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message from the DEAN



Chet Evans, DPM, CWS

Senate Committee on Health Care. The proposed legislation sought to reduce the current podiatric practice scope by replacing the term 'leg' with 'ankle' throughout the statute.

EDITOR: What consequences could there be if the scope of practice was limited?

DR. EVANS: In the view of many allopathic physicians and their organizations, podiatric physicians are not regarded as physicians. Nationally, the American Medical Association has established a task force to limit any expansion of the scope of practice of podiatrists and allied health professionals, including physician assistants, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, and optometrists. The challenge is historically unique in that it would have changed the statute in the State of Florida to remove and reduce privileges the podiatric profession has had in place for over seven decades.

EDITOR: With the shortage of primary care physicians, why are these efforts to reduce scope of practice taking place?

DR. EVANS: Many allopathic physicians and physician organizations still consider podiatric professionals as not adequately trained for providing some medical and surgical care services such as prescribing medications and certain surgical procedures. They feel these activities infringe on their 'territory.' Mostly, they are unfamiliar with the quality and standard of podiatric medical education and post-graduate training. There are also the fiscal issues to

medical students specialize in the foot and ankle, learning the biomechanics of the leg, systemic manifestations of diseases in the lower extremity, and treatment of these complications. In addition, they do general medical and surgical rotations, frequently with 3rd and 4th year MD and DO students. In residency training, podiatric residents do general medicine and surgical rotations. Podiatric residents perform history and physicals like any other physicians during their residency. Curiously enough, in the journal *Foot and Ankle International*, Vol. 24, No. 7, July 2003, published by the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society, an article which describes foot and ankle experience by orthopedic surgeons in residency notes that 35.1% of the orthopedic residencies in the U.S. had no clinical rotations dedicated to the foot and ankle specifically.

EDITOR: How can this conflict over the scope of practice be resolved?

DR. EVANS: What we really need is a national scope of practice act. In 1988, the American Podiatric Medical Association's House of Delegates proposed a committee to develop a model practice act. That initiative died on the vine, but there is now a resurgence of that interest being led by the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. With a defined national scope, there would be no perceived threat to the allopathic medical community. We then become an "ally" rather than an "enemy".

EDITOR: How can orthopedic and podiatric physicians work together?

DR. EVANS: As a matter of fact, in many group orthopedic practices, podiatric physicians and surgeons are an integral part of the practice. Many orthopedic physicians refer their foot and ankle patients to the podiatric surgeon in the practice. This trend seems to be on the upswing. It is time that, as medical and surgical providers, we work together on issues that are important to all of us, including the high cost of malpractice insurance and providing health care for the 45 million Americans without health care coverage.

EDITOR: How can the practicing podiatric physician participate in this process to achieve a national scope of practice?

DR. EVANS: First, all podiatric physicians should become involved and informed politically on issues that effect the profession. Learn who your political representatives are and which are allies. Join your local, state, and national professional organizations which represent your interests and that of the podiatric profession. Make sure your representatives in the APMA House of Delegates actively pursue this direction. Contribute to the Podiatric Political Action Committee which financially supports the campaigns of our political friends. Most importantly, remember you are a specialist physician with the same general medical training and background experience as an MD or DO. You should wear your DPM with pride and confidence, lead by example, and cease any incessant whining about not having different letters after your name. Only then, we will be able to be recognized on equal footing.

Podiatric Scope of Practice Challenged

Podiatric medicine recently faced an alarming threat to its scope of practice in the legislature of the State of Florida. Two proposed bills supported by the Florida Medical Association and initiated by the Florida Orthopedic Society were defeated in committee. The bills would have reduced the scope of practice of podiatric physicians by amending the definition of "practice of podiatric medicine" to limit the area that a podiatric physician could diagnose or treat to the areas of the ankle and foot. These bills would also have limited the optional podiatric Medicaid services for which podiatric physicians may be reimbursed. Under the provisions, a podiatric physician treating a Medicaid recipient for podiatric services could only receive payment for treatment and diagnosis of conditions of the human foot and ankle, not the leg. Dr. Chet Evans and other faculty of Barry, members of the Florida Podiatric Medical Association, and the Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine testified before the Florida legislature and were successful in having the bills killed in committee. Dr. Evans discussed with the editor the historical significance of this challenge.

EDITOR: Describe the scope of practice challenge which was brought up in the Florida Legislature.

DR. EVANS: Two proposed bills supported by the Florida Medical Association introduced to the Florida legislature would have restricted the scope of practice of podiatric medicine to the areas of the foot and ankle. House bill 575 was supported by Representative Rene Garcia, Republican from Miami-Dade County and it died in the House Insurance Committee. Senate bill 2624 was supported by Senator Rudy Garcia, Republican from Miami-Dade County and it died in the

consider, as well, since podiatric physicians perform many of the same procedures that allopathic specialists perform.

EDITOR: How does the medical training of a podiatric physician differ from an allopathic physician?

