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**Brand Research Center
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**PA Program Opens
in U.S. Virgin Islands**



Jeffrey Jensen, DPM, FACFAS

The significance of the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center

Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine Dean and Professor of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Jeffrey Jensen, DPM, FACFAS, was interviewed by the editor about the important role the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center will play in reducing the complications of diabetes, including foot ulcers and amputations. On April 29, 2011, the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine dedicated the opening of the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center at Barry University. For more than four decades, the Brands treated countless leprosy patients from Vellore, India to Carville, Louisiana. Their groundbreaking work made it possible for insensate patients, including those with leprosy and diabetes, to function normally despite enormous handicaps.

“Dr. Paul Brand was such a great man and made a tremendous difference in many professional careers.”

EDITOR: What was your inspiration for establishing the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center at Barry University?

DR. JENSEN: I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Paul Brand from 1996 to 2000 while collaborating on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant to develop a new diabetic foot ulcer device. Dr. Brand was such a great man and made a tremendous difference in many professional careers. When I came to Barry University, I began developing the idea of sharing Dr. Paul Brand and Dr. Margaret Brand's legacy with students, residents, faculty and other medical practitioners, enabling them to understand both Paul and Margaret's impact on the world and the difference they have made in tens of thousands of patients and their families' lives. With the support of the administration at Barry University, we established the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center on April 29, 2011.

EDITOR: What are the goals of the Brand Research Center?

DR. JENSEN: With the development of the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center, we have an excellent opportunity to lead Barry's School of Podiatric Medicine in the education and development of the future leaders of the podiatric profession. Research assists students, residents and faculty alike by enabling our students to critically think about what medicine can be in the future. The Brand Research Center will effectively inspire our students through research to take what they have learned

about science and apply it through evidence-based medicine to their clinical training. But, more than that, we will teach them to be thoughtful physicians who care for their patients with compassion and knowledge. I am convinced we can also work collaboratively, not only within the University, but with partners at other universities to maximize our research strengths and resources to increase our research effectiveness and reach substantial progress in research outcomes.

EDITOR: What research is currently underway at the Center?

DR. JENSEN: The United States Department of Defense recently awarded us a \$1.9 million congressionally-directed grant for the innovative research project, “Identify Parameters for the Optimal Delivery of Pressurized Nitric Oxide (NO) to Reduce Bioburden in Wound Infections.” This research project will specifically study how to deliver NO to deeper layers of skin in order to reduce the presence of pathogens. We will examine how much atmospheric pressure is safe to use by testing on human skin models in the laboratory, under the direction of Gerhild Packert, PhD. Dr. Robert Snyder, director of clinical research for the Center, has several clinical trials in process, including a biomechanical research study sponsored by Spenco© and a diabetic foot study sponsored by MacroCure© to investigate activated macrophage using biotechnology.

EDITOR: This research could have significant implications then?

DR. JENSEN: Yes, our investigative projects could result in landmark research outcomes. In thinking about Paul and Margaret Brand, we are modeling the Brand Research Center after their legacy. Their research and patient care cut across many medical disciplines. They were the

essence of medicine with their involvement treating their leprosy patients, even down to developing working skills for them so they would no longer have to be beggars to survive. We want the Brand Research Center to be worthy of Drs. Paul and Margaret Brand. We want to develop research projects that advance wound healing, relieve pain, help patients walk, and realize that our patients are part of humankind and should be treated with reverence.

EDITOR: You must have been very proud dedicating the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center and the next day graduating 54 new doctors of podiatric medicine.

DR. JENSEN: I am very proud of Barry University and the School of Podiatric Medicine. The faculty, staff and students all came together with wound care leaders, diabetic limb salvage experts and Brand family members to celebrate the Brands' legacy. It was a unique weekend with the dedication one day and graduation the next. Our 54 graduates will continue their legacy as will our current students.

EDITOR: Do you anticipate additional federal grants for research and clinical trials?

DR. JENSEN: I expect a steady pipeline of research project ideas. The ideas will generate the development of grants to sponsor the research. When we receive funding, we will implement the research projects, then write articles and papers on the research results and begin the cycle all over again.

EDITOR: Do you accept gifts and donations for the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center?

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 Physician Assistant Interactive
 White Coat Ceremony
 Class of 2013
 3:00 – 6:00 pm
 Center for Community Health
 and Minority Medicine, Room 107,
 Miami Shores Campus
 St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus
 U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Croix Extension
 (Conducted via videoconferencing)
 Contact: Valarie Williams, 305-899-3964
- **SEPTEMBER 2, 2011**
 Rite of Passage
 School of Podiatric Medicine
 Class of 2013
 Broad Center for the Performing Arts,
 Miami Shores Campus
 Contact: Bob McKinlay, 305-899-3283
- **SEPTEMBER 10, 2011**
 School of Podiatric Medicine
 Residency Fair
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 Andreas 110/111, Miami Shores Campus
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 Convocation Ceremony
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 From left: Barry University President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, Dr. Margaret Brand, and School of Podiatric Medicine Dean Dr. Jeffrey Jensen

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Drs. Paul and Margaret Brand

In **tribute**
to their **life's**
mission

Barry University Dedicates Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center

Ninety-one-year-old medical pioneer Dr. Margaret Elizabeth Brand, recaptured history for a moment when she recounted memories she and husband, the late Dr. Paul Brand, shared from the more than four decades the Brands treated countless leprosy patients from Vellore, India to Carville, Louisiana.

Their groundbreaking work made it possible for insensate patients, including those with leprosy and diabetes, to function normally despite enormous handicaps. Both Paul and Margaret traveled the world to teach others about their research and treatment successes and served as advocates for their patients.

In tribute to their life's mission, Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine (BUSPM) honored the Brands by officially naming Barry's first research hub the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center. On April 29, 2011, Dr. Margaret Brand joined renowned wound care and diabetic limb salvage physicians as well as Barry faculty, staff, students and alumni for a celebration of the medical pioneers' work and the center's dedication.

Dr. Brand was a medical pioneer on leprosy's effects on the eye. At eye camps in rural India, she would perform more cataract surgeries in one day – up to one 100 – than many American ophthalmologists perform in a month. She continues to play violin at church events, participates in Bible studies, and continues to advocate for her patients.

"The dedication of the Brand Research Center will continue the Brands' legacy by conducting collaborative research to reduce diabetic complications including ulcers and amputations," said School of Podiatric Medicine Dean Dr. Jeffrey Jensen. Research has already begun, he said, noting his project with Dr. Gerhild Packert, professor of biology and associate dean of Barry's College of Health Sciences. Drs. Packert and Jensen are collaborating on a \$1.9 million research grant from the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) that will study if nitric oxide can safely penetrate tissues and eradicate bacteria to benefit soldiers wounded in the field.

Philip Yancey, author of three books with Paul Brand, served as host and keynote speaker for the dedication ceremony. "Earlier on April 29, 2011, more than a billion people tuned in to watch a lavish royal wedding in London," he said. "Later that same day, a much smaller crowd gathered in Miami Shores, Florida, to honor two humble missionary doctors, Paul and Margaret Brand, who worked with some of the most neglected people on the planet, yet whose



Brand family members joined Dr. Margaret Brand (center) at the dedication.

work led to treatments that improved the lives of millions."

Distinguished guests attending the dedication included Dr. Desmond Bell, co-founder and executive director of the Save a Life, Save a Limb Foundation; Dr. Lee Rogers, associate medical director of the Amputation Prevention Center at the Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Los Angeles; Dr. William Todd, former dean of the Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine; Dr. Gary Rothenberg, residency director and attending podiatrist for the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Miami; and Dr. David Armstrong, professor of surgery and director of the Southern Limb Salvage Alliance at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Robert Snyder, professor and director of clinical research for the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center, said, "The messages and lessons learned in Dr. Paul Brand's book *The Gift of Pain* and Dr. Margaret Brand's work entitled *Vision for God: The Story of Margaret Brand* will stay with me for the rest of my life."

Several world leaders in diabetic wound salvage, wound care and diabetes who were unable to attend paid tribute to Drs. Paul and Margaret Brand in recollections published in the dedication's keepsake program.

