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Mission Statement


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Vision

*The global leader of innovative and integrated
Podiatric Medical Education*

Values

*Embody a humanistic tradition that encompasses compassion,
humility, integrity, truth, quality and service*



Message from the Interim Dean

The Pioneering Classes of 2013-2016 Plus the Class of 2017

By Lester J. Jones, DPM, MS Ed



Interim Dean Lester J. Jones, DPM, MS Ed and wife, Viletta L. Jones.

establish this college to the Candidate Status Application and, finally, the initial Self-Study, our faith and determination has led to the college's full accreditation status. Our external partners provided the forum and resources to assure our commitment to quality education for all graduates of this institution.

To our entering Class of 2021, the road ahead may seem long and arduous. However, those who have successfully navigated the terrain will assure you that it passes like a flash of light or the blink of an eye. In the final analysis you, too, will be on your way, leaving your alma mater and making your way towards successful careers taking care of patients in the greater communities of this country.

Best wishes,

Lester J. Jones, DPM, MS Ed
Interim Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine
Western University of Health Sciences

In this edition of Stepping Forward we are pleased to welcome the Class of 2021 to the Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine family (WesternU CPM). Congratulations! After a joyful week of orientation culminating with the Convocation and White Coat Ceremony, you are now on your way to begin your course of studies leading to the degree, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, at the end of this four-year journey. Each of you will meet the Mission of WesternU CPM:

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Each passing year our alumni membership continues to grow. With the graduating classes of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and now 2017 entering postgraduate education, completing residencies and either entering fellowships, private practice or hospital-based employment opportunities, these achievements are all great accomplishments which serve as a tremendous source of pride for the faculty, staff and administration of WesternU CPM.

As each entering new class joins our family, our alumni, along with the faculty, staff and administration, will continue to be the foundation of our educational culture first established here at WesternU CPM in 2007. Moving from the Letter of Intent to



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Founding Dean Lawrence Harkless Retires

By Kathleen Satterfield, DPM, FACFAOM, MAPWCA

On June 30th Dr. Lawrence B. Harkless retired after over 40 years of teaching residents and students. The podiatric world knows about the public Dr. Harkless – a 30-year veteran of UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, the founding dean of Western University College of Podiatric Medicine and an international authority on the diabetic foot. What many do not know is what makes Harkless who he is. This is a tribute to the man who gave so much of himself to help others and the profession and how and why he became that person.

To know something about who Lawrence Harkless really is, you have to understand where he came from - Tatum, Texas, in the 1960s. When Harkless was a gangly high school senior, the little East Texas town boasted 542 souls on the census, and a fair number of them were named Harkless.

In those days three pillars kept life running in those parts: church, sports and farming. If a young man wasn't on the football field or sitting in church, chances are he was helping on the family farm. And if he was somewhere he *wasn't supposed to be*, pretty soon his parents would be hearing about that too. That summed up Harkless' life. "The adage that it takes a village to raise a child was true in Tatum," Harkless remembers. "Everyone cared for each other in all aspects of life - mind, body and soul." The landmark Supreme Court case, *Brown versus Board of Education*, decreed that the schools, even in Tatum, would be desegregated regardless of local intentions. It happened the year Harkless was a senior.

The previous year Harkless had attended the all-black high school in nearby Mayflower, where the football team had tied in the State Championships in the separate black league. Now, newly integrated and with tempers hot, the previously all-white high school had to decide who, from both teams, would play and in what positions.

"The coaches knew that if they let the white boy be quarterback there was no way they were going to win anything," Harkless remembers. The powers that be wouldn't, however, allow the winning Mayflower coaches to serve in their same capacity. They were now sidelined as assistants, as their winning students – led by Harkless as quarterback - took the field and led the team to a win



in the Class B Regional Championship game.

As an aside, years later the white quarterback whom Harkless displaced went on to become a high-ranking state attorney and he appointed his former classmate to a position on an important committee. In typical fashion, an adversary was turned into an advocate by Harkless' demeanor and respect for the individual.

Not many years before he entered that newly integrated high school, the innocence of life in Tatum changed immeasurably on an October night. When you hear the story it is almost impossible to fathom the changes Harkless has experienced in 50 years. That night, two well-connected white men, angry at how the blacks were gaining ground, decided to "make a raid."

The gunmen drove to Harkless' grandmother's house first. Mary Jane "Big Mama" Harkless Beckworth was a religious force to be reckoned with and every night she knelt at her bedside to pray. That night she was on her knees at the edge of her four-poster bed when the shots sprayed through the window. She was huddled down near the floor when she felt the thud of one of the bullets hitting the bedpost above her head.

From there the men fired at several other homes, and at the Mayflower School, on their way to a café, where 16-year-old John Earle Reese and his two female cousins were drinking soda pop and dancing to jukebox records. The gunmen said they drove by at 85 mph, with a gun laid across the car door, shooting nine shots blindly into the café where they struck Reese, who died the next morning in the hospital.

