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A photograph of two military medics in a desert environment. The medic on the left is standing, wearing a red baseball cap, sunglasses, and a light-colored camouflage uniform. The medic on the right is sitting on the edge of a vehicle, wearing a white head covering, sunglasses, and a light-colored camouflage uniform. In the background, there are yellow military trucks and a clear blue sky.

Barry PA Student
Deployed for Medic Duty
in Middle East

message from the EDITOR



Institute for Community Health and Minority Medicine

New Developments from the Division of Medicine

MEDexpress readers, friends, staff, alumni, and students of the Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences, I am pleased to report to you several exciting new developments at the School for the 2006-2007 academic year. You, no doubt, noticed the title change on the cover of this issue to the Division of Medicine!! President, Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, recently announced the establishment of the Barry University Division of Medicine, which now includes the School of Graduate Medical Sciences and the School of Podiatric Medicine.

Back in 1997, when Dr. Chet Evans announced the establishment of the School of Graduate Medical Sciences (SGMS), which served as the academic umbrella for the Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Program and the Physician Assistant Program, many in the podiatric profession were alarmed at this change. However, many of the other schools of podiatric medicine followed suit and affiliated with a comprehensive university to provide shared resources and student recruitment capabilities.

Now with the establishment of the Division of Medicine, the School of Podiatric Medicine, whose graduates are among the best in the nation,

will once again continue its fine tradition of educating caring podiatric physicians. Dr. Evans, the vice president for medical affairs, will serve as dean of the School.

The School of Graduate Medical Sciences will be the focal point for all other graduate medical science programs at Barry including the Physician Assistant Program, the Professional Master of Public Health, the Master of Anatomy, the Institute for Community Health and Minority Medicine, the Department of Basic Medical Sciences, and other newly planned graduate degrees in the medical sciences. A new dean, yet to be appointed will oversee the expanding School of Graduate Medical Sciences including the establishment of the public health program in Orlando and St. Petersburg, the development of other cooperative programs with other schools at Barry University, including dual degrees of the Master of Social Work/Master of Public Health (MSW/MPH) and the Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Public Health (MSN/MPH), among other innovative health professional degree programs.

The Division of Medicine will be moving into a new facility that is under construction on

the west side of Barry's campus in Miami Shores. The facility will share its classroom space with Barry University's School of Nursing, which offers undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degree programs. By December 2007, Barry University will have an inspiring new mini-medical campus which will be the educational, research, and service center for a new generation of health professionals trained to care for the health of our nation's patient population.

If you are interested in more information about the Barry University Division of Medicine and its programs, please contact Marc Weiner, assistant dean for admissions and marketing at 305-899-3130 or you can email to mweiner@mail.barry.edu.

Be sure to come by the campus and see for yourself what great things we have in store for the future!!

Sincerely,

Bob McKinlay, MPS
Editor, MEDexpress



ATTENTION ALUMNI!!!!

The MEDexpress newsletter is dedicating a special feature page called "Class Notes" for news items from alumni. Keep your classmates informed about you:

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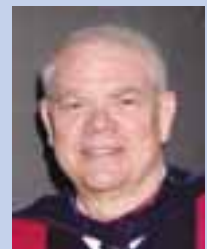
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Who's on the cover: Technical sergeant, T. Harvey Greene, III, U.S. Air National Guard, with a Middle East security force member

Barry Community Mourns the Loss of Dr. J. Patrick Lee

Dr. Joseph Patrick Lee, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Barry University, passed away on Saturday, July 29, at the age of 63. Several hundred individuals attended a special Mass of the Resurrection in his honor in Cor Jesu Chapel on Aug. 3. Attendees comprised of family, friends and members of the Barry community, celebrated Dr. Lee's life and contributions.



An internationally recognized and respected scholar and lecturer, Dr. Lee had been a member of the Barry University community since 1981 when he was named vice president for academic affairs. As its chief academic officer, Dr. Lee was an integral part of Barry University growing from a small college of just under 2,000 students to today's institution of more than 9,200 students.

A scholarship in Dr. Lee's name will be implemented for international students attending Barry University who have significant financial need. For more information or contributions to the *J. Patrick Lee Scholarship for International Students* please contact Debbie Bonaminio at ext. 4093.

