



# ACFAS Update

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NEWS from the AMERICAN COLLEGE OF FOOT AND ANKLE SURGEONS

## Transformation Key to ACFAS 2014 Conference Magic

Conference-goers had a taste of Orlando's magic February 29–March 2, 2014, at the ACFAS 2014 Annual Scientific Conference. More than 1,300 foot and ankle surgeons, residents and students gathered in sunny Florida to learn from peers, mingle with colleagues, make new connections and grow professionally as foot and ankle surgeons.

Attendees soaked in lectures, discussions, clinical workshops, debates and comparative panels in which surgeons explored different approaches to their cases. Sessions on the hammered toe, sports injury management and hallux rigidus packed the seats as attendees sought to learn the latest in surgical procedures and techniques.

In addition to these annual conference traditions everyone has come to expect, this year's 72<sup>nd</sup> annual conference had something more. Since registration opened for the 2014 conference, a vision for transformation was cast.

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## PODIATRIC CME REFORM: WILL THERE BE WHITE OR BLACK SMOKE FROM CPME THIS TIME?



One year ago in this space, my predecessor, Jordan Grossman, DPM, described the perilous state of podiatric CME and why it was imperative that the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) mandate a quantum leap forward in how our CME is developed and delivered.

Dr. Grossman said, “As podiatry stands on the cusp of full professional parity, the profession must ensure that CME standards are equal, if not more stringent, than allopathic medicine’s standards. This is an arena that needs a “sheriff” with vastly more authority – and the will to use it.”

Last spring, ACFAS submitted detailed recommendations on how to take this quantum leap, but to our great disappointment, only a few of our points were included in Round 1 of CPME’s revisions to Documents 720-730 that regulate CME standards. Fortunately, CPME recently asked for a second round of comments and we did not retreat. In fact, we issued an even sterner warning.

We said, “ACFAS strongly believes the first round of (Document 720) revisions is grossly inadequate to meet the challenges facing the podiatric profession. This is podiatry’s weakest link. Our learners expect better, government is calling for better and our patients deserve better. It’s the right thing to do – and it must be done now.”

A summary of ACFAS’ concerns include the need to immediately:

- Eliminate third party sponsorship completely or put a cap on how many hours a CME provider can offer without holding its own accreditation.
- Ensure complete independence of activities from all commercial interests – and adding a participant complaint process about commercial bias.
- Increase CPME’s level of scrutiny in monitoring all standards and procedures.
- Limit attendees from claiming credits for the whole activity when they only attended a portion of the activity; and require providers to notify CPME if the activity was shorter than planned.
- Provide a whistleblower system where program participants may file complaints directly to CPME.
- Require that educational activity design be connected to data demonstrating an educational need and meet Moore’s Level of Outcomes 3 as the minimum requirement.

**To see the College’s complete comments, visit [acfas.org/CMEReform](http://acfas.org/CMEReform)**

In our cover letter, we observed that medicine, pharmacy and nursing are now working toward a joint accreditation. We also observed that the CME standards for allopathic medicine, nursing, physician assistants and nurse practitioners all have higher standards than CPME’s proposed standards. And the APMA House of Delegates has met twice since CPME started work on Document 720 revisions in 2012, but they have not taken any positions on this issue.

Other healthcare professions have assured the public that their practitioners will receive education that is designed to be independent, free from commercial bias and based on valid content. ACFAS seems to be the lone voice on this issue. Where is the profession in this “last frontier” in our campaign for professional parity?

CPME will announce the final Document 720 revisions soon. Will white or black smoke emerge from their deliberations this time? We hope CPME shows far more vision and leadership this time for the sake of our profession and our patients.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas S. Roukis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS**  
ACFAS President

Questions for Dr. Roukis? Write him at [president@acfas.org](mailto:president@acfas.org).



## Imagine: ACFAS 2014 Posters Online

Did you miss the Scientific Posters at the Annual Scientific Conference or hoping to get another look? Now you can! New this year, e-Posters Scientific Format Posters are available for viewing online at [acfas.org/Orlando](http://acfas.org/Orlando).