DR. EVANS: Podiatric physicians are the true experts in the care and treatment of the foot, ankle, and leg. Podiatric medical students receive the same basic medical education as all allopathic and osteopathic physicians in the first two years of medical school. In the second two years, podiatric

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Podiatric Medicine Kicks Off Life and Limb Program

The Barry University Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Program is pleased to announce the commencement of a new fundraising campaign called, "Life and Limb: The Campaign to Train Tomorrow's Doctors." The purpose of the program is to educate podiatric patients at the Barry University Foot and Ankle Institutes about the life saving treatment provided by Barry University podiatric physicians and surgeons and how they can contribute to these efforts. A gift of any amount can help save a life, provide scholarship funds to help a podiatric medical student achieve the dream of becoming a doctor, or help build a new physical training faculty for the education of the School's students. Additional information may be found on page 9.

program interview



Doreen C. Parkhurst, MD, FACEP

Physician Assistants Provide Life Saving Aid

The Physician Assistant as a profession had its beginnings in the highly trained hospital corpsmen during the Vietnam War. Duke University began the first PA Program in 1965 to extend the quality of medical care resulting from the shortage of primary care physicians. The first Duke PA class included Navy corpsmen who had significant medical training while in the military and during the Vietnam War but no comparable civilian employment or training. Recently, vice president Dick Cheney's Physician Assistant, gained notoriety by providing medical aid to Cheney's hunting companion who was wounded by Cheney while quail hunting. Keith Moore, PA-C, director for clinical education and Dr. Doreen C. Parkhurst, MD, FACEP, assistant dean and director of the Barry University PA Program discussed with the editor, the range of medical care provided by PAs trained at Barry University in providing life saving care.

EDITOR: How did PA training evolve from war related treatment to general primary care?

MOORE: Several forward thinking physicians, particularly the late Eugene Stead, MD who founded the Duke PA Program, recognized the untapped medical skill of veterans returning to civilian life. He perceived the need for a new type of clinician who could extend the services that physicians traditionally provided. Dr. Stead stated that a "doctor restricted to a very slim support system could never build a practice adequate to meet the need of modern medicine" (*Physician Assistant, A Guide to Clinical Practice*. Ballweg, Stolberg, Sullivan, Saunders, 3rd ed.,

2003). He and co-founder Harvey Estes, MD, designed the Duke PA curriculum with the overarching objectives of exposing their students to the biology of humans and to learn how doctors render services. Although PA training has expanded to keep pace with recent developments in medicine, these two objectives remain firmly embedded in the curricula of present day PA programs.

EDITOR: What range of care is provided by PAs for life saving treatment?

MOORE: PAs practice in virtually every medical specialty and setting. This includes emergency departments and trauma surgical services. In the course of their training, Barry PA students are certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). Working under physician supervision, PAs provide care for patients across the spectrum of chronic and acute conditions. Graduate PAs may also obtain certification in Basic Trauma Life

Support (BTLS) and Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) if employed in specified settings. Civilian PAs participate in Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs) across the country, and PAs in Florida DMATs recently demobilized after providing emergency medical services to victims of hurricane Katrina. Military PAs have a wide variety of field training available to them, including training in the management of biological, chemical and/or nuclear agents as a result of combat or domestic incidents.

EDITOR: How are PAs used in hospital emergency departments?

DR. PARKHURST: They function as mid-level providers within the medical setting. They see patients, take a medical history, do a physical examination, order tests and write prescriptions under the supervision of a physician.

EDITOR: Why are PAs so important to emergency care?

DR. PARKHURST: PAs often bring a different perspective to patient evaluation. It is believed that they spend more time with patients, get to know them better and can offer insights that will prove valuable in the treatment plan. Surely an emergency room encounter is always brief at best, just one window in time, and it is beneficial to have some insights into the patient and his/her circumstances.

EDITOR: Two Barry PA students recently rendered life saving care to an endangered teenager and a man who collapsed with cardiac arrest. You must be proud of your students.

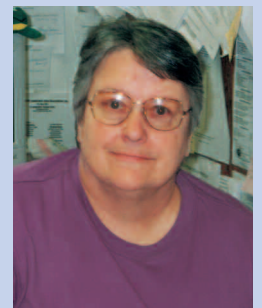
DR. PARKHURST: Yes, very much so. They were in the right place at the right time and their personal concern for the young girl and the cardiac patient is inspiring. As a matter of fact, they both received awards of valor from the city of Miami Beach for their decisive actions.



Keith Moore, PA-C

Podiatric Faculty Retire

The Barry University Podiatric Medicine and Surgery program recently held a retirement dinner for four of its longtime faculty members. Retiring after more than 80 years of combined teaching, advising, and mentoring were David Skliar, DPM, Elizabeth Hays, PhD, Herbert Applebaum, MD, and Michael Kambour, MD. According to Dr. Chet Evans, "their dedicated service to Barry University and podiatric medical education is immeasurable and they will all be greatly missed by their students, podiatric alumni, faculty, and the podiatric profession."



Dr. Elizabeth Hays

STUDENT *news*

Barry Podiatric Commencement Makes History

Dual degrees for graduates completing the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and Master of Public Health were awarded for the first time in the twenty year history of Barry University's Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Program to John Carlo Lupoli, DPM, MPH and Kristy Nicole Osgood, DPM, MPH.