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program interview



Doreen C. Parkhurst, MD, FACEP

Issues of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse: The Role of the PA

Domestic violence and child abuse is more prevalent than ever before, with more than twelve percent of adult women currently experiencing physical abuse. Over one-third of families experiencing partner violence also have child abuse in the home as well. The editor spoke with Dr. Doreen C. Parkhurst, assistant dean and director of the Barry University Physician Assistant Program about the seriousness of family violence and the role of the PA in identifying and managing family abuse.

EDITOR: How extensive a problem is intimate partner violence and child abuse?

DR. PARKHURST: Intimate partner violence, child, and elder abuse are becoming increasingly recognized as a major problem in our society. It is believed that events related to abuse are still under-reported and under-recognized.

EDITOR: How can PAs help identify physical or emotional abuse?

DR. PARKHURST: PAs are taught to recognize the signs and symptoms of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. They also learn patterns typical of inflicted injuries. They learn to have a high level of suspicion for any injury that does not fit the patient history.

EDITOR: Is there a screening tool or documenting device that can be used to record abuses?

DR. PARKHURST: PAs learn that they must document the history by quoting the actual words of the victims. Their medical records should be clear, legible, and complete, as they may be called to testify at a future time. Diagrams or photographs of injuries are most helpful when that time arrives.

EDITOR: Are health care providers required by law to report abuse?

DR. PARKHURST: The laws vary from state to state. In Florida, practitioners are mandated to report suspected child or elder abuse and life-threatening injuries that result from instances of domestic violence. Florida also mandates reporting of violent injury such as from knives or other weapons.

EDITOR: How do you care for the victim, whether partner or child?

DR. PARKHURST: Compassionately, patiently, and gently. It is very important to

interview them without the suspected perpetrator present. Victims may fear escalation of the abuse if they divulge the information to anyone. There is some evidence that battered women who seek protection may suffer retaliatory injuries, including fatal injury.

EDITOR: What can be done to manage the abuse or to develop a safety plan for the victim?

DR. PARKHURST: There are many shelters available for victims. There are victim service agencies and community liaisons that can assist with shelter, counseling, and other needs. Police and the courts can offer some intervention. In general, a victim should not be discharged from the hospital until they have a verified safe location to go to. Children are removed from their homes and placed in foster care when protective service agencies have deemed their homes dangerous to them.

There are parenting classes, anger management classes, and other interventions offered in some communities to perpetrators. It is my impression, however, that there is a very high rate of recidivism.

EDITOR: How often is family violence recognized by health care providers?

DR. PARKHURST: I believe that it is under-recognized. I suspect that, even when it is recognized, it is under-reported, particularly intimate partner violence when victims are reluctant to report it for fear of escalation. Even when abuse, or suspected abuse, is reported, the state is so burdened with investigations there may not always be an appropriate outcome.

EDITOR: What resources are there in the community to combat family violence and aid victims?

DR. PARKHURST: There are many agencies to help victims. Family violence often results from alcohol and drug abuse or dependence. Interventions aimed at alcohol and drug rehabilitation may be helpful.

EDITOR: Is family violence and recognizing it taught in the Barry PA curriculum?

DR. PARKHURST: Yes it is. Students are taught to recognize symptoms of family violence as well as how to deal with violence in the workplace and aggressive patients who threaten the lives of the health care workers and other patients.

EDITOR: Do Barry PA students have any service learning experiences in domestic violence or battered women's centers?

DR. PARKHURST: Yes, one rotation in particular is with Dr. Shashi Jagadish at Family and Victim Services for Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services. PA students have worked on informational pamphlets concerning domestic violence, safety planning, and community resources for an advocacy group for Asian women. One student conducted a workshop on domestic violence for the Muslim community at a local Mosque. Several have translated materials into other languages including Chinese and Urdu. The work our PA students are doing demonstrates their dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment.

STUDENT *news*

Student Doctors are Key to Future of Podiatric Medicine

"As the next generation of podiatric physicians, it is up to you to keep the profession progressing in quality, educational standards, professionalism, and recognition as equal partners in the health care delivery system," advised Dr. Jay R. Newman to the 46 Barry University podiatric medical students participating in the June 2, 2006 Rite of Passage ceremony at Broad Center on the Miami Shores campus. Dr. Newman served as the keynote speaker and presented his daughter, Laura Newman, with her white coat marking the beginning of her clinical experience.