Each year at the Annual Scientific Conference, the poster competition is a key educational resource, contributing to the future of scientific and clinical understanding of foot and ankle surgery through hundreds of poster submissions. The Poster Exhibit continues to grow in submission quantity, quality and variety. Although conference attendees praise the growth, they also bemoan their inability to take it all in!

A potential solution was piloted at this year's conference. The scientific format posters were presented in electronic format, making it easier for attendees to search for and take in favorite topics. Accessible on kiosks within the Poster Exhibit area, posters were searchable by topic, author and classification. In addition, seven short videos were viewable on the kiosks, created to highlight unique submissions of special interest.

And now, those kiosk offerings are available online. Visit and click on the e-Posters Scientific Format link to view the Scientific Format e-Posters and special interest videos.

### Sustaining the ACFAS 2014 Magic: Downloadable Handouts

The ACFAS 2014 Annual Scientific Conference is now a wrap, but you can sustain the magic and momentum by downloading the handouts from many of the conference sessions. With so many case presentations, discussions, debate panels and demonstrations in Orlando, there may be some you wish to revisit! Making handouts available afterward allows attendees to learn about the sessions they missed or to deepen their understanding of favorite topics. Attendees of the 2014 Annual Scientific Conference have exclusive access to the handouts through the ACFAS website's home page at [acfas.org](http://acfas.org) or at [acfas.org/orlando](http://acfas.org/orlando). Simply log in through one of the Download Handouts links to make the most of your 2014 Annual Scientific Conference experience!

## 2014 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

June 13-14, 2014 (Friday/Saturday)

### Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy Surgical Skills Course\*

Orthopaedic Learning Center (OLC)  
Rosemont, IL

SOLD OUT

July 18-19, 2014 (Friday/Saturday)

### Coding/Practice Management Workshop

Marriott San Diego Gaslamp Quarter  
San Diego, CA

August 2-3, 2014 (Saturday/Sunday)

### Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy Surgical Skills Course\*

Orthopaedic Learning Center (OLC)  
Rosemont, IL

SOLD OUT

October 24-25, 2014 (Friday/Saturday)

### Coding/Practice Management Workshop

Courtyard Marriott Philadelphia Downtown  
Philadelphia, PA

October 24-25, 2014 (Friday/Saturday)

### Comprehensive Rearfoot Reconstruction Surgical Skills Course

DoubleTree by Hilton Jersey City  
(Mobile Lab)  
Jersey City, NJ

November 1-2, 2014 (Saturday/Sunday)

### Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy Surgical Skills Course\*

Orthopaedic Learning Center (OLC)  
Rosemont, IL

SOLD OUT

November 8-9, 2014 (Saturday/Sunday)

### Trauma of the Foot and Ankle Surgical Skills Course

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For a full listing of upcoming educational opportunities, visit [acfas.org/education](http://acfas.org/education).



# Snapshots from the Annual Conference

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 2, ORLANDO





# POSTER AWARDS

## Enriching Through Research

The ACFAS scientific poster competition is an educational resource that contributes to the future of scientific and clinical understanding in podiatric medicine (many of the researchers are experienced, not just beginners). The 2014 display contained 241 posters, including seven from schools of podiatric medicine.

### The 2014 poster award winners include:

#### CASE STUDY FORMAT

##### First Place – \$1,000

*Medial and Lateral Plantar Artery Angiosome Flaps for Transmetatarsal Amputation Involving Large Soft Tissue Defects of the Forefoot*

Troy J. Boffeli, DPM, FACFAS  
Brett J. Waverly, DPM

##### Second Place – \$700

*The Effectiveness of Nifedipine in the Treatment of Vasomotor Instability Associated with Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) in a Young, Female Patient*

Frank Luckino, III, DPM  
Molly S. Judge, DPM, FACFAS

##### Third Place – \$500

*Medial Column Stabilization Procedure for Charcot Arthropathy without Arthrodesis: A Case Study and Review of the Literature*

Megan Johnson, DPM  
John S. Steinberg, DPM, FACFAS

#### SCIENTIFIC FORMAT

##### First Place – \$1,000

*The Forgotten Artery in Ankle Arthroscopy: Is the Perforating Peroneal Artery at Risk with Standard Anterolateral Portal Placement?*