Stated Dr. Marvin Levin, a world authority on the diabetic foot and professor emeritus of clinical medicine at Washington University in St. Louis: "All the surgeons, podiatrists, diabetologists and other specialists who care for the patient with peripheral neuropathy and foot ulcers, and especially the patients who have benefitted from Paul's expertise and lifetime dedication to making their lives better, owe him a big thank you."

Dr. Andrew Boulton, renowned professor



Gerhild Packert, PhD, lead scientist for the DARPA Project

of medicine with a special interest in diabetic complications at the University of Manchester, stated, "I regarded Dr. Paul Brand as probably the most important contributor to our understanding of mechanisms of foot ulceration in patients with lack of sensation."

Dr. Robert Warriner, chief medical officer of Diversified Clinical Services said: "All of us who work with neuropathic patients owe a debt to Dr. Brand that we can only repay by applying all that he has taught to us each and every patient we care for."

Dr. Glenn Gastwirth, executive director of the America Podiatric Medical Association, spoke at the dedication and offered congratulations to BUSPM on establishing the new Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center as a legacy to their pioneering as medical missionaries.

More than \$55,000 in gifts, pledges and in-kind contributions have already been made. The new Paul & Margaret Research Center will make it possible for Barry professors and students to conduct research studies to identify the best treatment to promote wound healing, reduce amputations and educate the public on prevention.

Sponsors for the dedication ceremony included Bako Podiatric Pathology Services, NB Therapeutics, MedEfficiency Inc., Organogenesis Inc. and Advanced BioHealing. Koven Technology donated reduced-cost vascular equipment and Tekscan donated reduced-cost biomechanics equipment.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and board of trustees, Barry President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, unveiled the dedication plaque and read the inscription: "Dedicated on this day, April 29, 2011, The Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center at Barry University. The profession of podiatric medicine and humankind has greatly benefited from the committed research and patient care of these dedicated individuals."



Doreen C. Parkhurst, MD, FACEP

With federal grant, PA Program expands to serve disadvantaged, underinsured communities in the U.S. Virgin Islands

The Barry University Physician Assistant Program recently received two grants from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) totaling \$1,496,947 to support the expansion of the Barry PA Program into the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). As part of the Barry PA Program's mission to train students in underserved and disadvantaged communities, the HRSA grant will facilitate the development of a third PA campus site to train USVI students via interactive videoconferencing for didactic studies and clinical training in St. Croix.

EDITOR: How significant to the PA Program are the grants from HRSA?

DR. PARKHURST: The Barry University Physician Assistant Program was very pleased to receive full funding of two grant applications to support expansion of the PA Program into the United States Virgin Islands. It is gratifying that PA educator peers appreciate the importance of collaborating with our neighbors to offer them the opportunities we take for granted on the mainland. The United States Virgin Islands are medically underserved health professions shortage areas. It is our goal that this initiative will result in improved access to care. It will also take medical education to place-bound islanders and enable them to pursue careers as physician assistants upon graduation.

EDITOR: What are the health care and health care provider needs in the U.S. Virgin Islands?

“The PA Program expansion into the USVI responds directly to the health care and educational needs of the residents.”

DR. PARKHURST: The PA Program expansion into the USVI responds directly to the health care and educational needs of the residents of the USVI, the objectives of Healthy People 2020 and the recommendations made in the HRSA State Health Workforce Profile for the Virgin Islands. The HRSA Profile recommendations included building coalitions between health care providers and health professions education in the Virgin Islands and that such efforts are extended to mainland universities. Also recommended were distance

learning programs in partnership with mainland U.S. allied health education programs, described as an excellent mechanism to address the educational needs of USVI residents and help currently employed health care workers with career advancement.

EDITOR: How does this relate to Barry's mission and that of the PA Program?

DR. PARKHURST: Barry University and the PA Program consider it a mission mandate to help educate the poverty stricken, place-bound residents of the USVI to enable them to develop the competencies needed to help reduce the health care disparities in the territory and to improve access to health care. This is also consistent with the federal mandates outlined in the Obama administration from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Barry is committed to serving local and global communities through collaborative and mutually productive partnerships. The University accepts responsibility to engage with communities to pursue systemic, self-sustaining solutions to human, social, economic and environmental problems. The PA Program mission statement in part commits as follows: “The Program enables students to develop competencies required to meet the health care needs of contemporary society.” Moreover, our vision statement is that our graduates will be PA leaders in health care technology and clinical practice.

EDITOR: The Barry PA Program has made amazing strides since its inception in 1997. You must be very proud.

DR. PARKHURST: Yes, I am gratified. The Barry PA Program has a highly successful and well organized team that takes tremendous pride in their work for our PA students and the patients they see in clinical rotations. In 2005 we expanded to the University Partnership

Center at St. Petersburg College via interactive videoconferencing for didactic lectures. In 2009 the PA Program received program accreditation renewal for seven years by ARC-PA. The PA Program in the USVI represents an expansion of our interactive videoconferencing educational model.

EDITOR: What will the grant funds be used for?

DR. PARKHURST: The first grant for \$273,332 is a one-year grant to fund “Addressing Primary Health Care Shortages in the U.S. Virgin Islands Through Technology,” which will provide the funding necessary to purchase equipment to establish the video conferencing capability in the USVI.

At this time there are only 21 physician assistants licensed to work in the entire USVI (St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John), serving more than 108,612 residents. PA students in the USVI will receive didactic training via the same interactive videoconferencing process already in place with the St. Petersburg expansion. In addition some of the funding will be used to purchase a plastinated human cadaver that will be used for anatomy training.

The second grant of \$1,223,615 is a five-year grant which will provide funding for “Addressing Primary Health Care Shortages in the U.S. Virgin Islands Through PA Training.”

The grant award will support recruitment and development of local physicians and PAs from the islands as faculty members in the Barry University PA Program in the USVI. It will provide the initial administrative and technical support personnel needed for the start-up phase of the operation until it is self sustaining. It will enable clinical training to take place in patient populations comprised of underinsured, low income, culturally diverse, indigent and elder individuals.

Dr. Nelson honored as Distinguished Practitioner in Podiatric Medicine



John Nelson, DPM, associate dean of clinics and professor of podiatric medicine, earned the award from the National Academies of Practice.

“There is no podiatric physician in the country providing clinical training of students and caring for podiatric patients more deserving of this award than Dr. Nelson,” said Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, dean and professor of podiatric medicine and surgery. “We are proud that he serves the podiatric profession at Barry University.”

The Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine is pleased to announce the election of John Nelson, DPM, to the National Academies of Practice (NAP) as a Distinguished Practitioner in Podiatric Medicine. This prestigious award was presented on May 25, 2011, in Arlington, Virginia.

The National Academies of Practice is an organization of accomplished practitioners representing 10 different health care professions, working together to advance coordinated, accountable, accessible and affordable health care for all. The NAP recognition is awarded to inductees who are judged by their distinguished peers

to have made enduring contributions in their profession.

Dr. Nelson achieved this recognition in part for his 22 years of professional service in the practice and direct delivery of podiatric care to patients at the three Barry University Foot and Ankle Institute clinics in which he serves as clinical dean. Over the years more than 350,000 indigent and medically underserved individuals from greater Miami have received podiatric care from Barry’s podiatric clinical faculty and students at Barry’s clinics, affiliated teaching hospitals, and associated community health centers under Dr. Nelson’s supervision. Each year this represents more than \$1 million in

charitable care delivered by the Barry University Foot and Ankle Institute to Miami’s disadvantaged citizens.

In 1988, he began his academic career at the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine. Serving as the associate dean of clinics, Dr. Nelson has been responsible for the clinical training of more than 1,150 junior and senior podiatric medical students who are now practicing podiatric physicians. From 1988 to 2007 Dr. Nelson served as the associate project director of Barry University’s Podiatric Primary Care Residency Training Program. This program trained more than 150 podiatric primary care residents largely from minority and disadvantaged backgrounds in medically underserved communities in greater Miami from over \$2.5 million in grant support from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Resources and Services Administration. This culminated in the building of the Center for Community Health and Minority Medicine in 2008, which serves as the training and research facility for the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine and Physician Assistant Program.

