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Dean's Message **To Become**

When you say you want "to become something", that indicates that there is not a final destination on the road you are traveling down. You are always in the process of becoming if you have that curiosity that makes you a life-long learner.

I was inspired to learn and to become somebody every day as I went through Mayflower Elementary and High School in Tatum, Texas. Those teachers inspired us

country kids to learn, to do and to become. They taught us that we could be somebody.

The first gift they gave us was the knowledge that we were important and capable. They motivated us to reach for excellence every day, to have a fire in us that made us want to achieve.

I hosted an international multi-disciplinary diabetic foot meeting in San Antonio years ago, with clinicians and educators from around the world participating. They continued to do for me and others what those school teachers had done in East Texas all those years before. Each of those groups were the smartest people I knew at the time and they made me realize I wasn't where I wanted and needed to be in terms of my education. I'm still becoming today; I am becoming a better learner every time I hear a speaker talk about something I'm not familiar with or when I encounter a patient whose condition challenges me.

But the most exciting thing about becoming is being on the other side, as the teacher, and watching a student catch that educational fire that makes him want to know more and to become more. The inspired learner becomes the inspired teacher and the cycle continues.

As John Wooden once said, "Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming".

Lawrence B. Harkless, DPM Founding Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

CPM Faculty



College of Podiatric Medicine Assistant Professor Jennifer D'Amico, DPM, traveled a long road to reach academia, and those experiences will inform her teaching and mentorship at Western University of Health Sciences.

D'Amico graduated from New York College of Podiatric Medicine in June

2007, and matched into a residency at Scripps Mercy Hospital and Kaiser Foundation Hospital in San Diego. She drove from coast to coast, and has since made several cross-country road trips.

"It's cool to see the country like that," she said. "It was fun, because my mom came with me. The last day of the trip was her birthday, and we started in New Mexico, had lunch in Arizona, and had dinner in California."

During her residency, she met a doctor who organized mission trips to Nepal through the national organization Healing the Children. They exchanged information, and two weeks later he called her to fill in for someone who backed out of an upcoming trip.

She has traveled to Katmandu, Nepal three times, and also traveled to Haiti about 18 months after the devastating 2010 earthquake in order to perform limb-saving and life-altering surgeries.

"Going on mission trips provides an important perspective on what's important in life", she said. While at Kaiser, a nurse sat beside D'Amico with a big, heavy sigh. The nurse told her that a patient asked for ice cream and then complained about getting chocolate when he wanted vanilla.

"I said to her, 'Go in there and tell him that I just got back from Nepal, and in Nepal if your family doesn't feed you, you don't get fed, because the hospital can't afford a cafeteria," D'Amico said. "He apologized to her and treated her very nice."

Nepal does not have a disability act to assist those with debilitating health problems.

"If you're disabled in some of these countries, and if you're not educated, you can't work, you can't contribute to help your family, and you end up staying in poverty," D'Amico said. "If you put their foot in a better position so they can walk and so they can contribute, you end up changing the whole family structure, because they can go out and work. That, to me, is better than a vacation on the beach. I like to spend my vacation time helping people."

D'Amico traveled to Switzerland for the A.O Trauma Fellowship at Inselspital University of Bern Hospital in 2012. She also spent six months in Baltimore, Maryland in 2011 for the Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics Limb Lengthening and Deformity Correction Fellowship.

Her interest in podiatric medicine was sparked as an undergraduate at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where she worked as an athletic trainer and earned a degree in biology.

In her third year, a podiatrist came to talk about his work with the Washington Redskins. She then worked in the office of her aunt's podiatrist, Dr. V.J. Rizzo in Bayshore, New York, assisting him in office-based surgeries and taking medical histories.

"I learned all aspects of it, back office and front office. When it was slow, I would make appointment calls," D'Amico said. "I had a really good experience learning how a private practice was run. If you work in the field a little bit before school, you have an understanding of what the end purpose of things are. I think it was really good that I had that work experience before going to podiatry school."

She has also worked in multiple private practices and at Kaiser Permanente San Diego, giving her a broad base of experience. She hopes she can impart her work ethic to her students.

"I have high expectations of myself, and I tend to have high expectations of everyone around me," D'Amico said. "If there's at least one person pushing you hard in a nice way, in a supportive way, then that can drive people to their own version of success. It doesn't have to be what I hink is successful.