It is an incident that indelibly affected their entire family and the community. Everyone knew who had committed the crime. At first no charges were filed; that took an investigation by the Texas Rangers the following spring. In fact, that first night the sheriff, a relative of one of the shooters, took the victim's own grandmother into custody, charging her with trying to collect insurance money by killing the child she had raised herself.

The next day, when they realized there was no insurance, the sheriff released her and tried to gin up "confessions" from two African-American boys. That didn't stick either. Then nothing happened for months. The problem for the authorities was that the shooter and his accomplice were well-connected – they were close relatives of officials in law enforcement and the city judge.

Eventually they were arrested and brought to trial, with a jury of 12 white men deciding their fate. While jurors did bring back a guilty verdict for the main triggerman, the sentence was suspended. The district attorney had asked the jury to "Call it a bad day and let the boy go on in life." Several decades later, a group of law students from Boston's Northeastern University College of Law took up the case, researched it and the murder got the attention it should have received in 1955. The murderers were long deceased but the truth was finally told.

It was a story that was often told in the Harkless house, a cautionary tale of how things aren't always fair and how you have to be careful in life but you can't let others' beliefs stop you. Years later, in May 2012, in Boston, Harkless traveled from his daughter's graduation at Harvard Business School to the Northeastern Campus. There, he and his brother, Clifford Harkless, met the lawyer who had headed the investigation in Tatum. Events had come full circle. "I can't believe it," he said. "Look at how far things have come. It's a different world."

The journey that began living in a town where a murder was committed based on hatred for the color of one's skin to celebrating the graduation of his daughter from Harvard illustrated that "It's definitely a different world."

Another interesting marker of time? His brother Cliff would eventually become principal of the same high school where, for that first time in its history, black and white students learned together under the same roof all those decades before.

Harkless' life might have taken another route out of that East Texas Piney Woods town. Some of his brothers and cousins went into law enforcement and others into education.

But Harkless was the one at Big Mama's side and she had Type 2 Diabetes. "Go get me my insulin, baby. Big Mama had her a piece of pecan pie today and my sugar is high," he easily recollects her saying. It was likely that this early caregiver role made him think about becoming a doctor.

He uses those same values and curiosity now, dealing with students and residents. Recently he was going over a photo roster of students, and, pointing to one who had some academic problems, he said "Now that young man is smart, I mean really smart. But you know he thinks it is him against the world. He needs to get in there with his classmates and study with them. Together they will help each other." Ending with his trademark closer, "If you know what I mean in that regard."

But he didn't just get out of the student that he studied alone most



days. Harkless knew where he grew up, what kind of relationship he had with his family, what was important to them. Now Harkless could offer up his unique prescription for getting the best out of the young man. He is still providing the village approach to every student. Anyone who has spent time with him knows the values that he learned from growing up in East Texas.

It's a bit unsettling to hear that Tatum is now considered a bedroom community for a half dozen larger surrounding towns. Three hundred thousand dollar McMansions easily sell there to get families out of the uncertainty of the bigger cities. The schools still earn blue ribbon status and the rich bottom land that grows pecans so well is being turned into subdivisions for the commuters. And the ratio of people to churches is still pretty good: 1,385 people and 9 churches.

Big Mama did not live in any mini-mansion nor did her children and grandchildren after her but the family was strong, the schools excellent and there were enough churches to save the souls of every one of the 542 citizens. You couldn't go wrong with that combination.

Once you understand Tatum and that seminal era, you can begin to understand Harkless. The classic story for this author goes like this:

We were walking through the cavernous rotunda at the Texas State Capitol one day, on our way to visit a legislator about the possibility of funding a podiatry school in the state. We hear a distant voice, echoing through the expanse of marble and granite, "Harkless!" We look up to see an entourage, television cameras rolling, and a bespoke-suited man leading them, arms extended to embrace Harkless in a bear hug.

"How are the kids?" each man asked the other, catching up quickly before each went on his way.

"Who in the world was that," I asked.

"United States Congressman Charlie Gonzalez!" he exclaimed before launching into the provenance of their friendship, one that extended through several generations of their families. His father, the late Henry B. Gonzalez, had served in the same congressional district before him, their service totaling 52 consecutive years.

The very next week we were at a national conference in Boston, walking through the lobby of the Marriott Copley Place when yet another voice boomed out, "Harkless!"

I looked up to see an older African-American man, standing at his shoe shine stand, with a rag in his hand. Both men embraced, and each asked the other how their children were doing. I remember Harkless asking the man, "Did your daughter, Mary, get into the college she was trying for?" and being genuinely overjoyed to hear of her success.