Shelby B. Hyllengren, DPM  
Troy J. Boffeli, DPM, FACFAS

##### Second Place – \$700

*Mobile Bearing Total Ankle Component Malposition and Its Effect on Dynamic Contact Pressures*

Jeffrey C. Christensen, DPM, FACFAS  
Randal Ching, PhD

##### Third Place – \$500

*The Effect of Posterior Malleolar Fixation on Syndesmotic Stability in Rotational Ankle Fractures*

Laura Walton, DPM  
Justin J. Fleming, DPM, FACFAS  
Andrew J. Meyr, DPM, FACFAS

#### STUDENT CLUB

##### First Place – \$1,000

*Location of the Deep Plantar Artery: A Cadaveric Study*

Iowa College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University - Iowa

##### Second Place – \$700

*An Evaluation of Absolute Toe Pressure Used for Diabetic Limb Salvage: the Effect of Patient Positioning and Statistical Variability*

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine - Pennsylvania

##### Third Place – \$500

*Verrucous Carcinoma Following Transmetatarsal Amputation: A Case Report*

Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine - Illinois

## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to ACFAS members who volunteered their time as judges of the poster exhibit competition. Their many hours of judging and evaluation of the entries at the 2014 Annual Scientific Conference are deeply appreciated.

Harry P. Schneider, DPM, FACFAS, *Chair*

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# Manuscript Awards Recognize Research Excellence



The ACFAS Manuscript Awards of Excellence were established to foster research on the practice of podiatric medicine. Research performed today will help advance foot and ankle surgery and determine best practice for patient care.

Manuscripts submitted for consideration are blind-reviewed and judged on established criteria. A total of 58 manuscripts were submitted and 30 were selected by a panel of peers to be presented at the 2014 Annual Scientific Conference. Of those presented, seven were the top winners as listed below.

The winners split \$10,000 in award money generously funded by the Podiatry Foundation of Pittsburgh and presented at the ACFAS Honors and Awards Ceremony on February 28, 2014.

## First Place (\$3,000)

*Eliminating the Need for Prolonged Antibiotics through Surgical Resection of Forefoot Osteomyelitis*

Emily A. Cook, DPM, MPH, FACFAS  
Philip Basile, DPM, FACFAS  
Homan Badri, DPM  
Steven Zavinsky, DPM, FACFAS  
Thanh L. Dinh, DPM, FACFAS  
Barry I. Rosenblum, DPM, FACFAS  
Jeremy J. Cook, DPM, MPH, FACFAS

## Second Place (\$2,500)

*Registry Data Trends of Total Ankle Replacement Use*

Mark A. Prissel, DPM  
Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS

## Third Place (\$1,500)

*Evaluation of the Rearfoot Component (Module 3) of the ACFAS Scoring Scale*

Naohiro Shibuya, DPM, FACFAS  
Ryan T. Kitterman, DPM  
Daniel C. Jupiter, PhD

## Honorable Mentions (\$750)

*Lower Extremity Amputation Risk Factors Associated with Elevated Ankle Brachial Indices and Radiographic Artery Calcifications: A Retrospective Review*

Eric Lew, DPM  
Nicole M. Nicolosi, DPM  
Georgeanne Botek, DPM FACFAS

*Arthroscopic Synovectomy, Irrigation and Débridement for the Treatment of Septic Ankle Arthrosis: A Systematic Review and Case Series*

Michael R. Mankovecky, DPM  
Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS

*Progression of Subtalar Joint Degenerative Joint Disease between Reamed and Unreamed Total Ankle Arthroplasty Systems*

Jeffrey E. McAlister, DPM, AACFAS  
Jaymes D. Granata, MD  
Christopher F. Hyer, DPM, FACFAS  
Gregory C. Berlet, MD

*A Comparison of the “All-Inside” Arthroscopic Brostrom Procedure with the Traditional Open Modified Brostrom Gould Technique: A Review of 62 Patients*

Jacob D. Thompson, DPM, AACFAS  
Ryan B. Rigby, DPM, AACFAS  
James M. Cottom, DPM, FACFAS

## 2014 Manuscript Judges

A sincere thank you to the members of the College who served as manuscript judges for giving so generously of their time and expertise in evaluating the submissions.