The Rite of Passage ceremony, narrated by Jeanna Van Pelt, president, Class of 2009, continues a tradition at Barry University for podiatric medical students. The lab coats presented to the students have been recognized since ancient times as the attire of the medical profession. Each student was presented with their coat by Michael Siegel, PhD, associate academic dean; Ramjeet Pemsingh, PhD, chair of basic medical sciences; and John Nelson, DPM, associate dean of clinics.

Over 500 family, friends, students, and members of Barry's faculty and staff attended the program to celebrate this important milestone and recognize the accomplishments of the podiatric medicine and surgery Class of 2008. Honored guests included Dr. Alexander Miraglia,

father of Stephanie Miraglia, Class of 2008 and Carlos Concepcion, representing Merz Pharmaceuticals, who graciously sponsored the Rite of Passage.

Marti Solomon, DPM, Class of 1995 delivered an inspiring alumni address recommending to the Class of 2008, "the one thing that will set you apart from the average doctor is a strong moral ethical character based on kindness, respect, honesty, and love for self and others." Dr. Solomon described her first clinical rotations at Barry, including treating Dr. Chet Evans, vice president for medical affairs and her dean. She also conducted Barry's first fundraiser for the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project as a member of the Class of 1995.

Beginning its third decade, the Barry Podiatric Medicine Program has made impressive progress from its humble beginnings in 1985. There were only eighteen students, no clinics, and only one hospital affiliation. Then, the Program



Barry University Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, Class of 2008

received its accreditation and began the clinical training program in 1987. Now, the Program has nearly 200 podiatric medical students with over 250 hospital based externships, a 3-year surgical residency training program, and over 900 podiatric graduates.

Diana Rogers, president, Class of 2008, indicated, "We are now student doctors and we represent Barry University and the great profession of podiatric medicine. We are armed with the knowledge to heal people. Now, go and make your class, your university, and your profession proud."

Barry Physician Assistant Student Deployed for Medic Duty in Middle East



T. Harvey Greene, III, U.S. Air National Guard, with a Middle East security force member

Harvey Greene knew when he began Barry University's Physician Assistant Program in August, 2005, that he could be called up for active duty. But because of his dedication to his country and his interest in helping others, it was never really a concern to him.

Greene, a self-described 'country boy' from Madison, Florida has been in the military since 1986. He first served as a first class petty officer in the Navy for seven years and has served as a technical sergeant in the Air National Guard for the last thirteen years. He was deployed for Desert Storm from 1990-91 when he was a Navy diver and nuclear technician on a U.S. submarine. During his service he received several commendation medals for his overall military performance.

When asked why he chose a career in the military Greene replied, "I believe it is partly in my genes as my ancestors fought for freedom, my grandfather served in WWI, and my father served briefly in the reserves. I grew up in the Vietnam War era and have read a great deal of military books over the years. I am proud of my career, helping others, and protecting our freedom. I would like for everyone to keep all of our troops in their hearts and prayers."

During the original Iraqi Freedom exercise, Greene was deployed for all of 2003. His work for the RED HORSE (Rapid

Engineering Deployable Heavy Operational Readiness Squadron Engineering) unit included mostly construction work in Oman. While in Oman, he worked on building the largest military runway ever built outside the United States.

On August 25th, Greene participated in the first White Coat Rite of Passage ceremony for the Barry University Physician Assistant at the St. Petersburg Expansion. He has completed the first year of didactic classes with his 23 classmates and received his white coat to honor this rite of passage to clinical education. However, on Monday, August 28, 2006, as the rest of his classmates began clinical rotations, Greene was on his way to Iraq as a medic for the 202 RED HORSE unit. His deployment will have him serving in several countries, likely to include Afghanistan and Iraq. While in Iraq, he will be attached to the Army surgical hospitals and will be assigned as a line medic. Greene's medical experience will be vital during his service in the combat torn country.