"If you have people that have real work experience that have private practice and different models, then it can offer a little bit of a different perspective for the students, and show them that there's many different ways to be successful in the profession," she added. "I think sometimes students get bogged down with academics, and they're not seeing the forest for the trees. If they see a couple of different teaching styles and approaches to learning, I think they'll be more well-rounded residents in the end.

CPM Faculty - continued



Francis L. Chan, DPM

Thank you for your service Dr. Chan. After more than two years as Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics, Francis L. Chan, DPM is leaving WesternU CPM to embark on a new adventure with his family in Canada.

His path to Podiatric Medicine was set during his undergraduate

education at the University of British Columbia, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Cell Biology and Genetics. He had sustained foot and ankle injuries from playing basketball and soccer, which sparked his interest in Sports Medicine and Podiatry. In his last year as an undergraduate, he shadowed Dr. Howard Green, a podiatrist in Vancouver, British Columbia. "I liked both the clinical and surgical aspects that he was involved in," Dr. Chan said. "I liked the variety and flexibility of this surgical specialty."

Chan earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine in 2010. He completed his residency at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Wash., which included foot and ankle surgery rotations in San Francisco and in Kosice, Slovakia. As a resident at Swedish Medical Center, he had the privilege of being a member of the International Foot and Ankle Foundation (IFAF). With IFAF, he traveled to Yucatan, Mexico where he participated in the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project. There, he and the Seattle team provided clinical and surgical care for pediatric patients with congenital deformities. He joined the WesternU faculty because teaching and mentoring has been an important part of his education. From high school through graduate school, he tutored other students. The podiatric surgery and medicine residency at Swedish Medical Center has been involved with education of podiatric physicians and surgeons, both with the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and IFAF.

Dr. Chan has been an integral part of our mission since joining the College in August, 2013. He has chaired Journal Club in the clinical curriculum, co-chaired our Podiatric Medicine Principles II course, and served on numerous College committees. In addition, he spearheaded an interprofessional team-based Limb Preservation Service as well as co-chairs, with Dr. Jennifer D'Amico, a Vascular Interdisciplinary Grand Rounds at Riverside County Regional Medical Center – both of which has improved quality of care within the system and opens greater learning opportunities for residents and students. His assuredness, wealth of knowledge and insightful questions has been instrumental in the development of our trainees. Amongst colleagues, his work ethics and flexibility made him a trusted team player.

We are sorry to lose Dr. Chan's skills, professionalism and integrity. Canada is gaining a talented podiatric physician. We wish him all the best with his future endeavors abroad and will keep a small hope that he'll tire of trudging through wind and snow and come back to sunny Southern California!

Faculty Corner



Jacqueline Truong, DPM, MPH

Research: In conjunction with the Colleges of Allied Health (Physical Therapy) and Optometry at WesternU, Dr. Truong was accepted to present a poster at the next American Physical Therapy Association's Combined Section meeting in February, 2016. They will be presenting research on identifying specific walking and balance

characteristics and visual skills in children with Autism and/or sensory issues, as well as children who are developing typically.



Robert Christman, DPM

Teaching: Dr. Christman facilitated a oneday diagnostic imaging Masterclass at the 2015 Australasian Podiatry Conference held in Gold Coast, Australia in May.



Janelle P. Green, DPM

Research: Dr. Green's research on "The relationship between depressive symptoms, diabetes symptoms, and self-management among an urban, low-income Latino population", was recently accepted to the Journal of Diabetes and its Complications.

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/ \$1056872715003748



Jonathan Labovitz, DPM

Research: Dr. Labovitz presented research on, "Validation of a systemic risk spectrum to predict diabetic foot complications and the economics of advanced therapies in wound healing", at the Wound Care Symposium: Frontiers in Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine in Buffalo, NY on Saturday, October 3rd.



David Shofler, DPM

Publication: Dr. Shofler published two articles in the Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery, one on "Selecting Residents in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery", and the other on "The Residency Training Experience in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery".



Jarrod Shapiro, DPM

Dr. Shapiro continues to serve as Assistant Professor, Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics as well as the Residency Director at Chino Valley Medical Center which has just added an additional clerkship to the program.