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Roya Mirmiran, DPM, FACFAS  
Barry I. Rosenblum, DPM, FACFAS



membership

## New ACFAS Regional Division Presidents Announced in Orlando

ACFAS Regional Divisions play an important role in our field, supporting the profession at the grassroots level by connecting members through local seminars, meetings and labs. They also provide support to residents and students in their geography.

The leadership and services provided by our Divisions flows from skilled officers giving time and expertise. Three of our 14 Regional Divisions had new presidents take office at the recent Annual Scientific Conference in Orlando. We are pleased to introduce them to you:

- **Division 5 Florida** elected as its president Joanne Balkaran, DPM, FACFAS, of Mount Dora, Florida. You can view recent Division 5 activities and plans for the year on its webpage [acfas.org/division5](http://acfas.org/division5).
- **Division 12 Tri-State** covers the states of Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Its new president is L. Jolene Moyer, DPM, FACFAS, who practices in Altoona, Pennsylvania. A listing of Division 12 activities and goals for 2014 can be found on its webpage [acfas.org/division12](http://acfas.org/division12).
- **Division 13 Ohio Valley** covers the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Its new president is Julie Wieger, DPM, FACFAS, from South Bend, Indiana. You can visit the Division 13 webpage at [acfas.org/division13](http://acfas.org/division13) to learn more about its activities and plans for the year.

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## Transformation Key to ACFAS 2014 Conference Magic *(continued from cover)*



ACFAS President Thomas Roukis believes the conference delivered. What he heard throughout the conference confirmed it:

“Most memorable for me were the crowded hallways outside each conference hall where members gathered to talk. I heard the full spectrum of dialogue, from old classmates reliving the past and catching up on the present, to clinical and surgical related questions, to comments about the educational materials. I even heard people commenting about the good food in the Exhibit Hall!”

Kicking off the transformation buzz was keynote speaker Danielle Ofri MD, whose research is changing the perception of surgeon-patient interactions. Dr. Ofri is an essayist, editor, attending physician at Bellevue Hospital and Associate Professor of Medicine at New York University School of Medicine.

Her message, “The Amygdala and the Stethoscope: How Emotions Affect the Practice of Medicine Emotions, Caregivers, and Patients,” was a definitive and refreshing shift from the norm. With personal examples

and primary research, Dr. Ofri revealed how emotions permeate clinical decision making and how awareness can make all the difference in the patient-surgeon relationship. Reviews of Dr. Ofri’s address were overwhelmingly positive, with many attendees noting they were fascinated by her work and approach to patient care.

Dr. Ofri’s presentation set the pace for the remainder of the sessions, all of which received rave reviews. The 2014 Annual Scientific Conference Chair, Thanh Dinh, explains, “The ultimate goal of this conference is to provide our members with top-quality educational content from the leaders in the field, and it was thoroughly satisfying to hear that we delivered from individual members!”

Changes to the Exhibit Hall also produced conference magic this year. The membership booth provided attendees with a variety of services, from a professional photography booth to an expanded job fair. Dr. Roukis expounds, “We offered professional photography for members, including priming by experienced make-up artists. This was a major success because social media and

electronic communication require many different head shots—newspapers, newsletters, websites and practice print communications.” Such practical help gave attendees tools for developing their professional presence online and in their communities.

And the magic seemingly hovered around The HUB, drawing conference-goers to its bite-sized education on a variety of topics in mini-forum sessions. Reviews were extraordinary, confirming the need for the venue to be included in future conferences. The casual, intimate atmosphere allowed for questions to be addressed and advice to be disseminated for particular and personal circumstances. High marks were given to: Preparing for Change—ABPS New Board Certification Process, Don’t Say “Umm”—Effective Public Speaking, and The Great Job Hunt. As those titles reveal, The HUB gave space for unusual—yet extremely crucial—topics to be addressed.