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ALUMNI *news*



(l to r) Scott Miller, PA-C, Jessica Miller, PA-C, Dr. Doreen Parkhurst, Bob Baeten, PA-C, and Sharon Baeten, PA-C with daughter Isabelle

Physician Assistant Grads Living the Barry Mission in Alaska

For Barry University Physician Assistant Program graduates Jessica Miller, PA-C, Class of 2000 and Scott Miller PA-C, Class of 2002 as well as Sharon and Bob Baeten, PA-C, Class of 2003, being medical practitioners in Alaska is far different than anything they ever experienced in Miami. According to Sharon Baeten, “many of our cardiac patients travel one to two hours by plane as there is only one cardiology group in the entire state.” On occasion, Sharon will fly to Fairbanks from Anchorage to see follow-up patients.

Scott Miller describes practicing medicine in Galena, a tiny village of 750 people, as “bush medicine” because that is the only health care available to villagers in Galena and nearby Koyukuk, Nulato, and Kaltag. The collaborating physician comes out on a quarterly basis and he and Jessica have the capability of telephone consultations.

How did they manage to end up practicing in Alaska? Jessica Miller was originally from Willow, Alaska and she wanted to be closer to her family. She and Scott chose Galena as it has a National Health Service Corp site and the village needed two mid-level providers. At the same time, they gain assistance in paying their student loans. They both practice at Edgar Nollner Health Center, serving all ages of patients, from newborn to geriatric. Duties include diagnosing and treating patients, as well as performing complete history and physical exams during routine office visits for all ranges of illnesses including upper respiratory infections, diabetes, hypertension, well woman exams, and other medical conditions.

For Sharon and Bob Baeten, who live in Eagle River, both work in cardiology with their main practice in Anchorage. Sharon’s father lived in Alaska and she and Bob visited several times and really enjoyed the people and the environment. After graduating from Barry University, they found two positions with the cardiology group.

The greatest challenge presented in rural Galena is that in medical emergencies Scott and Jessica Miller have to stabilize patients as best they can and activate a medical evacuation. They are not on any road system, in the middle of Alaska near the Yukon River, and they must utilize a ‘medevac’ air ambulance to fly the patient to Fairbanks an hour-and-a-half away. This life saving work includes using advanced cardiac life support meds and beginning IVs and intubation as needed.

Sharon and Bob Baeten feel that without their training at Barry University they would not be working as PAs. Whenever a new cardiac problem arises they flashback to lectures in cardiology with Dr. Parkhurst and Dr. Richard Fien. Both see many disadvantaged and medically underserved patients, especially the elderly, where they assume a primary care role.

The majority of the residents in and around Galena are Athabascan Indians who have many different customs and traditions. According to Scott and Jessica, “we learned how to appropriately interact with individuals of different ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds during our PA training at Barry. We were also given the tools we needed to

practice appropriate medicine. We were so well trained, we gained a great confidence in our practice of medicine. It is this confidence that allows us to succeed in such a remote area, essentially on our own”

This summer, Dr. Parkhurst traveled to Alaska and visited with both couples. Said Dr. Parkhurst, “I am so proud of our graduates. They are truly Physician Assistants who are making a difference and living the Barry Mission on a daily basis.”

As you would expect, you have to like the outdoors to live in Alaska. Scott Miller enjoys salmon fishing using a drift net and Jessica Miller enjoys hiking and taking drives to look for moose and bear. Both enjoy community events such as dog-sledding.

Sharon and Bob have a one-year-old daughter, Isabelle and a new baby boy, Christian. They enjoy hiking, fishing, and winter sledding. For their continuing education Sharon and Bob recently attended a week-long cardiology seminar in Hawaii. “Sometimes you need a break from the Kodiak bears, the 24-hours of nighttime, and -50 degree Fahrenheit temperatures,” Bob stated.



Wendy Hoon, PA-C, MCMSc, Barry PA Program alumna from 2000 has joined the Barry University PA Program as a half-time core faculty member for the Miami Shores campus. Hoon also serves as a physician assistant in primary care

at the Village South in Miami, the largest drug treatment center in Miami. She has served on the Barry University PA Advisory Board since graduation.



Nicole D. Hancock, DPM, Class of 2002 has joined Mary Beth Crane, DPM, Class of 1994, as a member of her podiatric practice, Foot and Ankle Associates of North Texas. Dr. Hancock, a native Texan who has a special interest in

working with geriatric patients, completed her internship at the Houston Podiatric Foundation in Houston.