Dr. Nelson served as interim dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine from February 2009 to August 2010. In 2010 under Dr. Nelson’s guidance, Barry was granted continued accreditation until 2016 from the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

He continues to serve as the associate dean of clinics and directs the clinical training of podiatric medical students at Barry’s Foot and Ankle Institute as well as the five affiliated teaching hospitals in the Miami area. In addition, Dr. Nelson teaches for the School’s clinical pharmacology course, operating room protocol lab and orthotics lab. He is certified by the Board of Podiatric Surgery, American Board of Podiatric Medicine and Orthopedics, and the American Academy of Wound Management.

At the national level, Dr. Nelson has served on the Residency Review Committee of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education and the Educational Enhancement Project for the American Podiatric Medical Association, was chairman of the Pi Delta National Podiatric Honor Society, was founding board member of the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine as well as the American Academy of Wound Management, and sits on numerous national committees for his profession.

Wound care expert joins podiatric faculty



Dr. Robert Snyder (left), director of clinical research, with Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, dean and professor of podiatric medicine and surgery

Robert J. Snyder, DPM, CWS, a podiatric physician and surgeon for more than 30 years and leading wound care specialist, recently joined the faculty at the School of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Snyder began his new role as a professor and director of clinical research on February 1, 2011.

“We are very fortunate to be able to attract a researcher, scholar, clinician and teacher of Dr. Snyder’s caliber.”

Dr. Snyder joins Barry from private practice at University Hospital in Tamarac, Florida, where he is director of the Wound Healing Center. Dr. Snyder who serves on the editorial advisory boards of *Ostomy Wound Management*, *WOUNDS* and *Podiatry Management*, and reviews articles for the *New England Journal of Medicine*, will teach student doctors about wound management, limb preservation and research at Barry.

“I am delighted to work with podiatric medical students at Barry University,” said Dr. Snyder. “I have many goals I would like to achieve; one of them is to create a post-doctoral fellowship in wound management and limb preservation.”

A published author of more than 100 peer reviewed and trade journal articles, manuscripts and book chapters on topics

including malignancies and wound care, Dr. Snyder will head the School’s research division. For 15 years, he has been involved in clinical research and has performed several randomized-controlled trials as principle investigator and is founder of both the South Florida Wound Care Group and Snyder Wound Research Institute.

Dr. Snyder earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and is currently earning his Master of Science in Wound Management and Tissue Science, from Cardiff University, University of Wales College of Medicine in the UK. He completed his residency training in podiatric medicine and surgery at the Jewish Memorial Hospital in New York and his second-year residency at the Metro-Plaza Surgical Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Snyder is a diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. In addition, he is a diplomate of the American Academy of Wound Management and a Certified Wound Specialist (CWS), and sits on the board of directors as president. Dr. Snyder is also president-elect of the executive board of directors for the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care.

“I am very pleased that Dr. Snyder has agreed to join our faculty,” said Dean Dr. Jeffrey Jensen. “We are very fortunate to be able to attract a researcher, scholar, clinician and teacher of Dr. Snyder’s caliber to advance

our podiatric research efforts. We believe the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine will be a leader in advancing the podiatric profession in both basic science and clinical research activities.”

The School of Podiatric Medicine is fully accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education and recognized by the American Podiatric Medical Association. Established in 1985, the School has graduated more than 1,150 doctors of podiatric medicine (DPM), trained more than 150 podiatric primary care residents, and provided more than \$20 million in charitable care to the medically underserved. The School of Podiatric Medicine has more than 250 hospital-based clerkships and boasts a 36-month podiatric medicine and surgery residency training program. Barry’s four-year program also offers a dual degree option with business administration (MBA) and public health (MPH).

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DR. JENSEN: Yes, we gratefully accept gifts and donations to help purchase equipment, employ researchers and fund other costs associated with conducting research. I would suggest contacting Bob McKinlay, assistant dean, at 305-899-3283 to explore both giving and research opportunities.

EDITOR: Will you partner on research opportunities with industry?

DR. JENSEN: Sure, we will partner with industry, with national organizations that have research entities, and with other public and private partners. Our goal is to foster new ideas and engage in new medical research to enhance patient care and quality of life while also decreasing the costs of care.

EDITOR: How will Paul and Margaret Brands’ legacy be furthered through the Center?

DR. JENSEN: My belief is that we can ultimately have a role in curing, or eliminating, sensory neuropathy. That would be a landmark contribution and bring home the title of Dr. Paul Brand’s book *The Gift of Pain*.

Physician assistants prepare to change the world of medicine



Physician Assistant Class of 2010

On December 18, the Barry University Physician Assistant Program proudly celebrated the Class of 2010 graduation in dual convocation ceremonies in Miami Shores and St. Petersburg, Florida.

The 66 graduates of the class of 2010 from Miami Shores and the St. Petersburg University Partnership Center, at St. Petersburg College, join the more than 450 Barry University Physician Assistant Program graduates and the more than 75,000 physician assistants eligible to practice medicine in the United States.

“Only those who have chosen a career of

service will be happy,” said Barry PA adjunct faculty member Gen. Bernard Loeffke, PhD, MA, PA-C. Loeffke was the keynote speaker for the convocation at the Broad Center for the Performing Arts at the Miami Shores campus. Loeffke has served by example as a war hero and scholar, and has treated children in Guatemala and AIDS patients in Kenya. “There is no greater privilege than to practice medicine,” he said to the new grads.

Robert Arnold, EdD, MA, CACP, clinical faculty member and keynote speaker at the St. Petersburg site, challenged graduates to “love what you do as you have heard the call to service, and you will do extraordinary things for humanity.”

Faculty and students honored

Class presentations and special recognitions included Teacher of the Year 2009 to Dr. Richard Finkel, Teacher of the Year 2010 to Dr. Richard Fein, and the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Charles Culver.

The ceremony honored outstanding students including Juliet Aleene Summers in St. Petersburg, who was presented with the Dean’s Award as the class valedictorian, and Brittany Gene Klepac and Elaine West Hajisafari in Miami Shores, who shared the Program Director’s Award as the class salutatorians.

Timothy Nickolaus in Miami Shores and Paul Grenelle in St. Petersburg were honored with the President’s Award for demonstrating an overall excellence that epitomizes the values of the PA profession. Bradley Herold and Michelle

Supraski in Miami Shores and Jennifer Macholz in St. Petersburg received the Vernon A. and Virginia M. Culver Memorial Scholarship for excellence in research analysis through the Literature Review Paper and performance in clinical epidemiology. The Marc and Mildred Rice Memorial Award for Excellence in Pediatrics was presented to Christian Leigh Neller in St. Petersburg based on the essay “What a Child Taught Me.” The Dr. Jules Ross Award, a memorial to one of the PA Program’s first and finest faculty members, was awarded to Carol Ripple in St. Petersburg and Brittany Gene Klepac in Miami Shores.

This year 10 students were inducted into Pi Alpha, the prestigious national PA honor society for the promotion and recognition of significant academic achievement, leadership, research, community/ professional service, and the encouragement of a high standard of character and conduct among PA graduates. Michael Ray Arnold, Paul Grenelle, Elaine Hajisafari, Brittany Klepac, Jennifer Macholz, Timothy Nickolaus, James Quinn, Carol Ripple, Juliet Summers, and Lauren Widner were honored.

A total of 80 students will enter the PA Program this fall from all three campuses: Miami Shores, St. Petersburg, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This is the first year for the USVI campus; 12 students will be starting this fall. The Program has partnered with the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center in St. Croix for clinical training as well as with the USVI Department of Health.

Santos-Dookie named Student of the Year for 2010

By Sarah Haller, DPMS

The American Podiatric Medical Students’ Association (APMSA) President’s Committee, comprised of the student body presidents of the nine colleges of podiatric medicine, named Annabelle Santos-Dookie the APMSA Student of the Year. Each school nominated one fourth-year candidate who exemplified professionalism in medicine and who submitted an essay on the challenges faced by medical students. Her essay focused on the difficulty of balancing school and non-school related activities in working toward building a well rounded sense of self.