At the same time, dual degrees for the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and Master of Business Administration were awarded to Imaze Marian Osunde Davis, DPM, MBA, Stacy Abigail Holder, DPM, MBA, and Deep B. Patel, DPM, MBA.

Dr. Chet Evans, vice president for medical affairs and dean of the School of Graduate Medical Sciences at Barry University led the Oath of Hippocrates for 50 Podiatric Medical students participating in the 18th commencement of the Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences' Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Program. Graduates hometowns ranged from Magrath, Alberta, Canada to Dakar, Senegal. Over 800 family members, friends, faculty, and staff attended the commencement event.

For the first time, the commencement keynote speaker was a female podiatric physician, Dr. Marie L. Williams who was presented with the Barry University Honorary Podiatric Alumna Award for her many contributions to the Barry University Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Program. After graduating from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine with her DPM, Dr. Williams became Barry's first clinical dean serving in that position for three years. Over the years she has trained over 30 Barry surgical

residents at Parkway Regional Medical Center's residency program, mentored over 200 Barry podiatric students rotating through her clinical practice on externships, and made 5 mercy flights to the Yucatan as one of Barry's faculty providing surgical care to over 5,000 crippled children through Barry's Yucatan Crippled Children's Project.

Sister Linda Bevilaqua, OP, PhD, president of Barry University who conferred the degrees on the graduates advised the seniors, "to take great pride that you have earned this degree and graduated as a doctor of podiatric medicine at Barry University's School of Graduate Medical Sciences. Now share with your patients, your personal care, your empathy, and your love for them as human beings."

Dr. Williams indicated, "As you graduate today, remember that podiatric medicine is the most knowledgeable profession in the care and treatment of the foot and ankle. Take the next three years in your post-graduate training seriously, and work hard to be the best qualified Podiatric Physician and Surgeon you can be. As a podiatric medical professional we can change lives and save limbs."



(l to r) Marie Williams, DPM; Chet Evans, DPM; Class of 2006 Valedictorian, Francisco Lopez-Bermudez; and Michael Rivera, DPM.

The Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee of the Administration, the faculty and staff of Barry University congratulated and honored outstanding students. Receiving the President's Award for leadership and service to BUSGMS and \$1,000 from PICA Group and Northwest Labs was Shanika L. Hill, DPM. The Dean's Award (class valedictorian) and a check for \$1,000 supported by the Dade County Podiatric Medical Association and Northwest Labs was presented to Francisco Lopez-Bermudez, DPM.

The Leadership Award and a check for \$500 from PICA Group was awarded to Imaze Marian Osunde Davis, DPM, MBA. For her outstanding volunteer work, Melissa R. Marshall, DPM received the Outstanding Civic Service Award, \$250 from Falk, Waas, Hernandez, and Cortina, P.A., and a \$150 gift certificate from Skaggs Office Supply.

The Award for Excellence in Podiatric Surgery was presented to Francisco Lopez-Bermudez, DPM along with a \$1,000 check from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, Division 5 for demonstrating clinical and academic excellence in the field of foot and ankle surgery. Dr. Lopez-Bermudez was also presented with the Florida Podiatric Medical Society's Dr. Irving and Muriel Block Award in Radiology and Radiological Surgery and \$250 for the highest cumulative average in these two courses.

The American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine recognized Maxime Savard, DPM, as outstanding student in podiatric medicine with a book, *Review Text in Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Medicine*, the 2006 Dr. Timothy Holbrook Memorial Award plaque, and a \$100 check.

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BUPASA Holds a Karaoke Event to Raise Funds for Open Door Health Center

The Barry University Physician Assistant Student Association (BUPASA) each month selects a not-for-profit organization in the South Florida area to conduct a community service endeavor. Recently BUPASA Class of 2006 and Class of 2007 sponsored a Karaoke Night to raise funds for the Open Door Medical Center in Homestead that provides free interdisciplinary primary care services to the uninsured and migrant farm workers who otherwise would have no medical care. The Center serves as a clinical training rotation for the Barry PA Program and according to Mairi Garcia, Barry PA Class of 2006, "our students have received excellent training and priceless lessons in providing care to the underserved." The \$510 contribution was welcomed by Dr.



(l to r) Staci Haggerty, Julia Dawson, and Cheryl Deacon, PA Class of 2006

Nilda Soto, medical director for Open Door and she indicated that "this selfless act by the Barry PA Program students confirms my conviction that serving those in need is not only the greatest job but also a way of shaping the future."

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Pedro Long, DPM, received the William Delavari Memorial Graduation Award, a check for \$250 from Bio Pro and a \$150 gift certificate from Skaggs Office Supply, for exemplifying the traits of dedication and commitment to the profession of podiatric medicine. Monique Mitchell, DPM, was honored for Excellence in Clinical Sciences and received a check of \$250 from Gordon Labs.

The Outstanding Bio-Medical/Orthopedics Award was presented to Matthew Hopson, DPM and a check for \$250 sponsored by Pedinol Pharmacal, Inc. Morgan Kearl, DPM was selected for the Scholarly Development Award and a check for \$250 from Falk, Waas, Hernandez, and Cortina, P.A.