Charity Ramsey, PA-C, MCMSc, Barry PA Program alumna from 2000 has joined the Program as half-time core faculty member on the Miami Shores campus.

DIVISION of MEDICINE *news*



Dr. Kaloian Georgieou Ouzounov, DPM '98, has been appointed to the position of director of research for the Barry University Division of Medicine's School of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Ouzounov also serves

as an assistant professor of podiatric medicine for the School. Previously, he was the clinical coordinator of podiatric rotations and an adjunct clinical faculty member.



Marc Weiner, JD, BS, has been appointed as assistant dean of admissions and marketing for the Barry University Division of Medicine. Weiner previously held the position of director of admissions and marketing.



Dawn Lazar, BS, has joined the Division of Medicine as director for continuing medical education. Ms. Lazar is currently completing an MS in adult education with a graduate certificate in health promotion and disease prevention from

Florida International University. She comes to Barry University from FIU where she held the position of coordinator of student and alumni services for the School of Public Health.



Richard Ball, PhD, PA-C, MPH, BS, has been relocated to the Barry University Physician Assistant Program at the University Partnership Center, St. Petersburg College. Dr. Ball serves as assistant professor of medical education for

the Barry PA Program, and as associate director of clinical education.



Mariselly Rivero, LMT, is the new project coordinator for the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project. Rivero lived in Progreso, Yucatan for three years and knows how disadvantaged the children from the Yucatan really are. Ms.

Rivero feels this is a charitable call to give back to the children. She also holds the position of administrative secretary for the Barry University Division of Medicine's Office of Admissions and Marketing.



Terry Helopoulos, PA-C, MCMSc, has joined the full-time core faculty as an assistant professor of medical education for the Barry University Physician Assistant Program Expansion at St. Petersburg College. Previously, she held the

position of part-time adjunct faculty.



Physician Assistant Program Faculty and Staff Gather for Retreat

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According to Dr. Doreen C. Parkhurst, assistant dean of the Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences and director of the Barry PA program, "we are proud of what Harvey is doing for our country. He is a true professional and a true patriot." Greene indicated the Barry PA program has "given their overwhelming support to me and will arrange for my resuming the Barry PA program once my deployment is complete in May 2007."

In the short period of time Greene has studied at Barry, he has been recognized as the recipient of the first Barry University Physician Assistant Endowment Scholarship. Prior to coming to Barry he was a local paramedic in North Florida for hospitals and the Emergency Medical Service in Madison and Hamilton Counties.

Greene will face the challenge of a combat environment with American casualties, sleepless nights, deafening explosions, and medical work under the most oppressive of conditions. But, that challenge will be met with dedication, resolve, and the support of his family, friends, classmates, and PA faculty and staff. Harvey, your clinical rotations, your classmates, and your PA career await your return!

FACULTY news

Barry Makes History with Unique 3 + 4 Podiatric Medical Program

The Barry University Division of Medicine and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) are pleased to announce the development of a new joint seven year pre-podiatric/podiatric medicine and surgery program of study. The highly innovative 3 + 4 program will begin seating students in fall 2007.

Students will be recruited directly from high school to begin the program at MCPHS. They must have a 3.2 GPA and an SAT score of 1400 to gain admission. Students will first complete three years of a program in pre-medical and health studies at MCPHS. By maintaining a 3.2 average and scoring 21 or more on the MCATS, students will seamlessly begin their first year of podiatric medical school studies at the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine. After successfully finishing their first year at Barry, students will receive their Bachelor degree from MCPHS.

According to Marc Weiner, assistant dean of medical admissions for the Barry University Division of Medicine, "this program is unique in podiatric medicine as Barry University is the

first of the podiatric medical schools to offer this significant and exciting new program. We expect, in the first year, to recruit five to six students into the program. But, as other high school students in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut learn about this tremendous opportunity for pursuing a medical career at two high quality institutions, we will see further growth."

Allopathic and osteopathic schools have utilized the 3 + 4 program model before, but it is unique to podiatric medicine. In August, Weiner will be visiting MCPHS to train their admissions and marketing staff about podiatric medicine in advance of their recruitment of students in the high schools.