As we walked away a few minutes later, I was shaking my head in disbelief. Last week it was a US Congressman and this week a shoe shine guy in a city far from our home state. I tell that story often to people meeting him for the first time because that story embodies who Harkless is. He is genuinely interested in people, all people.

There is no admission cost to his friendship except maybe service. "Service is the price we pay for the space we occupy in life," he often says, part challenge and part reminder.

It would be an incomplete story about Harkless' life without giving credit and honor to his patient and supportive wife, Gerri Butler Harkless, and their children, Erin Harkless Moore and Bernard Harkless, now with children of their own. The legacy continues. ■

In collaboration with the LA County + USC Medical Center Foundation, CPM received a \$50,000 grant to develop the implementation plan for a Limb Preservation Center at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Edward R. Roybal Health Center. The plan addresses the implementation and sustainable operations of a leading Limb Preservation Center to prevent the excessive and costly lower extremity amputations that plague the vulnerable populations in the communities around the Roybal Center. This project is funded in part by L.A. Care Health Plan to improve community and public health in Los Angeles County.



Lester J. Jones, DPM, MS Ed To Serve As CPM Interim Dean

By Aksone Nouvong, DPM

On July 1, 2017 Dr. Lester J. Jones took the helm as Interim Dean for the College of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Jones joined the Western University faculty family on September 1, 2007 as Executive Associate Dean. Having served as faculty at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA since 1998, he also holds the title of Chief of the Division of Podiatric Surgery at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center in the San Fernando Valley. He also served as Head of the Division of Podiatric Surgery at the VA Greater Los Angeles until he was recruited by Western University, CPM. Dr. Jones was selected to be the Associate Chief of Staff for the Quality Assurance program for the medical center.

While at the VA Greater Los Angeles, Dr. Jones was responsible for the oversight of the residency program and became the residency director in 1999. He transformed the program from a stand-alone program to a comprehensive program, adding Olive View-UCLA Medical Center as one of the training centers. The program evolved to become one of the primary sites for foot and ankle trauma education. The dedication required in developing this new program was noteworthy. Dr. Jones assembled a team of podiatric surgeons to be able to care for patients from acute fractures to hospitalized patients with severe infections. The team needed to be available on-call 24/7. In addition to all of his administrative duties, he rotated calls with the rest of the team. This is a true sign of dedication and being a team player.

Prior to his position at the VA, he served as Professor of Podiatric Medicine and Biomechanics at the California College of Podiatric Medicine for a total of seventeen years. Dr. Jones has a long history of academic oversight, having served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at California College where he additionally served as Director of Podiatric Medical Education prior to coming to Los Angeles.

Dr. Jones is a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine where he served on the Board of Directors between 1993 and 1999 and elected president from 1998-1999. He was a member of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners, also serving as president from 1998-1999. Dr. Jones has



served as a member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education from 1990-1996 where he also served as chair of many committees. His commitment to education is evident by his continued involvement with the American Board of Podiatric Medicine where he served to chair many committees and was the president from 2010-2012.

His academic interests include his involvement from the student level to residents to his fellow colleagues as he is committed to help writing board questions for the different board exam committees. While in clinic with the students and residents, he can be heard reviewing one of his favorite topics, biomechanics. He is able to provide an overview of biomechanics in a way that students and residents can retain.

Throughout his career, Dr. Jones has been active in organized podiatric medicine, surgery and biomechanics, including service on many hospital, local, state and national committees. He has received numerous honors and awards, including the Heather Barton Award for Education by the Alumni and Associates of the California

College of Podiatric Medicine.

During his time at Western University, Dr. Jones has been the behind-the-scenes go-to person for the pre-clinical and clinical team. His leadership to modify the curriculum to meet the needs of the students, faculty, WesternU, and California Initiative's vision and mission should be commended. His knowledge of the CPME guidelines has helped secure CPM's success in our accreditation.

In the past several years, while serving as the Associate Dean of CPM, he has led the team to establish relationships with the county hospitals in the entire Los Angeles basin.

In looking back at his entire career, it's no wonder it's hard to find Dr. Jones sitting in any office or location. His strengths are sought by the hospital and WU. He continues to serve on many committees to improve the outcome of students, faculty and WesternU CPM.

Those who have been fortunate enough to work with him closely can only say what an incredible team player and great "boss" he is to work for. His approach is unique

in that he puts trust in his team and only asks that we do things that will improve the overall outcome of the students, staff and faculty. A quote that is often associated with Dr. Jones is, "I would not ask my team to do something that I would not be willing to do myself" and "I am only successful if I build a successful team." He is the unsung hero that needs to be revealed.

As he transitions into his Dean's role, students, staff and faculty will come to finally meet the man that the few of us have truly come to admire. The best way to get to know how much Dr. Jones looks out for everyone is to sit down with him for just a few minutes. Any doubt of what his intentions are will be removed.