“There isn’t a more appropriate and deserving person for this award,” said Dr. Sanjay Sesodia, professor of physiology and chair for basic medical sciences.

On November 12, Santos-Dookie was presented the award by the APMSA Barry delegation and community of students, faculty and family at a banquet held in her honor.

She was presented with a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the APMSA.

“On behalf of the faculty and staff at Barry University, we are very proud of Annabelle’s accomplishments and recognition as the APMSA Student of the Year,” said School of Podiatric Medicine Dean Dr. Jeffrey Jensen. “She is extremely deserving of this recognition and serves as a role model for all podiatric medical students. We fully expect Annabelle will be a leader in the podiatric profession for years to come.”

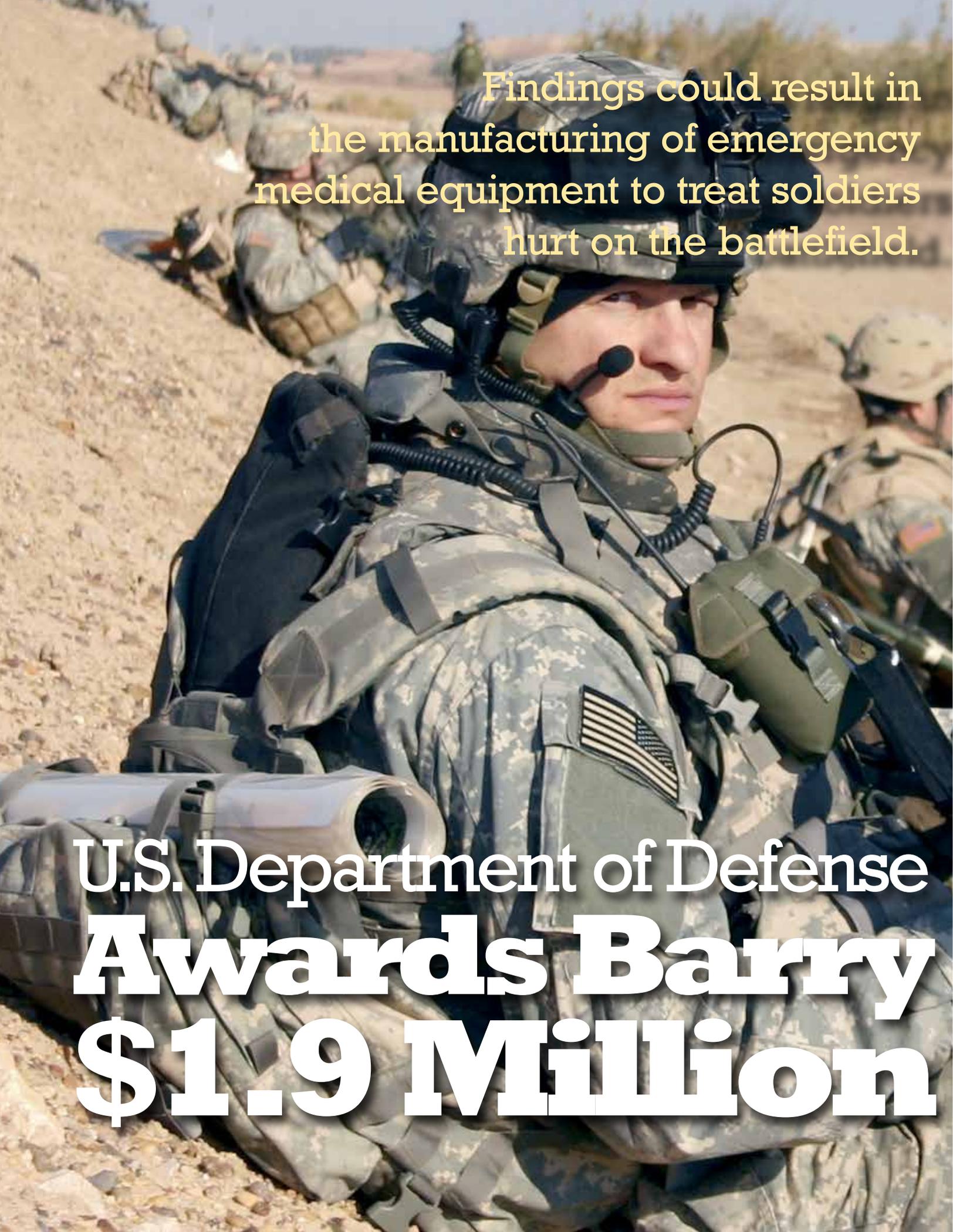
“I am delighted and honored to be the recipient of APMSA’s National Outstanding Student of the Year,” said Santos-Dookie. “I am proud to represent Barry University and be recognized for my hard work.

“I am grateful to the APMSA for their support and for presenting such an opportunity, and to my professors, friends and family for their endless support throughout my

podiatric medical education. I will continue to strive for excellence and be an active part of the podiatric medical profession.”



From left: Associate Professor Dr. Albert Armstrong, Annabelle Santos-Dookie, DPM '11, School of Podiatric Medicine Dean Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, and Chair of Basic Medical Sciences Dr. Sanjay Sesodia



Findings could result in the manufacturing of emergency medical equipment to treat soldiers hurt on the battlefield.

U.S. Department of Defense
Awards Barry
\$1.9 Million



The United States Department of Defense has awarded Barry University a \$1.9 million congressionally-directed grant. These funds from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) will allow researchers to conduct studies that could lead to the reduction of bacteria in wound infections for soldiers in combat.

The two-year project will be guided by Dr. Gerhild Packert, associate dean and professor in Barry's College of Health Sciences, in conjunction with its School of Podiatric Medicine Dean Dr. Jeffrey Jensen and Health Services Administration Program Director Dr. Evelio Velis.

Dr. Jensen, a surgeon and wound healing expert, will assist in oversight of the project and supervise graduate students.

"Enabling nitric oxide to penetrate tissues and eradicate bacteria would certainly benefit soldiers in the field," said Dr. Jensen, who has clinical experience with nitric oxide in healing chronic wounds. "But there is also a tremendous need for addressing bacterial infections in chronic wounds secondary to diabetes, venous insufficiency, and pressure areas in elderly patients. Nitric oxide could assist in the healing process by addressing bacterial burden in wounds without drug resistance so commonly seen with systemic antibiotics.

Included in the grant – the largest single research grant the university has received – are funds to support a team of six researchers, 12 graduate and undergraduate students and more than \$450,000 for laboratory equipment and supplies.

This innovative research project titled, "Identify parameters for the optimal delivery of pressurized nitric oxide to reduce bioburden in wound infections," will study how to deliver nitric oxide to deeper layers of skin in order to reduce the presence of pathogens. Researchers will examine how much pressure is safe to use by testing on human skin models in the laboratory at the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center at Barry University.

This is the second DARPA grant awarded to Barry University. Last year, Dr. Packert and Dr. Velis received \$1.2 million to assist military and humanitarian needs by testing water quality for safe use during emergency conditions. The team is currently examining the reliability of water test kits in finding bacteria and parasites in fresh water.

Findings could result in the manufacturing of emergency medical equipment to treat soldiers hurt on the battlefield. These results can also lead to further funding for clinical studies.

University Grant

Bakotic, DPM '92, elected to Podiatry Management Hall of Fame



Dr. Bradley Bakotic, DPM '92

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Bradley W. Bakotic, DPM, DO, has been elected by his podiatric physician colleagues to the prestigious Podiatry Management Hall of Fame in the 28th Annual Podiatry Management Lifetime Achievement Award competition. Dr. Bakotic attained this honor based on the remarkable professional achievements he has made in medicine and the generous, dedicated and consistent support he has made to the podiatric profession.

Dr. Bakotic earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Barry University and acquired his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine in 1992 as class valedictorian. Dr. Bakotic enrolled in the osteopathy program at the University of New England, graduating in 1995.