Dr. Chet Evans, vice president for medical affairs and dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine indicated, "This new program puts Barry on the cutting edge in podiatric medical education. Before, we were limited to recruiting students who were already in college. Now, we can offer students an opportunity to start on the path to a wonderful career in medicine right out of high school. I



am extremely pleased to be partnering with MCPHS on this new endeavor."

For further information about the program contact Marc Weiner at 305-899-3031, write Admissions, Barry University, Division of Medicine, 11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, Florida, 33161 or email mweiner@mail.barry.edu.

Barry Names Richard T. Patton Director of Professional Master of Public Health



Richard T. Patton, MA, MPH, CHES, has been appointed to serve as the new director of the Barry University Professional Master of Public Health Program and director of the Institute for Community Health and

Minority Medicine by Dr. Chet Evans, vice president for medical affairs. Patton's duties will include teaching courses in the MPH program, overseeing all administrative responsibilities for both the MPH program and the Institute, leading the planning, development, and implementation of the Institute's research for expanding Barry University's efforts to train minority health professionals and reduce the barriers to care for minority and medically underserved individuals.

Before coming to Barry, Patton worked in the Public Health Program at Florida International University as a member of the faculty, advisor for field experiences, graduate program coordinator, chair of the health promotion department, and director of student and alumni services. His prior public health

experience includes working at the Broward County Health Department, Miami Dade Health Department, and with the Rural Health Initiative at the University of Florida. Earlier in Patton's career, he was in practice as a nutritionist and health promotion consultant conducting one day workshop award the country on nutrition and weight management.

When the MPH program began three years ago Patton indicated, "Dr. Evans asked me to teach the *Public Health Issues* course, and I have taught the first course for each cohort since. I came to enjoy the professionalism at Barry, the quality of the students in the program, and the flexible structure of the professional MPH degree program." As a result, when Dr. Fernandez became vice provost of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Florida and the director's position became available, says Patton, "I applied and was selected to continue the work he began."

"I believe the Barry University professional degree format is the only one available in South Florida and it accommodates both the working professional wanting to come for the degree as well as students in other graduate and professional programs at Barry seeking a complimentary

degree," Patton emphasized. The MPH at Barry University is markedly different from other MPH's which focus on research. The Barry model is practice centered and requires a 150-hour sponsored field experience. The 40 credit-hour program can be completed in 20 months, attending class sessions every other weekend (Friday night and Saturday).

Outside of academe, Patton plays golf and tennis and enjoys reading. His 7-year-old daughter Emily, and her interests, is his favorite hobby.

Patton holds an MPH from the University of North Carolina and an MA in nutrition from the University of Florida. His research interests are in the standards of practice for diabetics and in behavior change strategies for obesity.

"Students enrolled in the professional MPH program at Barry University will be looking at health from a different perspective, working diligently on public health issues, and having fun because public health is amazing as well as amusing," according to Patton. Former Surgeon General Koop once said, "health care matters to all of us some of the time but public health matters to all of us all the time."

ALUMINI *spotlight*



Mickey Stapp, DPM

Stapp Making his Mark in Reconstructive Surgery of the Lower Extremity

Dr. Mickey D. Stapp was one of only a few Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine graduates who participated in a three-year podiatric surgical residency program back when he graduated in 1992. At that time, there were only a limited number surgical programs in the country and Dr. Stapp completed the three-year podiatric surgical residency program at Northlake Regional Medical Center in Tucker, Georgia. Stapp discussed with the editor the recent changes in podiatric medicine and his success in reconstructive surgery of the foot and ankle.

EDITOR: Have you always been interested in a career in medicine?

DR. STAPP: From the time I was a child I have always wanted to be a doctor. I actually began my career in medicine as a pharmacist after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy at the University of Georgia. While I was in school my wife Heidi was working as a nurse for a podiatric physician. I became interested in podiatric medicine and then applied to the program at Barry University.

EDITOR: Where is your current practice and what do you specialize in?

DR. STAPP: My private practice is in Augusta, Georgia where I specialize in the management of diabetic foot infections and reconstructive surgery of the foot and ankle. I am board certified in foot surgery and reconstructive rear-foot and ankle surgery. I have a wonderful patient mix of children from one year of age to older adults 100 years of age.