Faculty Corner - continued



Mathew J. Wedel, PhD

Publication: Dr. Wedel recently published a paper on "Ecological correlates to cranial morphology in Lepordis (Mammalia, Lagomorpha)", in PeerJ with coauthors Brian Kraatz, Emma Sherratt, and Nick Bumacod. The paper reviews how the skull shape in rabbits is related to their mode of running or hopping.



Kathleen Satterfield, DPM

Teaching: Dr. Satterfield led an interactive learning session at the ACFAOM national meeting, held in conjunction with the APMA National in July in Orlando. The session was taught using the same problem-based medicine principles we use at CPM for small group sessions only this time the audience consisted of

approximately 100 physicians. Based on a day in the life of a clinician, the session encouraged the participants to actively engage one another. The interactive format was introduced a few years ago at ACFAOM and it has been a success, with attendees returning annually. The next educational event will take place in Savannah, Georgia in the summer of 2016.



Rebecca Moellmer, DPM

Service: Dr. Moellmer represented WesternU CPM at the Special Olympics World Games 2015, held in Los Angeles, CA. She performed foot screenings for athletes prior to competition. Over 5,900 athletes participated in this year's event.



Jennifer D'Amico, DPM

Service: Dr. D'Amico joined Dr. Moellmer at the Special Olympics, along with CPM students and residents. Together they performed shoe and sock evaluations, foot measurements, routine dermatology exams, basic neurovascular exams, musculoskeletal exams and gait exams.

CPM Student Honored



South Texas is a place that can break a man. The heat bakes the barren caliche soil, the poverty is palpable and the constant flow of people streaming across the border, trying for a chance at the American dream – all of these elements test a person.

Eduardo Hernandez' family is as much a part of that place as are the mesquite trees and deer.

They have worked that land and raised generations of family there. And, unlike many others before them, they have stayed there to make a contribution. His family, for several generations, has valued education enough to piece together tuition for private school. His maternal grandmother, a widowed art teacher, managed to send seven children to private school. Education is usually the way up and out. To his family it is the way up and back in, to give back.

There is no doubt that this investment in education has now paid off for Eduardo, a second year podiatric medical student at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Podiatric Medicine in Pomona, CA. He was one of an exclusive group of 20 Hispanic students nationwide who received a scholarship on November 20, 2014. He was honored at the West Coast event, the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF), Professional Student Scholarship Gala at JW Marriott LA Live. The National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF), Professional Student Scholarship Program is the only national scholarship program targeted at Hispanic students who are committed to careers in health care and enrolled full-time in dental, medical, nursing, public health, policy, physician assistant, pharmacy, or podiatry schools.

There is a dearth of Hispanic health professionals in the United States. Only four percent of all physicians, three percent of all dentists, and two percent of all total nurses are Hispanic. The NHHF, which is located at the New York Academy of Medicine and is affiliated with the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, has developed a program to award scholarships to talented students, the future leaders in health care.

Mr. Hernandez has excelled in the curriculum and in the milieu of the student body. With his leadership skills, he rose to the officer ranks of several organizations. His grades place him among the top three students in his class. But it is what he does outside of the classroom that defines him. He has a servant's heart, born and bred through generations of belief and action. He has served the needs of the poor through homeless outreach programs, the disabled through Special Olympics and the emerging populations by medical mission work in Nicaragua. He has done this while carrying an impressive grade point average.

After he completes podiatric medical school and a residency program, he will return to Laredo, Texas, to continue his service through medical care to a needy population that is disproportionately afflicted with high rates of diabetes with its concomitant amputation rate. By acknowledging him with a scholarship, the path to that result has been made a little smoother.



Welcome DPM Class of 2019



The DPM Class of 2019 pose here with the Faculty, showing they're ready for the adventure!



DPM Class of 2019 awaiting the presentation of the White Coat



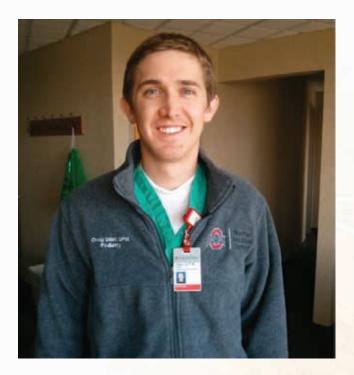
Dr. Lester Jones delivers the Podiatric Physician's Oath to the Class of 2019



Keynote Speaker, Arnold Tabuenca, MD, Medical Director, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, and Chair of Surgery & Associate Program Director, University of California, Riverside, delivered an inspiring speech on the four levels of satisfaction for a physician.