Like his lifelong friend Dean Emeritus Lawrence Harkless, Dr. Jones is very proud of the development of Western University's College of Podiatric Medicine, and sees the best days as yet to come for the College of Podiatric Medicine.

Dr. Jones has been married for 47 years to Viletta L. Jones. He has two children, Lester J. Jones, III (Joey) and Erika Christine Jones (Riki). ■

FACULTY ACCOLADES

Lawrence B. Harkless, DPM

Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus

Lester J. Jones, DPM, MS Ed

Interim Dean, Executive Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, Professor

Kathleen Satterfield, DPM

Associate Dean, Pre-Clinical Curriculum and Outcomes Assessment, Professor

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Congratulations, Dr. Rebecca Moellmer!



The College of Podiatric Medicine is extremely proud of you and your distinguished year of service as President of the California Podiatric Medical Association. Well done!



David Shofler, DPM, MSHS's manuscript, "Fourth-year podiatric medical student perspectives on clerkships and residency selection" was selected for publication in the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association (JAPMA).



Dean's Distinguished Lecture 2017



On March 30th Dr. Michael V. Drake was featured as the keynote speaker at WesternU CPM's Distinguished Speakers Series. In his address, "Higher Education, Health Care and the Future of America", Dr. Drake addressed the concepts of value and quality in both higher education and medicine. He stressed the need for the university and medical fields to increase community engagement while advancing inclusive excellence and diversity.

Michael V. Drake, MD, President of the Ohio State University

Dr. Drake pointed out that the medical field has long taken the "reasonable standard" view of data analysis from a diverse population to determine what standards and practices are most effective and then implement them. He proposed that the same standard should be applied to education. Dr. Drake stated, "I'm convinced most of us could teach better, and it's for good, a good cause in both areas. Health care and higher education are a societal good. Health care and education have value that is nearly infinite."

A reception was held prior to the lecture and was well-attended by faculty, staff, students and local health care and political professionals in the Southern California area.

- by Margaret Billard



Drs. Harkless and Jones with event sponsor, Dr. David Nicolanti, President of the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine Foundation (OCPMF)



CPM's New Biomechanical Lab

It has been a productive six months in our new Podiatric Orthotic Lab!

Setting up a lab is almost impossible to do alone. It took the efforts of our dedicated staff in logistics and ordering to be ready for the 2017 starting date of the instructional lab. I'd like to acknowledge Dr. Satterfield, Dr. Jones, Vy, Margaret, Grace, Alyssa and Adrian in the Dental Lab who have helped me so much.



We have the capacity for teaching about and producing accurate foot orthotics. Hopefully we will bolster and confirm the mechanical principles learned in class and out on rotations. We are able to fabricate many different types of orthotics in our very well equipped lab! Teaching will also include how to effectively cast feet for fabricating orthotics. We will also learn how to evaluate orthotics from outside sources. If college faculty have orthotics, please feel free to have an evaluation; it helps me teach some very important principles.

Please feel free to contact me for a tour and explanation of our supplies and machinery. -- Arnold Ross, DPM





CPM Dinner Dance 2017



A Celebration to Remember

Having founded the College of Podiatric Medicine in 2007, Dr. Lawrence Harkless was feted for his groundbreaking and innovative contributions to the field of Podiatric Medicine, his labors in helping Western University grow and his dedication to the students whose lives he has impacted. Family, colleagues, friends and professional acquaintances all came to celebrate the man who has helped grow the study and practice of limb salvage and diabetic intervention.



Dr. Lester Jones shared their mutual history, reflecting on the long and fruitful journey he and his friend of nearly 50 years have shared. Dr. Harkless' wife, Gerry, and son, Bernard, gave heartfelt testimony of the lifelong experience of being a part of Dr. Harkless' life and work. Several students spoke of the high regard in which they hold Dr. Harkless, and how he has been an inspiration in their personal lives, far beyond being an excellent academic teacher.

Dr. Harkless will continue to work with Western University in a Founding Dean and Professor Emeritus status, focusing on career awareness, student recruitment and furthering the research and development in diabetic research and treatment paradigms at the College and in the field of podiatry. He and Miss Gerry will "retire" to their home state of Texas, where Dr. Harkless will also continue his work to increase residency programs in both states, as well as nation- and worldwide. ■

- by Margaret Billard





CPM Inaugural Class of 2013: Graduate Survey Results

The first twenty-three graduates from CPM, the Class of 2013, recently finished their residencies and fellowships, and are now starting to enjoy the rewards of their hard work. They told us how they reflect upon their time at WesternU, and of their successes in a recent survey. There was an 87% response rate.