EDITOR: How would you describe your experience in the School of Podiatric Medicine at Barry University?

DR. STAPP: I strongly believe that the podiatric medical education program at Barry University is the best in the country. While I was on externship I was able to observe the difference in the quality of the education we received at Barry compared to students on

externships from other podiatric medical schools. Dr. Tom Merrill and Dr. Jerry Noll are among the best surgical faculty in the country. They played a pivotal role in developing my surgical interests.

EDITOR: How did this help you with your residency training?

DR. STAPP: Barry's educational experience was truly a stepping stone to my surgical residency training at Northlake Regional Medical Center. Northlake's program is one of the foremost residencies in the nation.

I was fortunate to have the best podiatric medicine and podiatric surgical training available.

EDITOR: You are recognized among the leading experts on reconstructive foot and ankle surgery. How do you feel about your role in the profession?

DR. STAPP: I find it to be very gratifying to be able to give back to the profession which has been so good to me. I enjoy what I do tremendously.

EDITOR: Have you any recent publications coming out?

DR. STAPP: Yes, I am currently working on a chapter, *Surgical Management of Infection* for the 4th edition of McGlamry's Comprehensive Textbook of Foot Surgery. Being on the board of directors of the Podiatry Institute and working with the Podiatry Institute I have had the opportunity to publish various papers and participate in many national and international lectures on surgery and infection. In addition, I have flown on eight podiatric mercy missions including trips to Mexico, Bolivia, El Salvador, and Costa Rica.

EDITOR: What advice do you have for students pursuing a career in podiatric medicine?

DR. STAPP: First of all, I would advise them to absolutely come to Barry's School of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery for the best podiatric medical education available. I have advised several students to come to Barry including Christopher Anna, DPM.

EDITOR: What do you think of the new requirements for three year residency training?

DR. STAPP: It is vital to our profession's continued growth and success. We will stay on par with allopathic and osteopathic medical training and continue to be the real experts in foot and ankle surgery.

Life and Limb Campaign in Full Swing at Barry University Foot and Ankle Institutes



The Barry University Division of Medicine has launched a new campaign, the *Life and Limb Campaign to Train Tomorrow's Doctors*. The goal of the campaign is to encourage grateful patients from Barry University's five Foot and Ankle Institutes to donate to Barry University to provide support to train future podiatric physicians and surgeons at Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine. Brochures and display materials have been placed at all five Institutes including North Miami, Mercy Hospital Outpatient Center, Hialeah, Miami Beach, and North Shore Hospital and clinical staff are wearing "Ask me about the Life and Limb Campaign" buttons to draw attention and enthusiastic support for the campaign.

Any gifts from patient donors will help purchase cutting edge equipment, provide

scholarships for podiatric medical students, and assist the University with building a new mini-medical campus for the Division of Medicine.

The medical education of a podiatric physician consists of four years of podiatric medical school including two years of classroom and two years of clinical education. Post-graduate education requires two to three years of residency training through a Barry University affiliated or other accredited residency training program. Gifts through the campaign will help dedicated podiatric students achieve their dreams of becoming doctors.

Many of Barry University's 900+ podiatric graduates are among the most gifted and dedicated physicians in the country. Many hold prestigious positions as skilled podiatric

physicians and surgeons, others are entrepreneurs and leaders in the business sector, while still others hold faculty posts at major medical schools.

To make a contribution to the Life and Limb campaign please complete and return your check or credit card information on the coupon located on this page of the MEDexpress. Thank you for your support of podiatric medical education!

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Evening with Alonzo Mourning at Pangaea

By LaCriscia M. Fowlkes



(l to r) LaCriscia Fowlkes, Alonzo Mourning, and PA Student Bina Patel

On Saturday, July 18, 2006 *Pangaea*, part of the night life at the Hard Rock Café, held an Evening with Alonzo Mourning with part of the proceeds of the night going to Alonzo Mourning Charities, Inc. Physician Assistant student Bina Patel and PA Administrative Assistant LaCriscia Fowlkes never thought that the event and academia would cross until Dr. Richard Fien posed one question in class—who donated Alonzo Mourning’s kidney (Answer: His cousin.); and just like that the two events met full circle.