While a student at University of New England, he had already begun giving back to his profession. He sponsored the plaque production for the President's Award and the Dean's Award for the graduating seniors who earn these honors.

“As my class valedictorian, I wanted to give future students some sort of displayable recognition attesting to their accomplishments,” Dr. Bakotic said.

He then completed residency and fellowship training in several renowned medical institutions. He is currently board certified in anatomic pathology and clinical pathology, and is the only podiatrist in the nation to hold specialty board certification in dermatopathology. As one of the nation's leading podiatric pathologists, he has become one of the most widely published authors on podiatric pathology in peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed journals and textbooks.

Dr. Bakotic has always sought to elevate podiatric medicine and he saw there was an excellent opportunity to do so by introducing high-quality clinical and diagnostic dermatology into mainstream podiatric medicine. However, following his dream proved difficult within large corporate laboratories, which were reluctant to invest in the podiatric market.

As a result, Dr. Bakotic, along with his brother Dr. Wayne Bakotic and long-time colleague Dr. Jody Hackel, established Bako Podiatric Pathology Services. With the help of many others who shared his ambition, such as clinical consultants Drs. Bryan Markinson and G. Dock Dockery, Bako quickly become podiatric medicine's leading pathology service.

The extraordinary level of support within the podiatric profession provided the means through which Dr. Bakotic was able to begin giving back to the podiatric profession at an entirely new level. Bako's philanthropy has ranged from supporting small regional symposiums to providing grants to podiatric colleges for establishing research and teaching labs. In 2010, Bako provided close to \$1 million in support to the podiatric profession.

For the School of Podiatric Medicine, Bako's generosity has included sponsoring alumni receptions to establishing the Bako Pathology Services Anatomy Lab. Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, dean and professor of podiatric medicine and surgery, and Assistant Dean Bob McKinlay represented the School at Dr. Bakotic's recognition luncheon on July 28, 2011, in Boston during the American Podiatric Medical Association national meeting.

Said Dr. Jensen: “We sincerely appreciate the difference Dr. Bakotic and Bako Pathology Services are making to the podiatric profession and the future opportunities they are providing our students in their careers as podiatric physicians. He is an exemplary Barry alum we are all very proud of.”

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When investigating EMR systems there are similarities. The systems that meet the “Meaningful Use” criteria set by the government give the physician a chance to apply for the \$44,000 stimulus money. The distinguishing features appear to be the initial setup and implementation costs and the recurrent monthly fees.

Today, there are more than 500 EMR systems being marketed. Most systems are web based, but require a significant investment in computer servers to warehouse the data. Protecting the data is an issue rarely discussed by doctors. Some companies will allow you to purchase and host the server in your office. Other systems are leased and hosted in a secure environment or colocation with back up redundancy and multiple dedicated high-speed lines assuring continuous access. The cost of maintenance and support of the system add significant monthly fees. Whichever system you choose, it must be integrated into your existing practice management system to qualify for stimulus dollars. The cost of integration and the initial training fees are often thousands of dollars.

After exercising due diligence, many unresolved issues remain. There will be a “shake out” of EMR companies over the next several years. You may get a good deal on a system today, but the system may not be supported if the company closes its doors. There is no guarantee that the government offer of stimulus money will be forthcoming. Finally, with all of the issues mentioned, the continual advancement in technology may be the ultimate unknown.

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Barry hosts alumni reception at FPMA's SAM meeting

The Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine hosted its annual Podiatric Alumni Reception during the 2011 Florida Podiatric Medical Association's Scientific and Management Meeting (SAM) meeting in January.



From left: Drs. Bradley Bakotic, Robert Iannacone, Terence McDonald, and Jeffrey Jensen at the alumni reception.

The reception sponsored by Bako Pathology Services honored Dr. Bradley Bakotic, whose grant from Bako supported the renovation and creation of the Bako Pathology Labs Anatomy Lab at Wiegand Hall on the Barry campus in Miami Shores. Dr. James Stelnicki was recognized for his election to the Barry University board of trustees.

Immediate past-president of FPMA, Dr. Terence McDonald was lauded for his contributions to podiatric medicine on the state level with 'The Barry Distinguished Service Award.' Dr. Robert Snyder was introduced to the celebrants as Professor of Podiatric Medicine and the new Clinical Research Director of the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine.

Dr. Jensen outlined his major goals for the School, which include increasing research opportunities, expanding the clerkship program and encouraging the development of more residency programs, improving the quality of the student applicant pool, and seeking more grants and funding opportunities. In addition, Dr. Jensen discussed the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center at Barry University,

which will create a world class research center utilizing the collaborative efforts of basic and clinical sciences.

During the reception Dr. McDonald, Dr. Jeff Kopelman, DPM '90, and Mrs. Audrey Kopelman presented Dr. Jensen with a plaque and student scholarship pledge of \$10,000 to honor the memory of the late Dr. Harvey Kopelman, former FPMA president and dedicated podiatric physician for more than 30 years in St. Petersburg.

The Harvey Kopelman, DPM Award and a \$1,000 scholarship award will be presented to the second-year podiatric medical student at Barry who has shown leadership and dedication to the profession. Sponsored by the Florida Podiatric Medical Society and Mrs. Kopelman, the award will be presented at the Rite of Passage Ceremony on September 2, 2011.

Dr. Bradley Haves, DPM '90, president of the Podiatric Alumni Association discussed the alumni phonathon, the Dr. Sean Liffiton Memorial Golf Tournament, and the Dr. Barton Baggett Memorial Scholarship fund.

'Heal the Stride' 5K raises funds for Open Door Health Center

On April 3, 2011, students from the School of Podiatric Medicine's Class of 2013 held a fundraising event, Heal the Stride 5K Run/Walk. This event raised more than \$4,500 for Open Door Health Center in Homestead, Florida. Open Door is a free health care clinic that provides primary care for poor and uninsured migrant workers and families in South Florida.

Special thanks to event sponsors: Platinum Sponsors, Bako Pathology Services and DermPath Diagnostics; Silver Sponsor, PICA; Bronze Sponsors, Pedinol and Saz Computers; as well as Affiliated Foot and Ankle Center LLP, Melbourne Podiatry Associates, Crocs, Visalus Sciences, Sodexo and Kettle Foods.

Special thanks also goes to the Barry University Division of Information Technology and the Finance Department for setting up the online registration; the Buccaneer Athletic Training Student Club for providing first aid and beverages at the event; Miami Shores Police Department for providing safety and executing the logistics; Ken Key for providing the race clocks; the Class of 2013 band, Thirteen, for providing live music and entertainment; and the Heal the Stride 5K committee members and class volunteers for their time.

Last but not least, thank you to all the runners, walkers, and donors. There were at least 178 registered runners and more than 200 attendees.



Members of the Heal the Stride committee: Jessica Ortega (co-chair), Nagi Sidhu (co-chair), Natalia Batista, Binh Nguyen, Ana Mantilla, Maria Pacheco, Nida Nawaz, Michelle Allen, Kristen Patterson and Thomas Wilson.

PA faculty and staff are on the move



Gregory Burns, MMS, PA-C, Associate Director of Clinical Education, Miami Shores campus and Assistant Professor. Originally from North Carolina, Mr. Burns holds a BA in

psychology from University of North Florida. He earned his BS in physician assistant studies and a Master of Medical Sciences from Nova Southeastern University. As a physician assistant, he has worked in the field of cardiology, internal medicine and family medicine.



Randi Cooperman, DHSc, MCMSc, PA-C, Assistant Professor of Medical Education and Director of Clinical Education for Miami Shores, St. Petersburg, and the U.S. Virgin

Islands. A 2003 Barry PA alumna, Dr. Cooperman also earned a BS in psychology from the University of New Mexico and a Doctor of Health Science degree from Nova Southeastern University.



Victoria Knight, Administrative Assistant II, joined the PA Program in 2009. She is currently a student in the School of Adult and Continuing Education, pursuing a degree in behavioral sciences.