94.5% would choose to attend WesternU CPM again given the option

100% said they rate the overall quality of their educational experience as very good

90% of the alumni felt that the WesternU style of education – interprofessional, physician-level medical school – gave them an advantage in their residency over students from traditional podiatric medical schools



They are working in a variety of settings – practices with fellow DPMs, those with multi-specialty groups, at hospitals and in academia

Working with the underserved:

26.3% work in rural areas

21.1% give service to underserved populations

52.6% are looking for opportunities to serve the needy

77% have done health fairs

11.1% have done medical missions abroad

They are earning an average of **\$155,000** in their first year on the job

Seven completed fellowships for advanced training in reconstructive surgery, sports medicine and minimally invasive reconstruction

We are proud of our graduates!



Snapshot - CPM's 2017 Grads

By Margaret Billard



Laura Poindexter, who graduated with Highest Honors in the Class of 2017, will be practicing in a three-year residency at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. She fulfilled her externship at the VA in Madison, Wisconsin, Swedish Hospital in Seattle, Washington, Kaiser in San Francisco, Legacy in Portland, Oregon, Mt. Auburn in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Yale New Haven Hospital and MedStar in Washington, D.C.



Asked about the highlight of her externship, Laura shared that “helping floor interns” was something she enjoyed and learned a lot from. “We got a consult in the ER with a heel wound. The patient had a broken ankle and two foot wounds he was unaware of. He had a prior amputation on the other leg.” Laura felt this was “an interesting case because it was complex, and being able to be the first person to work this up was challenging and exciting.”

Laura’s plans for the future include possibly working in academia and research capacities. She has a heart to “have a job somewhere rural and underserved.”

While at WUCPM, she felt that doing training with the DO students for the first two years was invaluable. She said the training allowed her to have a strong “camaraderie with other third- and fourth-year medical students on rotations because we were on equal footing because our education was so integrated. We can fit into any service. We’re medical in training.”

CPM students know Laura as a smart and serious student, but one thing Laura enjoyed recently was shaking up her friends during Lady Gaga’s Super Bowl halftime show by jumping up and performing along with the singer with gusto at the Super Bowl Party!

Israel Santander will be undertaking his three-year residency at MedStar in Washington, D.C. in July, 2017. "I had an excellent interview there for my externship, the program is well-known for working with people with diabetes, and is at the forefront of PM," Israel said. He externed at seven locations including Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles, Chino Valley Hospital Medical Center, St. Elizabeth in Boston and Mt. Auburn in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Memorial Hospital in Rhode Island, St. Francis in Connecticut and Morristown, New Jersey.



When preparing for his externship interviews he said he did "a lot of preparation for concept application in order to make sure I could demonstrate a solid knowledge base that would allow me to care for patients. I had 15 interviews over a six-day period. It was a roller coaster of emotions. First day I was nervous, but settled down by the end. However, the next day I would be nervous all over again! The entire process was actually very exciting," Israel shared.

Israel said the thing he treasured most about his time at WUCPM was the integration with other colleges for some of the classes. It allowed him to network and build friendships, personal and professional, with those going into other branches of medicine.

During my interview with Israel, he shared that he's a lifelong learner, and he didn't learn to speak English until he was eleven years old, a fact which he thought might surprise his peers.





Brittany Staples will be going to a three-year residency program at DePaul Health Center, affiliated with the SSM Health Group in St. Louis, Missouri. She had served part of her externship at DePaul, as well as Banner Health at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Cedars-Sinai and White Memorial in Los Angeles, St. Mary's in Evansville, Indiana and the VA in Loma Linda, California, as well as the VA in Denver. Brittany shared that the highlight of her externship experiences was assisting in a below-the-knee amputation with the vascular surgery team at White Memorial. "It was amazing!" Brittany declared. She also was impressed with the level of expertise and ability at St. Mary's in Indiana. "There was a crush injury (from a tractor having fallen on the patient's foot), and they managed to save it. I was shocked, since the damage was so immense. Their ability to save limbs thought to be lost is astonishing to me."

During her time at WesternU CPM one of Brittany's favorite experiences was serving on the Executive SGA as President, and participating in the Santa's Workshop event. "It was the most incredible event I've ever been a part of," Brittany shared with me. "We provided Christmas presents to over 200 foster children in the LA County Foster System. That was truly something spectacular!"

Brittany's plans for the future include being part of a limb salvage team. She had experience working with a limb salvage team at the University of Colorado Hospital prior to beginning at Western, and stated, "I want to be a part of something larger and impactful, such as limb salvage." Aside from being a bright and promising clinician, Brittany is also an accomplished linguist, being fluent in Hebrew, French and English.



George Alvarado will be doing a three-year residency at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Lorain, Ohio. He spent his externship at MedStar/Georgetown in Washington, D.C. George worked for 5 months of his fourth year at MedStar/Georgetown which included spending one month at Georgetown working in limb salvage with Dr. Steinberg, Director of Podiatry Residency at MedStar.

He stated that a highlight of his externship was working alongside Georgetown medical students with parity at MedStar. George explained, "I've been grateful on many occasions for having my education at WesternU CPM. During my time here in D.C., the internal and emergency medicine rotations, the residents and physicians have been very impressed with the level of training we receive at WesternU."