Residency Corner



When I was little my favorite thing to do was play basketball with my friends. I used to live for the weekends when I could get together with my buddies to watch the Phoenix Suns play basketball on TV and then we would go outside to the basketball hoop on the concrete driveway and play dunk-ball during halftime. We would mimic the plays we saw on the TV, and thought we were pretty slick. It was so inspirational that I had my mom buy me a Charles Barkley jersey, and I tried to play like the round-mound-ofrebound at every recess pickup game. As a 10 year old, I was sure I would end up in the NBA one day. Unfortunately, I didn't realize at that time that 5 footsomething tall high schoolers don't make it to the NBA.

Clearly, what gets me motivated now is a bit different than back then.

In my personal life there are times when I have felt inspired by a greater being, and this is what forms my personal character. In my student life I have had moments of inspiration when the light bulb turns on, and that tricky concept finally makes some sense. In my professional life in podiatry school and as a resident, it's successful foot and ankle surgeons who are a major source of inspiration. There are certain faculty members and attending surgeons who make me want to be like them. These successful surgeons are usually life-long learners who don't settle for complacency or mediocrity. They are willing to teach and educate, and lead by example. They are willing to allow you to have some autonomy and hold you responsible at the same time. I think we all have different things that motivate us and inspire us and we naturally gravitate towards people who have the same mentality. During school you are so focused on learning and your own professional survival that you sometimes overlook or take for granted these types of mentors. Our school is full of mentors who want to educate and make you want to be your best.

Make the time to spend time with those faculty members. It will only help you in the future. Believe it or not, very soon your success will not be measured by some score on a test. Residency is a different beast than school. There isn't much of a way to prepare other than finding what motivates you, learning how to take responsibility for yourself, and then learning from those who have gone through it. So begin doing that now by learning which mentor inspires and motivates you and try to learn from them and be like them.

He may not be the round-mound of rebound, but the leanmean-dean from San Antonio is a good place to start!

Craig Udall DPM PGY3 Ohio State University Medical Center





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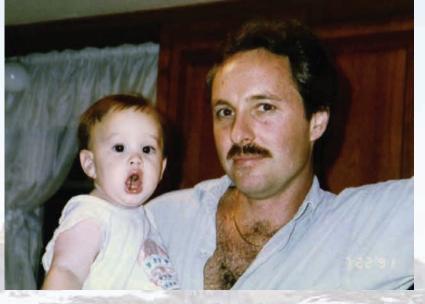
Inspirations

By: Daniel Spencer – DPM Class of 2018

There was about an hour of good light left in Glacier National Park as I approached Lake Otokomi. The sun was setting behind the mountain over my right shoulder and I kept checking over my left for bears. Fishing by myself miles away from camp at dusk in this area may not have been the wisest decision, but this was what my road trip was all about. My dad was a fisherman, and although I had grown up fishing with him during the summers in I wanted to be a fisherman though, and getting "skunked" every once in a while is part of the title. So I took a deep breath and decided to try putting my line in the water once more. Of course, the next second I had a fish on and I yanked it onto the grassy bank before it could unhook itself. Quick as I could, I cleaned the fish with the old belt knife my dad gave me back in middle school, zip-locked the fish fillet with some snow, and skedaddled for camp. Five quick miles later, I was stoking a fire under the smoking fillets as some children at another site called out

Northern Michigan I still feel like an amateur. I wanted to change that.

So I crept up to the side of the clear glacial waters, cutthroat trout in sight, and extended my fly rod ever so quietly. This was the moment I had anticipated a month ago when I planned this trip for my dad. The fly wisped through the air as I cast it immediately in front of the largest fish I saw. I jigged the fly lightly as I was once taught and the fish



started rising to it. I let the fly sink back for the strike and just as I started mentally preparing myself to set the hook, the fish turned and decided it didn't care anymore. It wasn't phased by any of the following attempts.

