgical point of view, these results suggest that weight-bearing CT scan determination with the foot in a non-affected weight-bearing position should replace forefoot axial studies as the accepted imaging standard.

Special thank you to the exclusive research sponsor of this study, OCPM Foundation!
Craig Verdin, a resident of Houma, Louisiana, is Class of 2019 podiatric medical student at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM). Verdin began his educational journey to Podiatry with a Bachelor in Kinesiology from Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge. Following undergrad, he went on to complete two summer research internships at the University of Utah’s School of Medicine, which is where he discovered his passion for academic medicine.

In his first year at the University of Utah, Verdin was involved in influenza vaccine and immunization policy research; His second year was spent studying the cultural impact on scar perception in surgical patients. Two years later, Craig is now an advocate of podiatric advancement through academic research. Verdin has authored several conference manuscripts with 3 PubMed indexed publications, in addition to being the first podiatric medical student to appear in The New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) with a citation in Dr. David Armstrong’s “Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Their Recurrence.” Now a 3rd year student at KSUCPM, Verdin is actively involved in several research projects with mentors Drs. James Connors and Nilin Rao.

Verdin was awarded the 2017 American Podiatric Medical Student Association (APMSA) Research Grant for a project titled, “K-Wire Guided Antibiotic Delivery System: A Novel Prophylaxis for the Prevention of Pin Site Infections in External Fixation of the Lower Extremity” and the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine (OCPM) Foundation Research Grant for another study titled, “Measuring the Cortisol Driven Response to External Fixation and its Potential Implications on Patient Outcomes: A Preliminary Study.” While Verdin has developed an interest for podiatric research as a whole, he is particularly interested in research that involves Charcot Neuroarthropathy (CN).

CN is a neuroarthropathic condition of the foot that develops secondary to severe neuropathy and disproportionately impacts diabetics. According to the literature, CN can be found in 0.1-16% in diabetics who have peripheral neuropathy. While this condition can occur anywhere in the body, it is commonly found in the foot and ankle likely due to combination of contributing factors such as weight bearing, ligament laxity, and other factors. This debilitating condition is characterized by changes in bone and joint architecture that leads to eventual joint subluxation, which places patients at risk for adverse outcomes such as amputation and ulceration. It has been proposed that patients with acute CN demonstrate an exaggerated inflammatory response, leading to further up regulation and concentration of RANKL (Receptor Antagonist Nuclear Kappa Ligand) and eventual bony destruction.

Unfortunately, not much is known about the extent of RANKL’s role in the pathogenesis of CN, however, Verdin, with lead author, Dr. Connors, and fellow co-author, Dr. Nilin Rao, recently co-authored a manuscript titled, “Charcot Pathogenesis: A Study of In Vivo Gene Expression” that was recently accepted for publication by The Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery (JFAS) in an effort to provide insight into CN pathogenesis. In this prospective study, we were able to determine that the long implicated biomarker for bone breakdown in CN, RANKL, may be falsely elevated in CN patients largely because of the presence of coexisting comorbidities that may otherwise elevate RANKL expression and create some level of physiological “overshadowing.” These findings further reinforce the need for more specific and sensitive means of detecting CN in its earliest phases.

Currently, Verdin, Connors, and Rao are conducting research at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veteran Administration (VA) and seek to better understand CN pathogenesis and impact the current standard of care by providing evidence that may allow podiatric physicians to maximize outcomes.

Co-authored by Drs. Mark Hardy, Lauren Kishman and Georgeanne Botek.
KSUCPM ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HONORED WITH EMERITUS STATUS

The Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM) Advisory Board serves to provide leadership in the growth and development of the college, to raise, and recommend disbursement of funds for the benefit of the college and to perform any and all other functions necessary to accomplish said purpose. In 2017, both Steven J. Berlin, DPM, and Henry B. Green, DPM were honored with Emeritus Status. Emeritus Status is given to members of the board who have completed outstanding, loyal, and faithful service, and whom are appointed at the recommendation of the board and the campus dean. As Emeritus members, both Drs. Berlin and Green shall be available for consultation and advice, and may attend any and all meetings of the board, but shall not be entitled to vote.

Dr. Steven Berlin is a 1966 graduate of the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and went on to become the Chief of Podiatric Clinic at Bon Secours Hospital in Baltimore, MD. He served as President and Podiatric Director of Podiatric Pathology Laboratories, a division of Quest Diagnostics, Inc., and is currently the Medical Director and Senior Vice President at Ogenix Corporation. Dr. Berlin is also active in emergency medical evacuation and in working with organ transplant organizations in Washington, DC, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania with the Baltimore Helicopter’s Inc. He was a past Fellow of the American Dermatology Society, a past Fellow of the American College of Podiatric Surgery and a past Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Dr. Berlin is a U.S. military veteran and served as Head of Podiatry service at Ft. Jackson’s Army Hospital from 1967-1970. He is the co-author of two books related to foot tumors and has published over 40 articles on tumors and foot pathology. He has been a noted lecturer at all major podiatric conferences in the continental United States, Hawaii and the Caribbean. He has also lectured at International Podiatric meetings in Spain and Australia. He has served on the OCPM Foundation Board of Directors since July of 2012. Dr. Berlin was inducted into the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine Hall of Fame in 2008. He served on the OCPM Board of Trustees from 1995-2012 and served as Chairman of that board from 2010-2012. After serving on the KSUCPM Advisory Board from 2012-2017, Dr. Berlin was honored with Emeritus status in May 2017 and continues to serve in that capacity. Dr. Berlin is a tremendous supporter and contributor to the podiatric profession and he constantly instills the importance of giving back.