Michelle Spence, Administrative Assistant II, is also a Barry alumna. Spence received her Bachelor of Science in behavioral sciences in 2005. She plans to continue her education at Barry to earn a Master of Social Work.



Jennifer Daniel, Administrative Assistant I, joined the PA Program in November 2010. In her previous position as interactive video technician, she worked closely with faculty and students to

deliver interactive videoconferencing between the St. Petersburg and the Miami Shores

campuses. In addition, she is a recent graduate of the University of South Florida and holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary social science.



Seana Hanley, Administrative Assistant II, is from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, and attended Norfolk State University, where she studied and received a BA in fine arts/graphic

design in 2008. She plans to return to school, and pursue a master's in guidance counseling. She joined the PA Program at the St. Croix Campus in May 2011, as the administrative assistant of didactic education. Interacting with students is something Ms. Hanley enjoys and looks forward to.



Keith Moore, JD, PA-C, Associate Program Director and Associate Professor of Medical Education has been with the Barry PA Program since 1997. Moore is

spending half of his time serving as the co-director of the USVI project. In this capacity he recruits and trains faculty and staff for the USVI location, structures the curriculum, recruits students, serves as the point of contact for the technology infrastructure development and physical plant, and overseeing grant activities.



Evelyn Garcia, Assistant to the Associate Program Director, joined Barry in 2001. Garcias is now located at the U.S. Virgin Islands campus. As senior administrative staff, she trains new staff, assists

with marketing and promoting the program to recruit students, continues to support didactic faculty across all three campuses, and provides other regular administrative support functions at the USVI site.

Students get a taste of med school



Barry podiatric medical students who served as teaching assistants: (from left) Matt Zuska, Matt Bernstein, Blake Weeks, Roma Patel, Azuka Olele, Mithil Patel, Dennis Tenenboym and Jason Rubin

In February, 28 high school and undergraduate students attended the School of Podiatric Medicine's Mini Medical School Experience, which encourages potential students to gain further insight into a career in the field.

"The field of podiatric medicine is less well known among pre-health professional students. This gives the student a hands on experience of what podiatric medical school entails," said to Ira Rubin, MD, PhD, who taught at the event with his son, Jason Rubin, a third-year student doctor at the School.

"We are very proud to offer students unique experiences such as the Barry Mini Podiatric Medical School, which provides students with an overview of podiatric medical school, emphasizing patient care and clinical rotations that will get them started on their medical career," said Dean and Professor of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Dr. Jeffrey Jensen.

Students were exposed to an overview of first-year of podiatric medical school: anatomy, biochemistry, histology, radiology, anesthesiology, dermatology, orthopedics and emergency medicine as well as trauma and sports medicine.

If you or someone you know is interested in the field of podiatric medicine, please contact Amy Major, director of admissions, at amajor@mail.barry.edu or call 305-899-3123.

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PA Program opens site in the U.S. Virgin Islands

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded Barry University's Physician Assistant program \$1.5 million in grants. Money from the two grants will be used to support expansion of the program into the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). The five-year project will be led by Barry faculty member Dr. Doreen C. Parkhurst, associate dean and director of the Physician Assistant Program.

The PA Program's expansion into the USVI responds directly to the health care and educational needs of its residents, the objectives of Healthy People 2020 and the recommendations made in the HRSA State Health Workforce Profile for the Virgin Islands. The project received full funding through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

The first of the grants encompasses a one-year project of \$273,332 to fund the first phase, addressing primary health care shortages in the U.S. Virgin Islands through technology by purchasing equipment and establishing videoconferencing capability in the USVI.

The second grant of \$1,223,615 is a five-year project to address primary health care shortages through PA training. These funds will support recruitment and development of local physicians and PAs from the islands as well as faculty members for the USVI program. It will provide the initial administrative and technical support and personnel needed for the start-up phase of the operation until it is self-sustaining. It will enable clinical training to take place in patient populations comprised of underinsured, low income, culturally diverse, indigent and elderly individuals.

At this time there are only 21 physician assistants licensed to work on the islands, which include St. Thomas, St. Croix and St.

John, serving 109,825 residents. PA students in the USVI will receive didactic training via the same interactive videoconferencing process already in place in St. Petersburg, where in 2005 the PA program expanded to the University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College. Barry's PA program received an accreditation renewal by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant in 2009.

"It is gratifying that PA educator peers appreciate the importance of collaborating with our neighbors to offer them the opportunities we take for granted on the mainland," said Dr. Parkhurst. The Program has partnered with the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center in St. Croix for clinical training as well as with the US Virgin Islands Department of Health.

"The U.S. Virgin Islands are medically underserved health professions shortage areas. It is our goal that this initiative will result in improved access to care and will take medical education to place-bound islanders and enable them to pursue careers as physician assistants upon graduation," she said.

Tents provide needed shelter for earthquake victims in Haiti

By Johan Garel, Physician Assistant Class of 2011



Tents were delivered to families who lost their homes in the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Johan Garel '11 led the effort to collect the tents.

January 12, 2010 began as any other weekday for me during my PA studies at Barry. Little did I know, millions of lives would change forever that day. After classes, I went to see an old friend from school who was visiting from Maryland. I drove her to the Fort Lauderdale airport later that afternoon, for her return flight, when my wife called me from Jamaica.

My wife was screaming and repeated my name frantically into the phone while a Broward sheriff's officer asked me to move my vehicle, which was blocking traffic. I was forced to get off the phone, say my goodbyes and move my car. I called back but was unable to reach my wife. She and her coworkers were evacuated from the 14th floor of the building where she worked. My wife finally called back an hour later, saying that a devastating earthquake had hit Haiti. When she called me the first time she was beneath a desk in her office, thinking that maybe this was the last time she would ever speak to me.

The next few days were very tough for me as the news coverage came in of earthquake-ravaged Haiti. Jamaica, where my wife was, only felt the tremors of the earthquake that killed a quarter-million people and destroyed the homes of millions of others. I can honestly say that I rarely cry or get overwhelmed with emotions. However, I was unable to control my tears while watching the coverage of this

disaster. My next few days were spent on Facebook asking for help from some residents of Haiti who still had Internet connection to locate family members who were found alive some days later. I wondered what help would be most beneficial to the people of Haiti besides food and water. I realized that they would need long-term shelter until the rebuilding process began. The next day, I asked my classmates for help and set a goal to provide a 1,000 tents to send to Haiti. I received overwhelmingly positive feedback, which was representative of the overall response from the Barry University community.

Over the next couple of months, my classmate Allison Azevedo became a valiant volunteer, even enlisting her brother's support to build a website. I am very grateful to Allison for helping with the whole organization of the project. The support we received from the faculty and staff at Barry helped us immensely. I would like to also thank Rena Kizilisik, *MEDexpress* co-editor, and Vincent Biscombe, with PHS Group Inc., for helping us in transporting the tents to Haiti. Even though we fell short of our goal of 1,000 tents, the picture depicts how Haitian families were helped by the efforts of everyone involved. Thanks to everyone who took part in this effort and may God bless the people of Haiti.



Terry Helopoulos, MMS, PA-C, (left) and Randi Cooperman, DHSc, MCMSc, PA-CPA, man the booth at the Florida Academy of Physician Assistant (FAPA) Conference in Orlando. The PA Program promoted its vision and presented the poster, "Addressing Primary Health Care Shortages in the U.S. Virgin Islands through PA Training," by Cooperman; Doreen Parkhurst, MD, FACEP; Keith Moore, PA-C, JD; and Whitney Lester, MS, PA-C.