Dr. Sarah Jo Phelps was the recipient of the American Board of Medical Specialties in Podiatry, Diabetic Foot Wounds Award and \$1,000 from ABMSP for demonstration of academic achievement in course work related to diabetic foot wounds, research, and interest in specializing in this area in future practice. The Excellence in Biomedical Sciences Award was presented to Joanne Balkaran, DPM and a check for \$250 sponsored by BUSGMS.

The Dr. Debra Kalfas Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Health was awarded to Yenisey Yanes, DPM, and \$1,000 from the Kalfas Family to recognize her excellence working in community health rotations. This award honors the late Dr. Debra Kalfas, podiatric graduate of BUSGMS and dedicated clinical faculty member.

The American Board of Podiatric Surgery's Michael L. Stone, DPM Outstanding Professional Conduct Award was presented to Ryan Fitzgerald as a \$2,000 scholarship for exemplifying the highest standard of professionalism, deportment, and ethics in his interactions with peers, patients, professors, and staff. This award honors Dr. Stone who embodied commitment to the profession of podiatric medicine and surgery.

Sherunda Smith from the Class of 2008 served as the narrator for the commencement and introduced Imaze Marian Osunde Davis, DPM, president of Class of 2006 and Stacy Abigail Holder, DPM, vice president of Class of 2006, who presented the "Class of 2006 Reflections." Davis indicated that, "we will make a great difference in the world by seeking further knowledge, conducting research in podiatric medicine and business studies, and obtaining results that will make the world a better place for humanity."

Dr. Davis also presented the Faculty Award for Outstanding Basic Science Professor to Dr. Ramjeet Pemsingh, the Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award to Dr. John Nelson, the Dr. Marvin Steinberg Award to Dr. Cliff O'Connor, the Outstanding Administrative Staff Award to Mrs. Grace Meyers, and the Award to the Best Faculty Exemplifying the Podiatric Medical Profession, went to Dr. Thomas Merrill.

PA Holds Annual Pediatric Exams



Henry David William Rosser Miriam Ali

PA student Kaitlin Jacobs and Rory L.J. Butler

Agnes Seminar on External Fixation

by Jeffrey Schnell



Dr. Reeves instructs students on proper fixation techniques

On February 11, 2006 the Florida Podiatric Medical Student Association continued Sister Agnes Stechschulte's vision of dedication to podiatric medical education with the 16th annual AGNES Seminar. Through the devotion of the FPMSA and the students it represents, this seminar was able to maintain a reputation set forth many years ago. Our main goals were to offer quality continuing medical education to podiatrists, strengthen the relationships between the students with the attending podiatrists and exhibitors, and most importantly raising money for FPMSA student events and organizations. There were a total of 55 registered DPM's for the AGNES seminar, along with over 120 students and 9 vendors who helped sponsor the event.

With this year's AGNES topic, *External Fixation: A Traditional Method Adds New Dimension to Podiatric Medicine*, the FPMSA were able to bring in several nationally recognized speakers:

Dr. Jenneffer Schneller, from Deland, Florida, Barry Alumna, was the first speaker of

the day discussing "Principles, Practices and Procedures of External Fixation."

Dr. Christopher Reeves, from Orlando, followed with "External Fixation in Limb and Angular Deformity Using the Taylor Spatial Frame." Dr. Reeves, an alumnus from Barry University's podiatry program, stated he was "impressed by the continued success of the AGNES seminar" in which he participated back when he was an APMSA Delegate.

Dr. Thomas Zgonis of San Antonio, Texas lectured on "External Fixation in Diabetic Charcot Arthropathy," and stated "he was proud to be a part of such a wonderful student led event."

Penlac sponsored a lunch which was followed by the next speaker:

Dr. Barry Tuvel explained the Taylor Spatial Frames for club foot and case studies of children from Columbia.

The last lecture of the day belonged to the effervescent Dr. George Vito of Macon, Georgia. He spoke on several topics with one being "Uncommon Uses of External Fixation." Dr. Vito was also the speaker for the Orthofix external fixation workshop the following day. A special recognition and thanks belongs to Dr. Thomas Merrill who served as scientific chair and to those who helped sponsor and contribute to the AGNES Seminar:

Gill Podiatric Supplies, Merz, Pedinol, Arthrosurface, Miami Leather Co., Mosaic Finance, and Orthofix. Orthofix not only sponsored a booth, but provided a second day workshop for all the attending DPMs and students. This workshop provided individuals with hands on experience utilizing their surgical instruments. With their attendance, the podiatric community - professionals as well as students and residents - gained insight on the products and services their company had to offer. Due to the great generosity and compassion of these companies in supporting Barry podiatric medical students, the 2006 AGNES was a delightful success.

GMS *news*

Dr. Culver's New Book in Print



Charles M. Culver, MD

The Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences is pleased to announce that Dr. Charles M. Culver's new book, *Bioethics: A Systematic Approach*, has been published by Oxford University Press. This second edition of the text, co-authored by Bernard Gert and the late K. Danner Clouser is the result of more

than thirty years of collaboration among its authors. It uses the systematic account of our common morality which was developed by one of its authors to provide a useful foundation for dealing with the moral problems and disputes that occur in the practice of medicine. As one of the nation's leading biomedical ethicists, Dr. Culver, professor of medical education for the

Barry University Physician Assistant Program, plays a prominent role in teaching Barry University Physician Assistant students about the ethical issues and dilemmas that are commonly encountered in medical practice.