George enjoys reading, playing the guitar, combat sports, and learning about other cultures. "Something my classmates may not know about me: I was learning auto body repair and welding in high school thinking that I would never go to college."



CPM alumna Dr. Himani Patel, Class of 2016, is currently in the second year of her podiatric medical and surgical residency program at Baylor Scott and White Health program in Texas. Himani has become the first podiatric resident to be accepted into the longitudinal academic research writing program there. Residency director Dr. Douglas P. Murdoch said of Dr. Patel, "She has shown exceptional initiative and desire to learn."

NEW FACES AT CPM



Denten Eldredge, DPM

Denten Eldredge, DPM, FACFAS, is joining our Podiatric Surgery and Biomechanics Departments at Western University. He graduated from California College of Podiatric Medicine in 2005 and completed St. Mary's surgical residency in San Francisco. For the last nine years, he has been working at Samuel Merit University as an Assistant Professor in their Podiatric Medicine Department overseeing second-, third- and fourth-year students during their clinical rotations at Highland Hospital in Oakland as well as running his private practice in Vallejo, California. His love of teaching has brought him to Western University of Health Sciences, College of Podiatric Medicine and he looks forward to bringing the urgency to learn to our students.



Renata Lopes

Renata Lopes was born and raised in Fortaleza, a city in northeastern Brazil, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Communications. She also holds a postgraduate degree in business administration. She met her husband, Elton Vasconcelos, in Fortaleza in 2001 and they married in 2011. Her husband has a PhD in Molecular Biology and is currently involved in a study being done at WesternU. Renata came to WesternU CPM as a temp assistant in the Student Affairs Department at the end of the 2017 academic year. She's really enjoyed her work here, and has found everyone in the department to be friendly, helpful and accepting. Renata and her husband plan on staying at WesternU for at least the next year as her husband helps to complete the study on parasitic disease.

2017 CPM STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

By David Shofler, DPM

This summer, 18 CPM students participated in the Summer Student Research Fellowship program. This University-wide program gives students an opportunity to pursue a research project of their choosing. Students receive a stipend for their time, and either choose to develop their own research study or help with an existing project. An academic presentation on their topic is a requirement, and projects often develop into journal publications or conference poster presentations. Typically, students participate in the program between their first and second years.

This summer, students participated in a wide range of projects. David Hyer and Sammy Xian conducted research assessing the socioeconomic and nutritional factors affecting Hispanic diabetic patients in the county hospital setting. Kunal Bhan and Kase Rattey evaluated how well podiatric physicians classify the flatfoot deformity during preoperative planning. Emily Shibata and Eric Duffin developed and assessed a new method of assessing podiatric surgical residents. Anne He and Tzu Lu (Lily) Lin authored, distributed and analyzed a nationwide residency survey on non-podiatric residency rotations. Hans Humrick and Artin Shakhbandaryan gathered and analyzed data assessing the limitations of using ad-hoc translators during patient care. Karanjot Kaur and Elizabeth Oh analyzed data and conducted focus groups assessing the mental health of podiatric medicine students. Shazeb Rizvi and Saman Tabari performed a systematic review and meta-analysis on the use of antibiotics for osteomyelitis. Bryanna Vesely and Tyler Rodericks designed and conducted focus groups to qualitatively evaluate factors related to dance injuries. Omead Barari and Mario Reyes assisted in developing an index model to predict reamputations in diabetic patients.

PROJECT	STUDENTS	FACULTY
Development of a Scoring System to Predict Readmissions following Lower Extremity Amputation	Mario Reyes, Omead Barari	Labovitz
Assessing the Reliability and Reproducibility of Determining Planal Dominance for Pes Planovalgus	Kunal Bhan, Kase Rattey	Christman
Resident and Program Director Perspectives on Non-Podiatric Rotation Experiences	Anne He, Tzu Lu Lin	Satterfield
Limitations of Ad Hoc Interpreters on Patient Understanding and Compliance in Diabetic Foot Care	Hans Humrick, Artin Shakhbandaryan, Dana Brems	Green
Incidence of Depression among Students of Podiatric Medicine	Karanjot Kaur, Elizabeth Oh	Shofler, D'Amico
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RESEARCH UPDATE

CPM was well represented at the ACFAS annual conference with 20 posters and abstracts presented.

2017 ACFAS Annual Conference Poster Competition 1st Place

Alumnus **Eric Shi, DPM**, and his colleagues placed 1st in the poster competition for their poster "Outcomes of Wound Healing and Limb Loss After Transmetatarsal Amputation in the Presence of Peripheral Vascular Disease."