During the night at *Pangaea* Patel and Fowlkes had the opportunity to meet and be photographed with Alonzo Mourning, member of the Championship Miami Heat basketball team, and kidney transplant

intern and the Honey Shine Mentoring Program intern.

Visit www.amcharities.org for more information about the organization and information on Focal Glomerulosclerosis.

recipient. Mourning was diagnosed with Focal Glomerulosclerosis after the Sydney Olympics. For some this could have been the challenge that would defeat the spirit, for Mourning, it did not.

Patel is entering the clinical year of her studies in the PA Program and is the Historian of the Class of 2007. She also served as the coordinator for the PA Relay For Life team.

Outside of working for the Physician Assistant Program here at Barry Fowlkes is a fulltime student pursuing a Master of Science in Sport Management and Master of Business Administration with a specialization in Management from Barry. She has been interning with Alonzo Mourning Charities since June as the volunteer

Correction



Miami Beach city official and Barry University Physician Assistant Advisory Board member, Maria Ruiz, presented Carlisa Doria and

Jessica O'Brien, PA Class of 2006, with certificates of appreciation for their heroic efforts, MEDexpress Summer 2006 cover.

Art Helps Barry PA Scholarship Fund

The Barry University Physician Assistant Program is pleased to announce a unique way of enjoying the arts and contributing to the Physician Assistant Student Endowed Scholarship Fund. Bestpriceart.com is making available hand-painted oil on canvas original reproductions of any of the world’s great paintings and masterpieces. Bestpriceart.com is currently having a sale for a substantial 25% off regular price discount. In addition to their sale, if you email them at Bpa999@aol.com and mention BUPAP, you will also receive an additional 10% discount.

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Barry University Establishes Division of Medicine

Effective immediately, Barry University has established a Division of Medicine, to include BU's School of Graduate Medical Sciences and its School of Podiatric Medicine, announced President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD.

Dr. Chet Evans will lead the division as the university's current vice president for medical affairs, and will also serve in the position of dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine.

"The designation of Barry's Division of Medicine is a natural step in our university's growth," Bevilacqua said. "Barry University has a fine tradition throughout South Florida of educating caring medical professionals in podiatric medicine, public health and physician assistant studies, and devotes considerable resources to providing quality medical education. This infrastructure will facilitate the future addition of other appropriate medical education programs within the University as we seek to expand this area of excellence."

BU's School of Podiatric Medicine has been a part of the university since its formation in 1985. It became the Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Program (under the umbrella of the School of Graduate Medical



Sciences) from 1997-2006. The school offers one of only two podiatric medical programs in the United States affiliated with a comprehensive university. Accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education through October 2007, BU's podiatric medical school is the only one in the southern United States, and its students have consistently demonstrated above-average performance on the National Board Examinations. Barry places its podiatric physician and surgeon graduates in post-

graduate residency training programs nationwide.

The School of Graduate Medical Sciences will house: BU's physician assistant and public health programs; the Institute for Community Health and Minority Medicine; the department of basic medical sciences; and graduate degrees in the medical sciences.

Currently located just one block north of BU's main campus at 11600 NE 2nd Avenue, the Division of Medicine will be moving into a new facility that is under construction on BU's western 40 acres. The facility will share classroom space with Barry University's School of Nursing, which offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs. The move is expected to take place by December 2007.

"This Division of Medicine appropriately reflects the commonality of resources shared and utilized by our respective medical programs," Evans stated, "and lends recognition and visibility to the university as a capable provider of caring medical and healthcare professionals."

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IMPORTANT DATES

■ NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Podiatric Medicine Mini-Seminar
Lower Extremity Aesthetic Procedures
Barry University Campus
Weigand Science Building, 116W
Contact: Dawn Lazar 305-899-3255

■ DECEMBER 4-8, 2006

Physician Assistant Primary Care Board Review
Newport Beachside Hotel and Resort
Sunny Isles Beach, Florida
Contact: Dawn Lazar 305-899-3255

■ DECEMBER 12, 2006

Podiatric Medicine Mini-Seminar
Podiatric Dermatology
Barry University Campus
Weigand Science Building, 116W
Contact: Dawn Lazar 305-899-3255

■ DECEMBER 16, 2006

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