The excursion went downhill from there. I snagged my line on the pines behind me and in front of me, struggled to tie on a new fly while being bitten by real flies, I slipped into the water spooking the fish in the process, the sun got lower, and I started wondering why I had marched all the way out here anyway. I could have just stayed at the Rising Sun campsite and enjoyed the fire with a cold beer. Instead I set myself up for defeat, got a couple blisters and bites, skipped dinner, and risked becoming bear food. to their dad that the stars were starting to come out. The moment was a perfect time to reflect on the small things that my own father had left with me.

When we envision inspiration we always think of singular, overwhelming events, like a powerful speech or an amazing act of humanism. But those are few and far between. They wouldn't be enough to grow on. More often than not inspiration is gathered

from the small events scattered throughout our lives that we hardly notice or remember: the first sunfish caught on a splintering dock, a lesson on tying a "Fisherman's Knot", the gift of a hunting knife. You can say that inspiration is cumulative—that it takes a village to inspire a child. Sources of inspiration are everywhere; it just takes some humility, an open mind, and a bit of creativity to let them become a part of your own being. Once that happens, and you have followed the momentum of inspiration through to action you will have fulfilled these sources and perhaps become one yourself.

Student National Medical Association Health Fair

By Matt Cikra, President of ACFAOM Student Club

April 18th, 2015 The Student Medical Association Health Fair co-hosted by the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine. This particular event was held at the Immanual Praise Fellowship Church, in Rancho Cucamonga. We had the great pleasure of working with our Dean, Dr. Lawrence Harkless. His expert bedside manner is unparalleled ashe spent nearly 45-60 minutes with each patient.

"The doctor of the future will give no medicines, but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet, and in the causes and prevention of disease." ~Thomas Edison

Our first patient was a male that had recently tore his Anterior Cruciate Ligament. His primary complaint was actually regarding his flat feet, and subsequent hallux abductovalgus. Dr. Harkless asked him a series of questions that seemed completely unrelated to his pathology. Dr. Harkless began by asking the patient about his high school football experience and the road to the National Football League. It was quite an experience watching Dr. Harkless build rapport and develop a solid relationship with the patient before ever addressing his chief complaint. After a long discussion he had the patient walk while we analyzed his gate. We collectively discussed his gait pattern and any compensatory movements associated. I learned a great deal about the biomechanics associated with his hallux adductovalgus, along with a pressure lesion at the medial eminence of the first metatarsal phalangeal joint.

Along with Podiatry, Osteopathic Medicine, Optometry, and Physical Therapy were there to provide free health screenings for the fine community of Rancho Cucamonga. Another remarkable patient had been suffering from plantar fasciitis and heel pain. Dr. Harkless discussed her daily habits and boldly asked her about her weight. They talked for quite a while regarding her weight and her motivations to quit eating an unhealthy, unbalanced diet. He gently informed her that a substantial amount of her pain was due to her weight. He then proceeded to build a support for her foot out of tape. It was remarkable to witness him create support and off load painful areas with just tape and scissors. Although it was a long day of setting up and tearing down equipment, it was also an enlightening and informative day. I will not soon forget the valuable lessons I learned that day.



From L to R: Jano Boghossian DPM 2018, Fatimah Badran DPM 2018, Matt Cikra DPM 2018, Lawrence Harkless, Eduardo Hernandez DPM 2017, and Alexander Lister DPM 2017.

Monkeys, Bulls and Medical School

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

Imagine trekking over massive volcanoes in a land littered with quicksand and flesh-eating monkeys. In terms of difficulty, this is what the first year of medical school felt like for many including myself. For someone like my classmate Eli, that metaphor actually sounds like something he would do in his free time. Eli is an avid traveler who, in a literal sense, would enjoy the challenge of escaping the claws of flesh-eating monkeys. But even

by Ankurpreet Gill, DPM 2018

Minutes before the

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squad, G, made jokes

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closer and closer

until they started

passing us by. After

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my life on the line,

the chaos, my last worldly attachments

When the crowd

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could have imagined and more. Everyone wore the traditional festival attire of all white clothes and a red band around the waist. During the day the streets flooded with families enjoying rides and performers. At night, young travelers emerged and sang chants while pouring wine over balconies into the crowds below that drank the night away. Come 8 am though, the running of the bulls awaited for any volunteer that decided the risk was worth the glory.

Eli would tell you that medical school requires an incomparable amount of concentration and discipline that can wear down the mind. In what was to be our last summer vacation for the next three years, we decided that the best way to escape the stress and rigor of school was to go on a thrillseeking adventure.