2017 ACFAS Annual Conference Oral Abstract Competition

Alumni **Brett Waverly, DPM**, and **Craig Udall, DPM**, won 1st and 3rd place respectively. Dr. Waverly presented "Does Second Metatarsal Length Correlate with Plantar Pressure Measurements Beneath the Second Metatarsophalangeal Joint During Walking?" and Dr. Udall presented his study, "Diabetes is Not Significantly Associated with an Increased Risk of Venous Thromboembolism After Foot and Ankle Surgery: A Retrospective Study Review of 5,216 Patients."

Congratulations to **Marcela Orellano** who will present her study, "Limitations of Ad Hoc Interpreters on Patient Understanding and Compliance in Diabetic Foot Care" in the oral abstract presentation session at APHA 2017 Annual Meeting in November 2017. This study was a collaborative effort by Marcela, fellow students **Hans Humrick, Artin Shakhbandryan and Dana Brems** and faculty members **Drs. Janelle Green and David Shofler**.



Congratulations to our students, alumni and faculty for their exceptional work.

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Ragothaman K, Pham KT, Changizi A, Walters C, Shirali S, Nava V.	Case Report: Tibial Nerve Schwannoma Excision and Application of Nerve Protector to Prevent Postoperative Neurological Complication.	Poster	
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Preston N, Black TE, Thomas R.	Reconstruction of a Traumatic Partial 1st Ray Amputation with the Use of an Induced Pseudosynovial Membrane and Autologous Cortico-Cancellous Autograft: A Case Report.	Poster	
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Hong P, Rivello G, Green D.	Malignant Melanoma Management and Long-Term Follow-Up in 5 Patients.	Poster	
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STUDENT/FACULTY RESEARCH PROJECTS

Title	Student	Faculty
Assessing the Reliability and Reproducibility of Determining Planal Dominance for Pes Planovalgus	Kunal Bhan, Kase Rattey	Christman, Shofler
The Reliability and Reproducibility of Tailor's Bunion Angles	Johnny Huang, Bryon McKenna	Christman, Shofler
Incidence of Depression among Students of Podiatric Medicine	Peyman Danesh, Elizabeth Oh, Karnjot Kaur	D'Amico, Shofler
Limitations of Ad Hoc Interpreters on Patient Understanding and Compliance in Diabetic Foot Care	Hans Humrick, Artin Shakhbandaryan, Marcela Orellano, Dana Brems	Green, Shofler
Impact of BMI on reoperation and readmission	Ana Emirzian	Labovitz
Impact of Podiatric Medical Residency training on Cost and LOS on the Diabetic Foot	Kale Meeks	Labovitz
Impact of behavioral health on costs and length of stay on the diabetic foot	Zachary Gustin	Labovitz
Development of an Index Model to Predict Reamputation or Readmission in Diabetic Patients	Mario Reyes, Omead Barari	Labovitz
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Resident and Program Director Perspectives on Non-Podiatric Rotation Experiences	Anne He, Tzu Lu Lin	Satterfield, Chuang, Shofler
Developing a Direct Assessment Tool for Residents of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery	Eric Duffin, Emily Shibata	Shapiro, Shofler
Investigating the Use of Jublia Among a Diabetic Patient Cohort	Ricardo Navarrete, Jr., Rohan Thamby	Shofler
The Role of Denosumab for Acute Neuroarthropathy: a Pilot study	Jeffrey Sanker, Quinton Wong	Shofler
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SPD/Autism Gait Vision Balance	Trevor Takeyama, Mitchell Lee, Aleena Resendez	Truong

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**Congratulations,
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Congratulations, Class of 2017!

- by Margaret Billard



WesternU CPM held their 8th commencement ceremony at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on May 17th with keynote speaker, Mr. William E. Simon, Jr. It was a day of bittersweet joy as this was the last graduating class to have Dr. Harkless as Dean.

In his final speech to the Class of 2017, Dr. Harkless' charge to the graduates was:

"Finally we must all remember to give and to share because we are all instruments made by God to help others. As I watch one season come to an end, I welcome the beginning of a beautiful new season and the journey ahead. Wherever you are in your life, don't be afraid to try new paths. I'm sure our paths will cross again."