Command surgeon visits students



PA Class of 2012 president Mallorie Lotycz presents certificate of appreciation to Col. Douglas Lougee, MD, MPH

On April 6, 2011, Col. Douglas Lougee, MD, MPH, command surgeon for the United States Southern Command, presented a pediatric respiratory disease and immunization lecture to the PA Program didactic year students. Lougee, a board-certified pediatrician for the Army, has spent many years in a primary care role for military children as well as on the faculty for a large military pediatric residency. He deployed as a battalion surgeon (primary care doctor and advisor for medical activities) for a combat arms battalion that was engaged in counterinsurgency operations in Iraq. He also has deployed many times for humanitarian operations including disaster relief. Lougee is now the lead medical advisor for all U.S. military activities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Donations of \$8,000 mark 15th anniversary of Yucatan Crippled Children's Project



From left: Alejandro Ojeda Manzano, director of rehabilitation at DIF Progreso; IFAF Chairman Dr. Dock Dockery; Dr. Byron Hutchinson; María Magadán Alonzo, president at DIF Progreso; Dr. Miriam Gutiérrez Flores, director at DIF Progreso; and Dr. Keith Kashuk, Barry board of trustees member.

Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project (YCCP). Thanks to the YCCP, more than 7,200 crippled and indigent children of Yucatan, Mexico, have been treated with the help of podiatric physicians and surgeons from the School of Podiatric Medicine as well as the International Foot & Ankle Foundation for

Education and Research (IFAF).

The team of doctors marked the milestone with donations of \$8,000 during the Project's 70th mercy mission July 13-17, 2011.

The School of Podiatric Medicine received a \$5,000 donation from the International Foot & Ankle Foundation for Education and Research, formerly known as the Northwest Podiatric Foundation. The gift

will support the YCCP's ongoing charitable medical missions. The IFAF funds will be used to buy supplies and equipment for future humanitarian trips.

IFAF Chairman Dr. G. Dock Dockery, along with Dr. Byron Hutchinson and the board of directors, recently traveled to the Yucatan as part of the YCCP medical team. Dr. Dockery presented Dr. Keith Kashuk, co-director of the YCCP, with the gift. The donations were contributed by 31 friends and colleagues of Dr. Dockery, in his name, specifically for the YCCP.

In addition, Magdalena Rosol of Bako Pathology Services presented Dr. Dockery with a donation check for \$3,000 for the YCCP. The Foundation has been a long-time supporter of the Yucatan Crippled Children Project, and Bako Pathology Services is a major supporter of IFAF.

"We began this Project as a one-time trip in 1988 after Hurricane Gilbert ripped through the Yucatan," said YCCP founder and professor of podiatric medicine Dr. Charles C. Southerland. "Fifteen years later, we are still helping one child at a time become whole again. This Project could not carry on without the support of our generous sponsors."

If you are interested in supporting the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project, please contact Assistant Dean Bob McKinlay at 305-899-3283.

CELEBRATION OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT Podiatric donors honored for service, generosity

This year, several corporate and podiatric colleagues of the School of Podiatric Medicine were honored for their generosity and service at the Barry University Celebration of the Human Spirit. The reception and recognition was held against the backdrop of one of the world's most extensive and eclectic private art collections, the renowned Margulies Collection at the WAREHOUSE in Miami.

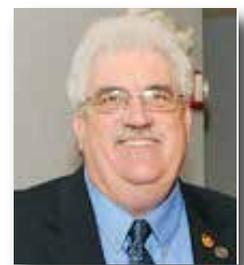
The celebration inducted into the Society of Founders (lifetime giving of \$50,000) the Podiatric Insurance Company of America (PICA) of Franklin, Tennessee. PICA has donated \$50,750 over the past 12 years to the School of Podiatric Medicine. PICA has sponsored the School's Rite of Passage ceremony; the PICA Scholarship, which awards two \$2,500 scholarships each

year to academically qualified podiatric medical students at Barry; and graduation awards. Dr. Dennis Frisch, a PICA committee member and board of trustees member for the American Podiatric Medical Association was presented with a Tiffany glass vase. PICA has made a \$50,000 commitment to the School over five years to sponsor the Rite of Passage and the PICA scholarship.

Inducted into the Order of the Flame (lifetime giving of \$10,000) were Northwest Podiatric Laboratory Inc. of Blaine, Washington, for gifts of \$10,000 for podiatric graduation awards; the International Foot and Ankle Foundation of Edmonds, Washington, for gifts of \$10,000 for the Barry University Yucatan Crippled Children's Project; and Dr. Edward Glaser of

Sole Supports Inc. of Lyles, Tennessee, for contributions of \$11,000 for the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project. Inductees received a Tiffany glass bowl as a token of appreciation.

Said Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, dean: "We celebrate and sincerely thank our friends and benefactors for their generous contributions to our mission of educating podiatric medical students and providing podiatric medical care for indigent and medically underserved people."



Dr. Dennis Frisch, PICA committee member

Alumnus honored for distinguished service



From left: Drs. Terence McDonald, Jeffrey Jensen and Bradley Haves.

The School of Podiatric Medicine honored Terence McDonald, DPM '92, with the School's Distinguished Service Award during its annual podiatric alumni reception at the Florida Podiatric Medical Association Science and Management (FPMA SAM) meeting in January 2011.

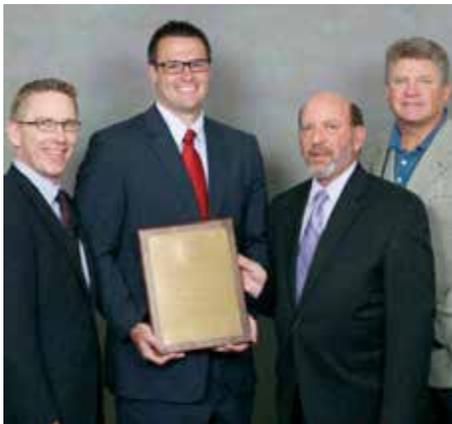
Dr. McDonald received the award because of his dedicated service to the profession of podiatric medicine. While serving as FPMA president, Dr. McDonald advocated for the profession to maintain current practice capabilities and increased, with the American Diabetes Association, the FPMA diabetes foot

campaign, Step out to Fight Diabetes. Dr. McDonald served as the president of the Broward County Podiatric Medical Society and five years on the executive committee of FPMA.

Dr. McDonald is currently in private practice in Fort Lauderdale and Pembroke Pines, Florida, with his wife Cynthia McDonald, DPM '92. He earned his Bachelor of Science in biology at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey, and completed his residency training at University Medical Center in Plantation, Florida.

In April 2011, Barry University established the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center to continue the pioneering doctors' legacy with collaborative research to reduce diabetic foot complications, including ulcers and amputations. Dr. McDonald was the first donor to the Brand Research Center. Relating the significance of the Center, Dr. McDonald said, "As a father of two juvenile diabetics, the Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center will become an important part of my everyday practice, and I look forward to all the research center will do in years to come."

Highlander named Dr. Stone Award winner



From left: Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, School of Podiatric Medicine dean; Peter Highlander, DPM '11; James Lamb, executive director ABPS; and Dr. Thomas Merrill, professor.

Peter Highlander, DPM '11, was awarded the Michael L. Stone, DPM, Outstanding Professional Conduct Award and a \$2,000 scholarship by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery during their membership meeting in

Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The award is given to a fourth-year student at each of the colleges of podiatric medicine. Both faculty and students help to select the award recipient.

The criteria for consideration include: focused interest in foot and ankle surgery, academic minimum GPA 3.0, service to the community and college, excellence in all endeavors, and demonstrated outstanding professional conduct during college.

In 2009, Dr. Highlander was awarded the Dr. James V. Stelnicki Scholarship for Excellence in Lower Extremity Vascular Medicine. He was selected by the podiatric medicine clinical faculty committee based on his strong interest in vascular medicine and submission of his research paper. The award included a \$10,000 scholarship.

After graduating from the School of Podiatric Medicine in April 2011, Dr. Highlander is beginning his three-year residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center-Mercy.

IN MEMORIAM



It is with great sadness we inform you that **Victoria Paz**, office manager for the North Shore Barry University Foot & Ankle Institute, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2011. She was employed by the

School of Podiatric Medicine for over seven years. Born in Brooklyn, New York, she resided in Miami since 1986.

Dr. Jacqueline Buchman, associate professor of podiatric medicine, said of Ms. Paz: "Her enthusiasm and love for life had no boundaries. She had a huge heart, infinite patience for those in need and an eager willingness to tackle any challenge that came her way. Her good humor and unique approach to life was both admirable and infectious. Her love of family and fierce loyalty to those she considered family was sustaining in both good and difficult times. She was a friend to all. We will miss her sunny good nature and constant smile.