As we researched potential travel destinations we realized the only free time in our summers that overlapped was over 2 weeks in July during an annual festival in Pamplona, Spain. The San Fermin Festival hosts the world famous Bull Run, in which enormous bulls are released into a



corridor of streets full of participants that run alongside the bulls. The festival attracts millions of travelers each year, as it is notorious for televised gores and even deaths of runners. After being confined to a study room for nine straight months, Eli and I saw this as an opportunity we could not pass up.

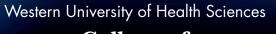
When we finally got to Pamplona it was everything we

I realized my mind was blank. It was pure bliss, as there was no critical thinking involved, no calculations. Thoughts did not exist, just an adrenaline loaded body trying to survive.

At the end of the street awaited the entrance into the Plaza del Toro where the bulls were finally corralled. Smaller steers were released onto the coliseum field where they wreaked havoc on anyone not agile enough to dodge their charging horns. The crowd roared with excitement every time a body was launched into the air by the impact of a charge. Every time a steer would tire out, a new one with fresh legs was released. This lasted for 45 minutes, and we reveled every second of it.

This journey did not give me a new perspective on life. It did not change my views, nor did it give me some profound insight on the meaning of existence. What it did provide me with, is an incredible experience that was as fun as it was crazy. To have your motives narrow down to just staying alive for an hour can be incredibly peaceful, ironically. Anytime you feel overwhelmed I think it is important to bring it back to the basics and occasionally let everything go. Deviate from monotony and challenge yourself in a new way. You may be surprised by how rewarding it can be.





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A TRIBUTE TO CARING



A Tribute to Caring, the annual University scholarship fundraiser gala, held at the Disneyland Hotel is a stunning event. Representatives from the College of Podiatric Medicine include (from L to R) Ankurpreet Gill, Kyung J. Brown, Dr. Lawrence Harkless, Dana Day, Alexandra Morales, Sarah Truong, Francis Castillo, Shayan Essapoor, Daliya Heng, Mrs. Harkless, Dr. Lester Jones, and Mrs. Jones.

2ND ANNUAL DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER AT SPAGHETTINI'S



The Dean's Scholarship Fundraiser held at Spaghettini's on October 4, 2015 featured CPM Students who have received scholarships from WesternU CPM. Shown here from L to R: Ana Emirzian, Lant Abernathy, Dr. Lester J. Jones, Kyung J. Brown, Pat Prescott (of 94.7 the Wave), Thomas Owolabi, Kaitlin Flavin, Pedro Aldape Esquivel, and Dr. Lawrence B. Harkless.



WesternU College of Podiatric Medicine sponsored the CME for the American Healthcare Professionals and Friends for Medicine in Israel, Podiatric Scientific Mission in Israel, November 15 - 24, 2015. Offering up to 25 CME, with Israeli and American speakers, this was an informative and educational series.



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Calendar 2015/2016

December 21, 2015- January 1, 2016	Winter Recess
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 1 <i>5,</i> 2016	Memorial Day
March 3, 2016	Inaugural Dean's Lecture featuring Julie A. Freischlag, MD - Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine at UC Davis
May 18-20, 2016	Commencement
August 6, 2016	White Coat Ceremony
August 1, 2016	2016 Orientation begins
August 8, 2016	2016 First day of classes

Giving to the College of Podiatric Medicine **Your Financial Support is Vital**

The College of Podiatric Medicine at Western University began as many ideas are formulated; a scribble on a piece of paper. More often than not, an idea stops there. We went forward. And we're successful. And I ask you to support me in my journey to foster a new kind of model in podiatric education.

Our interprofessional education brings together students and faculty from our other doctoral programs thus our students are trained in a whole body approach to medicine. This training builds mutual respect with other medical disciplines and provides patients a DPM with a unique medical perspective.

I have had the privilege of working with many of you and training far more. You know my passion for our profession and I am translating that passion into my final great academic challenge. Will you support this challenge by supporting our students and give to our scholarship fund? You know how expensive education has become and recruiting top students is quite competitive when it comes to providing financial aid. I assure you, there is a tremendous need.

There are many ways to give including the "Giving" button on the www.westernu.edu homepage. The easiest way is to call our Director of Development, Amanda Behnke, at (909) 469-5525 and discuss options.

Thank you, friends!

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