This book examines how the analyses of impartiality, rationality, and morality, as a public system not only explain why some bioethical questions, such as the moral acceptability of abortion, cannot be resolved, but also provide a method for determining the correct answer for those occasions when a bioethical question has a unique correct answer. This new edition also devotes an entire chapter to the controversial issue of abortion within the authors' distinct framework.

Dr. Culver was, for many years, professor of psychiatry and adjunct professor of philosophy at Dartmouth Medical School and Dartmouth College. He also has served as faculty member in the School of Public Health at Florida International University and at the Lincoln University College, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He is currently the associate director of BUPAP and also a voluntary professor of psychiatry at the University of Miami, Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Culver began at Barry in spring of 1997, teaching a biomedical ethics course to podiatric medical students. That fall, he was appointed didactic director for the PA Program.

Dr. Culver completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Columbia College. He holds a PhD in Clinical Psychology and his MD in Psychiatry from Duke University. He is a fellow of the prestigious Hastings Center. He has written extensively on issues in biomedical ethics and published several books including, *Ethics at the Bedside*, *Philosophy in Medicine*, and *Bioethics: A Return to Fundamentals*.

Other topics covered by the text include, the latest revisions of the authors' original analyses of the concepts of death and dying, a new perspective on the concept of valid or informed consent, a discussion on euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, and a chapter on mental disorders – where the authors' definition influenced what psychiatry classifies as a mental disorder. According to Dr. Chet Evans, vice president for medical affairs for the Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences, "we are pleased and proud to have Dr. Culver on our faculty at Barry University and to have him impart his infinite knowledge in biomedical ethics to our students."



Richard T. Patton, MA, MPH, CHES and Robert A.J. Fernandez, DO, MPH

The Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences is pleased to announce that Richard T. (Tim) Patton, MA, MPH, CHES, has been selected to serve as the new director of Professional Master of Public Health Program and director of the Institute for Community Health and Minority Medicine. Patton joins Barry from the School of Public Health at Florida International University. Dr. Robert Fernandez has accepted the position of vice provost of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Florida. Congratulations to both and we will miss you Dr. Fernandez.

Doreen C. Parkhurst, MD, FACEP; Charity M. Ramsey, MCMS, PA-C, published in the official journal of the Physician Assistant Education Association, article entitled: "The Marriage of Problem-Based Learning with Standardized Patients: An Evaluation of

Physician Assistant Students Cultural Competency in Communication." *The Journal of Physician Assistant Education*. Volume 17 Number 1 2006 pp 58-62.



Doreen C. Parkhurst, MD, FACEP



Charity M. Ramsey, MCMS, PA-C



Julie M. Dotson, MPH

The faculty and staff of the Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences wish good luck to Julie M. Dotson, MPH who is leaving her position as director of Continuing Medical Education and coordinator for the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project to pursue her PhD in Public Health at the University of

Wisconsin. During her nine years with Barry University she has been instrumental in providing quality continuing medical education and board review courses to podiatric physicians and physician assistants in the state of Florida. Dotson's professional contribution to the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project allowed Barry University to assist thousands of underprivileged crippled children in the Yucatan, Mexico.



Lisa Wharry

Kudos to Lisa Wharry of the Barry University Physician Assistant Program for her recent recognition by the North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens with "The Service Above Self Award." The award was presented at the Miami Shores Country Club during the Foundation's

annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Wharry's work involves placing Barry PA students in service learning experiences including in organizations that service the elderly, the mentally ill, children, victims of domestic violence, among others in diverse and socio-economically disadvantaged areas of greater Miami.

FACULTY news

Nilda Soto, MD - Health Care Hero



Chet Evans, DPM; Nilda Soto, MD; and Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD

Dr. Nilda Soto was nominated by Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, president, Barry University for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Health Care Heroes Award. According to Sister Linda, "over the past two decades, Dr. Soto has tirelessly toiled to improve the health care delivery system to serve the poor and medically underserved of South Miami-Dade County, overcoming many barriers and challenges to her endeavors." Dr. Soto was selected as runner-up for the Health Care Heroes Practitioner Award at the recent Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Awards luncheon.

As an adjunct clinical professor for the Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences and the University of Miami School of Medicine, Dr. Soto strives to inspire the next generation of health professionals. She also served as a preceptor to the hundreds of students and health professional volunteers who have rotated through Community Health of South Dade, Inc., Good News Care Center, and Open Door Health Center including podiatric medical students and Physician Assistant students from Barry University.

A testimonial of Dr. Soto's numerous accomplishments was presented by Dr. Chet Evans, DPM, CWS, vice president for medical affairs and dean at Barry University in an inspiring video presented at the luncheon. Dr. Evans indicated, "I have been proud to work with Dr. Soto for nearly

twenty years in supporting her efforts to bring primary care to the needy of South Miami-Dade County."