"Our patients will, too. In her loss, God has received a guardian angel that will never quit. She will be in our hearts forever."



Dr. BiBi Singh (far left), professor of anatomy and podiatric medicine, led class of 2011 student scholars in the project. The research team comprised William Burmeister, Katherine Machado, Luis Rodriguez and Annabelle Santos-Dookie.

Research team earns Dr. Stelnicki Scholarship

Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine awarded four senior students – William Burmeister, Katherine Machado, Luis Rodriguez and Annabelle Santos-Dookie – with the 2010 Dr. James V. Stelnicki Scholarship for Excellence in Lower Extremity Vascular Medicine. The scholarship, which comes from Dr. Stelnicki's \$100,000 donation to the School of Podiatric Medicine, awards \$2,500 to each of the students.



Dr. James V. Stelnicki

The research team was selected by the podiatric medicine clinical faculty committee based upon their strong interest in lower extremity vascular medicine and submission of their research paper, "Variations of the origin of

the arcuate artery," which has been submitted to the *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association* for publication. The podiatric medical students have been collaborating with Barry professor Dr. BiBi Singh over the past year on their research. They presented posters on their research at the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons' national conference in February as well as at the Florida Academy of Science Conference in March 2011.

The purpose of this study was to investigate the origin of the arcuate artery. This cadaveric study demonstrated that the arcuate artery can be formed by the dorsalis pedis, lateral tarsal artery, and other variations. According to the researchers, knowledge of the anatomical variations in forefoot vasculature is crucial in the use of dorsal flaps following transmetatarsal amputations.

"Student doctors Burmeister, Machado, Rodriguez and Santos-Dookie are most worthy and admirable recipients," said Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, School of Podiatric Medicine dean.

"They serve as fine role models for their classmates for their hard work and high level of achievement. I am very proud of their

accomplishments, and Dr. James Stelnicki extends his personal congratulations and greetings on this significant accomplishment."

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School of Podiatric Medicine honors Drs. Paul and Margaret Brand during historic graduation



Barry University President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD (left) and School of Podiatric Medicine Dean Dr. Jeffrey Jensen congratulate Dr. Margaret Brand during the ceremony.

Fifty-four students received the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from the School of Podiatric Medicine at a commencement ceremony on Saturday, April 30, 2011. More than 900 family, friends, faculty, staff, students, alumni and guests attended the ceremony, which took place at the Broad Center for the Performing Arts on the Miami Shores campus.

The commencement not only recognized the accomplishments of the class of 2011, but also honored two remarkable medical pioneers, Drs. Margaret Elizabeth and Paul Wilson Brand. Dr. Margaret Brand accepted an honorary Doctor of Science degree for herself and a posthumous honorary Doctor of Science on behalf of her late husband, Dr. Paul Brand.

The Brands' groundbreaking work made it possible for insensate patients, including those with leprosy and diabetes, to function normally despite enormous handicaps. Both the Brands traveled the world to teach others about their research and treatment successes and served as advocates for their patients.

David G. Armstrong, professor of surgery and director of the University of Arizona's Southern Arizona Limb Salvage Alliance, was the keynote speaker. The speech capped off a busy weekend that also included the historic dedication of the Dr. Paul & Margaret Brand Research Center.

"To be part of this event with Barry University President Sister Linda Bevilacqua and Dean Jeffrey Jensen, to honor not only the students for their efforts, but to highlight the lives of two very special clinicians in Paul and Margaret Brand, is an honor that is impossible to articulate," Dr. Armstrong said.

His lecture, "From Proto- to Pro-fessional," focused on themes of service, humility and compassion.

"To know that these young doctors are going to go out into the rest of their careers with role models that they've collected here at Barry bodes well for the future of medicine," he said.

Student and faculty awards

Many awards were presented to the class of 2011.

The President's Award went to Jonathan Selbst, sponsored by Podiatric Billing Services and Bako Labs; Dean's Award went to Annabelle Santos-Dookie, sponsored by Dr. Comfort, Dade County Podiatric Medical Association, and FootcareXpress; and the Raymond D. Ibañez, Jr., DPM Memorial Award went to Hana Finn, sponsored by the Ibañez family and private donations.

The Civic Service Award went to Pauline Seymour, sponsored by Gordon's Labs; Dr. Debra Kalfas Memorial Award went to Kelli Ashe sponsored by Falk, Waas, Hernandez, Cortina, Solomon, and Bonner, PA; and the Dr. William Delavari Memorial Award went to Kristina

Barreiro, sponsored by Vilex Inc.

The Excellence in Clinical Sciences Award went to Luis Rodriguez, sponsored by Amerx Corp.; the Dr. Irving & Muriel Block Memorial Award went to Sidharth Reddy, sponsored by Florida Podiatric Medical Society, while the Leadership Award went to David Auguste, sponsored by Pedinol Pharmacal, Gill Podiatry Supply, and BioPro.

The Excellence in Biomedical Sciences Award went to Annabelle Santos-Dookie, sponsored by BioPro, while the Scholarly Development Award went to Joshua Britt, sponsored by Gill Podiatry Supply and Vilex Inc. The Michael L. Stone, DPM, Outstanding Professional Conduct Award went to Peter Highlander, sponsored by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Aldo Gonzalez earned the Outstanding Biomechanics/ Orthopedics Award, sponsored by Northwest Podiatric Labs, and the Dr. Timothy Holbrook Award of Excellence went to Mary Zavada, sponsored by the American College of Foot & Ankle Orthopedics & Medicine.

Faculty awards presented by the Class of 2011 were: Best Basic Science faculty, Dr. Ramjeet Pemsingh; Best Clinical Science Faculty, Dr. Albert Armstrong; Best Podiatry Clinic, Barry Foot and Ankle Institute in Hialeah; The Dr. Marvin Steinberg Award, Dr. Bradley Bakotic; Outstanding Administrative Staff, Ms. Annick DeBruyne; and Appreciation of Counsel, Dr. Bradley Hayes.

Barry University President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, conferred the degrees and Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, School of Podiatric Medicine dean, led the recitation of the Oath of Hippocrates with the new doctors of podiatric medicine.

Liffiton Memorial Scholarship established



A memorial scholarship to honor the late Dr. Sean Liffiton, DPM '93, has been established at Barry University through the combined efforts of the Podo-pediatrics Club and Dr. Liffiton's

family and friends. Barry's Office of Institutional Advancement and the School of Podiatric Medicine collaborated in the endeavor.

Dr. Liffiton had a strong interest in podiatric sports medicine, serving as the team podiatrist for the Florida Panthers hockey team. Therefore, the scholarship awardee must have an

interest in sports medicine, hold a minimum GPA 3.25 and have financial need. Barry faculty from the School of Podiatric Medicine will select the scholarship recipient.

On May 7, 2011, 20 golfers participated in a memorial golf tournament in Dr. Liffiton's honor at the Hillcrest Country Club in Hollywood, Florida. Sponsors for the event included: JSB Orthotics Inc., Dr. Comfort, E-Ride Enterprises (Dr. Liffiton's sister Debra Vining and family), Dr. Dmitry Sandler and Dr. Hal Orstein.

Kristen Patterson, DPM '13, president of the Barry Podo-pediatrics Club, organized the golf tournament to memorialize Dr. Liffiton.

Lillian Liffiton, Dr. Liffiton's mother, raised funds from selling handmade bracelets to friends

and neighbors in Sarnia, Canada. At the same time, Stephanie Lammers raised funds for the scholarship selling bracelets to employees and friends at the Bluewater Health in Sarnia. In total \$5,472 was raised for the scholarship fund.

"This was very special to me and all Sean's family and friends that Barry University undertook this endeavor. The scholarship will help students with their dreams of becoming podiatric sports medicine physicians, and this would have meant a lot to Sean," said Dr. Liffiton's mother.

The first scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded at the Rite of Passage Ceremony for the Class of 2013 on September 2, 2011.



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