Dr. Henry Green is a doctor of Podiatric Medicine and practices podiatry in Rossford and Perrysburg, OH. A 1968 graduate of the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Dr. Green was inducted into the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine Hall of Fame in 2007. Dr. Green was the past President of the Ohio Podiatric Medical Association and the past President of the Fund for Podiatric Medical Education, raising $1,000,000 providing 45 scholarships to students. He served as past chairman of the Northwest Ohio Regional Emergency Medical Services Council, as well as Chief of Podiatry at Riverside Mercy Hospital in Toledo, OH from 1983-1998. Dr. Green served on the OCPM Board of Trustees from 1984-2012, and as Chairman of the Board from 2003-2007. After serving on the KSUCPM Advisory Board from 2012-2017, Dr. Green has been honored with Emeritus status as of 2017. Dr. Green continues to be a dedicated mentor and supporter of the college.

On behalf of the advisory board and the entire KSUCPM community, we thank you for your service!
KSUCPM STUDENT NAMED 2018 APMSA NATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Every year, each of the nine podiatry colleges throughout the country are faced with choosing a student of the year: one who demonstrates what it takes to be a successful student of podiatric medicine, makes an impact on their school, and furthers the profession on a national level. The student of the year is nominated and voted upon by each student body based on criteria under the following categories: professionalism/accountability, involvement with the college, community involvement, and contribution and dedication to the profession. Following victory at KSUCPM, the student of the year is put into the running with the other eight podiatry students of the year to compete for the APMSA National Student of the Year. The National Student of the Year award takes the title one step further. The APMSA Presidents Committee, consisting of the student body Presidents from each of the nine Colleges of Podiatric Medicine, convene together to select the winner of the award from one of those nine individual Students of the Year. KSUCPM is proud to announce that its very own Chandler Ligas, MSIV has been selected the 2018 APMSA National Student of the Year!

Chandler will be awarded with a flight to Washington D.C. for the APMA National Conference on July 12th to accept his award in person. He will also receive a $1,000 scholarship provided by the APMA Education Foundation and an honorary plaque. In addition, Chandler will be recognized within the APMA’s nationally distributed newsletter, First Step, as well as other publications. Congratulations, Chandler!

KSUCPM DIGITIZING YEARBOOKS TO DISPLAY ON WEBSITE

Remember the Occopodian? The college’s yearbook, a student-produced publication, began in 1931 and saw hundreds of printed copies since its inception. Named after the college’s original title, the Ohio College of Chiropody (OCC), these priceless publications hold memories of students, faculty, staff, activities and events of the time, allowing its readers to look back fondly on their memories of CPM. In order to uphold the tradition of the Occopodian, KSUCPM is proud to announce that it is in the process of digitizing its entire collection of yearbooks! Each page of every Occopodian edition, from cover to cover, is being carefully scanned at the Kent State University Main Campus Library.

It is our hope that by Fall 2018, all digital copies of the Occopodian will be available for viewing on our website, www.kent.edu/cpm.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2013-2018 KSUCPM ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN, GENE PASCARELLA, DPM

For the past five years, Dr. Gene Pascarella has passionately served as Chair of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM) Advisory Board.

Dr. Gene Pascarella is a 1982 graduate of the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and received his MBA from the University of Phoenix in 2002. He is currently the President and Medical Director of Foot & Ankle Associates of Florida. Dr. Pascarella is on the teaching staff of Florida Hospital for both family practice residents and podiatric residents. He is a founder of Integrated Physician Systems, a national medical practice management company. He sat on the Board of Directors for the Florida Bank of Commerce and has served on the Audit Committee for the bank. He is the past Vice Chairman of the Board of Southern Community Bank. He also served as Chief Operating Officer of the Park Place Surgery Center. Dr. Pascarella served on the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine Board of Trustees from 2008 until 2012 and has served on the OCPM Foundation Board of Directors since July 2012. He has been a member of the KSUCPM Advisory Board since 2012, serving as Chair from 2013-2018. He was the proud recipient of the KSUCPM Ambassador Award in 2015 and the KSUCPM Alumni Service Award in 2017.

We want to thank Dr. Pascarella for his excellent leadership on the advisory board during his tenure and his ongoing support and dedication to his alma mater!

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