As a long-time resident of South Miami-Dade County, Dr. Soto has played a major role in health care delivery to the area's 40,000 uninsured poor at CHI, Good News, and Open Door over the last nineteen years.

During the past five years, Dr. Soto has served as the medical director of the Open Door Health Center and has managed the uncompensated provision of high quality, holistic, and comprehensive primary health care to the working poor, homeless, and recently arrived immigrants and refugees of Homestead and Florida City. Today, the Center is a nationally recognized model of commitment and collaboration, not only providing health care, but food, clothing, furniture, counseling, women's services, English classes, and much more. Last year alone, more than 7,838 patient visits were made to the Center and over \$855,000 in charitable care rendered.

The clinic is a multidisciplinary free clinic model that was established with the collaboration of academic institutions, faith based organizations, foundations, and volunteers. Dr. Soto has lectured extensively about the model including for Barry University's School of Graduate Medical Sciences Project Health C.A.R.E. (Collaborative Area Resource Effort) at American Public Health Association

Dr. Evans Honored with International Award for Promoting Podiatric Medical Education Worldwide

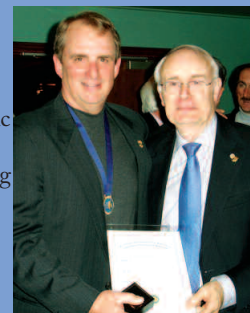
The Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Program at the Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences is pleased to announce that Dr. Chet Evans, vice president for medical affairs and dean was recently honored by the Federation Internationale des Podologues (FIP) with the Distinguished Service Medallion, "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of international podiatric medical education." Currently, Evans serves as the co-chair for FIP's International Education and Research Committee. The committee's most recent completed work included a comprehensive survey and analysis of international podiatric practice.

The FIP is an international organization of national associations of podiatrists representing 19 countries including the United States which joined in 2003. The Federation was founded in 1947, and chartered in Paris, France. Evans has been involved with the Federation since 1996 and was in Oslo, Norway to present the substance of the IERC's research on and analysis of international podiatric practice at an educational conference of the Norwegian Podiatric Association, which hosted this year's annual FIP General Assembly meeting.

Upon receiving the international award Evans said, "I am truly humbled and deeply honored to be recognized by my international colleagues and friends. It is for those individuals with foot and ankle diseases and deformities that we strive to raise the educational quality of the podiatric profession worldwide."

Evans has pioneered elevating the level and visibility of podiatric medical education worldwide including securing sponsorship of the Barry University/Hadassah University Medical Center's Podiatric Surgical Residency Program in Jerusalem, Israel for the past 10 years. In addition, with his assistance Barry

University established the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project in Mexico in 1996 which provides surgical care of indigent crippled children and at the same time serves as a training rotation for podiatric surgical residents and orthopedic surgeons from Mexico.



Dr. Chet Evans with Paul Shenton, D.Pod.M., of Great Britain, president of the Federation Internationale Des Podologues.

ALUMNI *spotlight*



W. Lyndon Lamb, DPM

W. Lyndon Lamb, DPM – Podiatric Physician for the Choctaw Nation

W. Lyndon Lamb, DPM, Class of 2002, serves as the surgical podiatric physician at the Choctaw Nation's Diabetic Wellness and Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma. Dr. Lamb is able to combine all his medical skills in surgery, palliative care, internal medicine, pediatrics, and radiology with his ever present enthusiasm for helping others. The editor asked Dr. Lamb how he feels about his educational preparation at Barry University for his podiatric career and how he became involved with working for the Choctaw Nation.

EDITOR: How did you choose podiatric medicine as a career?

DR. LAMB: I earned a bachelor's degree in social work from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas and began my career working in the long term care and psychology fields. Then in 1992, I started a custom cabinet manufacturing company, Custom Cabinets of Amarillo, in Amarillo, Texas. After a couple of years in the cabinet business I sold out and decided to go back to college to prepare for medical school which had always been my dream. I took a job through the cooperative career center program at West Texas A&M, and worked for two years in a foundation for children with complex medical problems, such as, cystic fibrosis, heart transplants, chromosomal abnormalities, diabetes, asthma, among others. After applying for admission to medical school following my MCAT examination, I stumbled across podiatric medicine through a patient who was being treated by a podiatric physician

for a gait abnormality. I then asked to follow the podiatric physician and realized that this was what I wanted to do with my life. It fulfilled all the aspects of medicine I wanted, surgery, palliative care, internal medicine, pediatrics, and radiology. All could be appreciated through a career in podiatric medicine. I followed a couple of other podiatric physicians and decided to apply to Barry University and was accepted and began my training in the fall of 1996.

EDITOR: Tell me about your experience here at Barry including didactic and clinical training.

DR. LAMB: I believe that I received the highest quality of didactic and clinical training

available in the profession. Many clinical and residency directors indicate that Barry students come to a post graduate training programs more adequately equipped for the first year of residency than the other podiatric medical schools. I couldn't agree more and I think that is due to the unequalled clinical opportunities provided to students at Barry working along some of the finest podiatric physicians in the nation.

EDITOR: What interests do you have outside your career?

DR. LAMB: I enjoy fishing, horseback riding, hiking, and teaching the adult Sunday School at my church. I plan to participate in an overseas related church based medical mission in the next year or two.