Residency Match for Class of 2017

Last Name	First Name	PROGRAM	City, State
Abraham	Rahul	Detroit Medical Center	Detroit, MI
Adamski	Joshua N	DVA - Lebanon	Lebanon, PA
Alvarado	George	Mercy Health Regional Medical Center	Lorain, OH
Anderson	James D	DVA - Phoenix (Carl T. Hayden)	Phoenix, AZ
Ball	Christian E	DVA - Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
Cornejo	Adam	DVA - New Mexico Healthcare System	Albuquerque, NM
Crafton	Jordan W	Mount Auburn Hospital	Cambridge, MA
Dekeyan	Nshan	DVA - Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System	Los Angeles, CA
Fillerup	Casey	White Memorial Medical Center	Los Angeles, CA
Foroudi	Farhad	Chestnut Hill Hospital	Philadelphia, PA
Hernandez	Eduardo A	Scott & White Memorial Hospital	Temple, TX
Jay	Sharon	Jewish Hospital	Cincinnati, OH
Kamel	Benjamin M	Chino Valley Medical Center	Chino, CA
Keshishyan	Samvel H	Geisinger Community	Scranton, PA
Kim	Daniel	Detroit Medical Center	Detroit, MI
Lagiseti	Rishika	Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara	Santa Clara, CA
Lee	Caitlyn	Dekalb Medical Center	Decatur, GA
Lee	Jisun J	DVA - Palo Alto Healthcare System	Palo Alto, CA
Lifferth	Greg	Maricopa Medical Center	Phoenix, AZ
Lister	Alexander	DVA - Palo Alto Healthcare System	Palo Alto, CA
Lowry	Russell	- applying for research position in DVA - Phoenix -	—
Lyons	Josephine	Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Milwaukee	Milwaukee, WI
McKay	Colin	Ochsner Clinic Foundation	New Orleans, LA
Nalbandian	Gina	Steward - St. Elizabeth's Medical Center	Brighton, MA
Panchal	Nikul M	Hackensack UMC - Palisades	North Bergen, NJ
Perry	Diana M	Englewood Hospital and Medical Center	Englewood, NJ
Poindexter	Laura J	Yale New Haven Hospital	New Haven, CT
Santander	Israel	MedStar Washington Hospital Center	Washington, DC
Schmidhuber	Tyson	DVA - Illiana Healthcare System	Danville, IL
Shah	Riddhi	Pinnacle Health Hospitals	Harrisburg, PA
Sheikhzadeh	Bijan	Kingwood Medical Center	Houston, TX
Stach	Peter	DVA - So AZ Healthcare System	Tucson, AZ
Staples	Brittany	DePaul Health Center	Bridgeton, MO
Varderessian	Noubar	Geisinger Community	Scranton, PA
Yang	Andrew	Highlands/Presbyterian St. Luke's	Denver, CO

June 2017

Podiatric Services Could Reduce Costs of Treating Diabetes Complications in California by \$97 Million

Jonathan Labovitz, DPM; Gerald Kominski, PhD; James Godwin, BA

SUMMARY: Diabetes affects nearly 1 of every 10 Californians.¹ A serious side effect of the disease is foot ulcers, which significantly increase a patient's risk of amputation and death. They can be difficult and expensive to treat, and a majority of people with diabetes in the United States do not receive clinically recommended foot health screenings or access to podiatric care. In California, Medi-Cal designates podiatric services as optional, limiting access to the complete care spectrum for diabetic beneficiaries. This policy brief uses Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) discharge data to project total California expenditures related to lower extremity complications. It is estimated

that California spent up to \$565 million in 2014 on diabetic foot ulcers and related care. These costs are expected to rise as California's population ages. We project that podiatric care reduced California's costs of care in 2014 by between \$29 million and \$97 million, despite a minority of diabetic patients having received treatment. If a larger percentage of California's diabetic population received similar care, costs could be reduced much further. With the fate of the Affordable Care Act in limbo, lack of treatment for those enrolled on Medi-Cal or Covered California plans could lead to more hospital admissions and rising costs for the state of California.

THE UCLA CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research published a June 2017 health policy brief in collaboration with Dr. Jonathan Labovitz, Assistant Dean for Clinical Education, showing podiatric services could save California nearly \$100 million annually.

Reference: Labovitz J, Kominski G, Godwin J. Podiatric Services Could Reduce Costs of Treating Diabetes Complications in California by \$97 Million. 2017. UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. Policy Brief PB2017-5.



WesternU College of Podiatric Medicine & Riverside University Health System Partner To Provide Ambulatory Clinic

Following the agreement to begin a full-time podiatric service at Riverside University Health System (RUHS), CPM has continued to develop the ambulatory clinic at the Medical Center to provide medical and surgical care to low-income and indigent patients. To further the desire of RUHS and CPM to care for this vulnerable populations, future plans involve expanding podiatric care into the 10 federally qualified health centers within the RUHS system.



At the intersection of where academic excellence, interprofessional education and innovative curriculum meet to train the podiatric physicians and surgeons of tomorrow, WesternU's College of Podiatric Medicine and the Foot & Ankle Center are committed to serving the community through education and quality Podiatric Medical care. WesternU CPM and RUHS are working together to meet the growing need for podiatric physicians to serve a population that is aging and often suffers from diabetes and arthritis in order to keep California and America walking!

CPM Important Dates to Remember 2017-2018

August 7-11
Welcome Week

August 11
Residency Fair

August 12
Convocation/White Coat

November 15
Friendsgiving Lunch

December 8
Holiday Party

March 14
Honors Day

May 23
Commencement



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