EDITOR: What suggestions do you have for students who are interested in pursuing a career in podiatric medicine?

DR. LAMB: Shadow a podiatric physician or work in a podiatric office and see if this a career you can be passionate about and that will give you intrinsic satisfaction.

EDITOR: Was there any podiatric physician that inspired you most at Barry?

DR. LAMB: Yes, there were a few including Drs. Buchman, Nelson, Losito, and Prior. Moreover, it was in the clinical rotations working with podiatric physicians like Gary Small, DPM and Marie Williams, DPM that gave me a true picture of what life as a podiatric physician in private practice and hospital based medicine would really be like and I loved it from day one.

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EDITOR: Please discuss your residency experience and also how you became involved working with the Choctaw Nation.

DR. LAMB: I did both of my residency programs in affiliation with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia under the direction of Michael Lupashunski, DPM and Scott Glassburn, DPM. I worked in outside surgical settings my second year extensively with Charles F. Markham, DPM at Cabell Huntington Medical Center and Surgical Center, St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, and with Mohammad Imani DPM at St. Francis Medical Center and Surgical Center, Charleston Regional Medical Center in Charleston, West Virginia. After completing my residency I had planned to return to South Florida to set up a practice with another podiatric physician; however, an opportunity came open with the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Tahihina, Oklahoma at the new Diabetic Wellness Center. One of the residents I had worked with had worked for the tribe one year and decided to leave to pursue other interests and I was interviewed and accepted the job in July of 2004. I absolutely love my job and love working with this unique Native American Tribe, Choctaw.

EDITOR: What is your major work involve with your patients, types of surgery, patient mix, etc?

DR. LAMB: I have a very mixed patient population. Although I am housed in the new Diabetic Wellness Center myself, and my practice partner is housed across the street in the main hospital I see pediatrics to geriatrics, sports medicine, trauma, forefoot and rear foot surgical cases.

EDITOR: Can you relate any experiences with diabetic patients, advise you gave, and limbs you have saved?

DR. LAMB: I recently received a patient from an outlying health clinic with a charcot foot deformity and he was in sepsis with MRSA and a host of other nasty bugs growing from an ulcer in his foot which started when his wife debrided it with a kitchen knife. I transferred him out to a regional hospital as we do not have an ICU. He had surgical procedures to an elbow and his knee from abscesses due to the spread of the infection to these areas as he refused amputation of any part of his foot. He was later returned to us on IV Vancomycin and immediately went into kidney failure. He was shipped to another regional medical center and later returned to us once he was stable in

an outpatient clinic setting. His foot had a black eschar approximately 8cm x 6cm deep to fascia on debridement. With the use of surgical and topical wound care and antibiotic therapy this man's ulcer healed and he is now walking about like nothing ever happened with minimal defect in the foot.

EDITOR: What do you think of Barry's emphasis on training rotations in medically underserved communities?

DR. LAMB: I think it is a wonderful thing that Barry can provide both training and ministry to these communities. I think it is one of the reasons people feel so good about giving financial support to a school like Barry.

You know your investment is going somewhere. Society will not only benefit today but through the training of future doctors, society will benefit tomorrow and for future years as well.

EDITOR: Anything you want to add?

DR. LAMB: I am grateful to Dr. Evans and Dr. Nelson for the personal kindness and caring touch you showed me during my time at Barry and how you have continued to support me as a graduate. Thank you so very much. I hope I can in some way touch someone as deeply as you have me and provide them with the opportunity to succeed as you did me. Again I say thank you.

Barry PA Students Honored for Life Saving Efforts



Carlisa Doria and Jessica O'Brien, PA Class of 2006

Last fall, two Barry University graduate students coaxed a teenage runaway from a drug-induced stay with a homeless man on South Beach. Moments later, they helped save a man who lay bleeding in the street. Not a typical day. And for their efforts, Carlisa Doria and Jessica O'Brien were honored recently by the University and City of Miami Beach. Doria, from New Jersey, and O'Brien, from Wisconsin, are both Class of 2006 students in the school's physician assistant program.

As part of the PA program service learning project, school-mandated public

service, they were working with Miami Beach's homeless outreach program when they happened upon a 15-year-old girl in Lummus Park. She was high on drugs, wearing a dirty sweat suit, barefoot and accompanied by three homeless men. "The young girl was clearly out of place," O'Brien said. "She didn't want help initially," Doria said.

Eventually they got her to open up. She told them she was 15 and had left her troubled life in Detroit. She had slept around Lummus Park, using drugs and hanging out with the three homeless men. Doria and

O'Brien persuaded the teen to come back to the outreach office and allow them to contact her family. Administrators called Detroit police, who helped them locate the family.

As the Barry students were driving away with another outreach worker, they came across a crowd of people - a man had fallen and hit his head on the ground at Washington Avenue and 15th Street. As Doria and O'Brien checked for a pulse, paramedics were called to the scene and the man was saved.

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PA Faculty and Friends Honored for Contributions to Scholarship Fund



(l to r) Keith Moore, PA-C; Charles Culver, MD; Richard Fien, MD; Claire Carney, PhD; Valerie Williams; Doreen Parkhurst, MD; Steven Weinreb, MD; and Sr. Sarah Cavanaugh, OP

When teachers get excited about education, great things happen. At Barry University, the faculty and staff of the School of Graduate Medical Sciences were so excited about their Physician Assistant Program, they not only created an award winning program, they made it possible for many gifted but financially strapped students to sign up, learn the profession, and graduate.

Many of Barry University's Physician Assistant students come from minority or disadvantaged backgrounds without the financial means to become healthcare professionals. The faculty and staff of Barry's PA program cultivated alumni, family members, and friends to establish an endowed scholarship for Physician Assistant students. The Fund has reached the endowment level of \$25,000 and is beginning to generate cash awards for deserving students. A recognition of the endowment fund is featured in the *Leave A Legacy's 2006 Family Album*.

These dedicated educators created this scholarship one dollar at a time through direct deposit of annual gifts from employee salaries, alumni raffles, and graduating class gifts. Dollar by dollar the fund grew to its present level because faculty and staff believed that what they were doing was an important

solution to inadequate healthcare in South Florida. Each year, this program puts a diverse cohort of Barry-trained Physician Assistants into the healthcare workforce.

The Physician Assistant Program, which began in 1997, trains graduate level students in primary care settings to serve Miami's poorest

and most disadvantaged citizens. The PA students serve the homeless, vulnerable senior citizens, HIV/AIDS babies, and uninsured migrant farm-workers. During their free time, Barry PA students devote thousands of hours volunteering in community service endeavors including health fairs, community screenings, and pediatric community health programs.

For more information or to make a contribution to the PA Endowment Fund contact Dr. Doreen C. Parkhurst, Barry University PA Program, 11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, Florida 33161. You can also call 305-899-4065 or email Dr. Parkhurst at dparkhurst@mail.barry.edu.

Correction



Barry University nurse, Deborah Lewis, RN, BSN, MPH is the Pediatric Nurse for the ITTCH Grant Program rather than a Nurse Practitioner as stated in the article,

"Project ITTCH Serves Miami's Tiniest Tots," *MEDEXpress*, Spring 2006



Dr. Richard Fien instructs St. Petersburg Extension with "Adam" during the History and Physical course for the Barry University Physician Program

Barry PA Program Moves into the Future

On March 30, 2006 the Barry University's Physician Assistant Program (BUPAP) made history by broadcasting Barry's first successful Physician Assistant video-conference class using Internet2. According to Guillermo Dopico, Jr., videoconferencing support specialist for Barry University's Division of Information Technology (DoIt), "the class lasted 3.5 hours and was connected at 1920 Kbps (kilo bytes per second) nearly four times the regular connection of 512 Kbps. By being connected via Internet2, the videoconferencing for the PA Program will have better picture quality, greater connection speed, and better reception stability," Dopico emphasized.

Distance education is now being transmitted via Internet2 to which 208 universities in the United States have access. Barry University is the newest member of the consortium and it is first in Florida to join through the Sponsored Education Group Participant Program.

Dr. Chet Evans, vice president for medical affairs and dean of the School of Graduate Medical Sciences at Barry University, "the use

of Internet2 puts us ahead in the technology of the teaching arena, as well as allowing us the opportunity to be on the forefront of medical research in primary care. We are grateful to DoIt at Barry University for helping propel the PA Program at Barry into the future."

Just seven months earlier, the BUPAP began the "Cross Cultural Interactive Education Physician Assistant Training Project." Through this Project, students in the Barry University classroom at the University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College are completing the same Master of Clinical Science Degree with the Physician Assistant Certificate as students at the Barry University campus in Miami Shores, Florida via interactive learning between the two classrooms. This highly innovative synchronous teaching methodology, funded in part by a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Service Administration, is bringing a much needed PA education program to the West Coast of Florida that has serious primary health care service shortages and high risk

populations. Barry University is partnering with the University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College on the program. Students from Pinellas County are now in their second semester of didactic lectures in the two-way interactive classroom at University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College's Caruth Health Education Center.



Barry PA Expansion video-conference classroom the University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College

IMPORTANT DATES

■ AUGUST 24, 2006

Physician Assistant Rite of Passage Class of 2007
"White Coat" Ceremony 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Broad Auditorium, Miami Shores Campus
Contact: Valerie Williams, 305-899-3293

■ AUGUST 25, 2006

Physician Assistant Rite of Passage Class of 2007
St. Petersburg Expansion
White Coat Ceremony, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
University Partnership Center Digitorium
St. Petersburg College
Contact: Debbie Winton, 727-341-4156

■ SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

Podiatric Medicine and Surgery
Residency Fair
Barry University Campus, Andreas Hall
Contact: Diana Rogers, 954-401-2610

■ DECEMBER 4-8, 2006

PA Program Primary Care Board Review
Newport Beachside Hotel and Resort
Sunny Isles Beach, Florida
Contact: CME Office, 800-319-3338

■ DECEMBER 16, 2006

PA Program Convocation
Barry University Campus, Broad Auditorium
Followed by reception in the Quadrangle
Contact: Valerie Williams, 305-899-3293

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