Transformation was also seen in the presentation of the poster competition. As it has grown, attendees have found it difficult to view the hundreds of quality, fascinating

practice management

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**ACFAS' Practice Management and Coding Seminar Can Help**



posters during the course of the conference. An electronic solution was piloted for the scientific format posters, making it easier to search for and read favorite topics. Accessible on kiosks within the Poster Exhibit area, posters were searchable by topic, author and classification. In addition, seven short videos were available on the kiosks, created to highlight unique submissions of special interest. This transformation received rave reviews.

Dr. Dinh notes that technology was key to the conference's transformation, concluding: "We embraced technology this year. The delivery of healthcare has been transformed by technology, and we kept pace by delivering education digitally through e-Posters, the Poster Kiosks and the improved Conference App."

You'll find more conference highlights and evidence of transformation throughout this issue of *Update*. And mark your calendar now for the ACFAS 73rd Annual Scientific Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, February 19-22, 2015. See you there!

Registration is now open for the ACFAS summer Practice Management and Coding Workshop set for July 18-19, 2014 at the Marriott San Diego Gaslamp Quarter Hotel in San Diego, California. This interactive practice management course is the most comprehensive of its kind and will give course participants (both physicians and their office staff) a thorough overview of the essential concepts and skills required to manage and meet the challenges of running a practice in today's changing healthcare arena, including:

- Coding for Evaluation and Management and Surgical Procedures
- Meaningful Use Attestation
- Transitioning to ICD-10
- Providing and Getting Reimbursed for Durable Medical Equipment
- Use of Modifiers
- Effective Appeal of Insurance Denials
- Avoiding Malpractice Claims

According to Jerome Noll, DPM, FACFAS, Chair, ACFAS Practice Management Committee, past workshop attendees have been very impressed with the two new consultants participating in Practice Management Workshops, Jackie Reiss-Kravitz, CPC and Marcy Blitch, RHIA, CCS and ICD-10 Certified Trainer. "Jackie brings a wealth of experience in podiatric practice management, as well as significant billing and coding credentials to assist our members in realizing the income they are due from the work they perform," Dr. Noll comments. "Marcy has a similar background but now is employed by a large healthcare organization engaging in EMR transitions and teaching ICD-10 implementation to coders. Marcy will make sure that our members are ready when the conversion to ICD-10 occurs," he adds.

To register to attend the July Practice Management Seminar, visit [acfas.org/practicemanagement](http://acfas.org/practicemanagement). For questions regarding the seminar, contact R. Dawn Brennaman, MPA, Director of Health Policy, Practice Advocacy, and Research at [dawn.brennaman@acfas.org](mailto:dawn.brennaman@acfas.org).



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The 2014-15 ACFAS Board of Directors—Seated, left to right: Jordan P. Grossman, DPM, FACFAS, Immediate Past President; Sean T. Grambart, DPM, FACFAS, Secretary-Treasurer; Richard Derner, DPM, FACFAS, President-Elect; Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS, President. Back Row: John S. Steinberg, DPM, FACFAS; Christopher Hyer, DPM, FACFAS; Kris A. DiNucci, DPM, FACFAS; Christopher Reeves, DPM, FACFAS; Aksone Nouvong DPM, FACFAS; Byron L. Hutchinson, DPM, FACFAS; J. C. (Chris) Mahaffey, MS, CAE, FASAE.



## Winter Board Meeting Highlights

The ACFAS Board of Directors met on February 26, 2014, immediately prior to the Annual Scientific Conference in Orlando, Florida. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Welcoming newly elected director Byron Hutchinson, DPM, of Seattle, Washington, and new Division President Council Chair (and ex-officio board member) Aksone Nouvong, DPM, of Pomona, California. Retiring from the board was Michelle L. Butterworth, DPM, and Randall Wraalstad, DPM.
- The appointment of the Board's 2014-15 Conflict of Interest Committee.
- Discussion of possible amendments to the ACFAS bylaws.
- Updates on the California Joint DPM-DO-MD Licensure Initiative from representatives from the California Podiatric Medical Association.
- The approval of the submittal of comments to the Council on Podiatric Medical Education on revisions to CPME Documents 720 and 730 that would reform podiatric CME standards.
- Policy approval requiring a performance review of the College's auditor, investment council and legal counsel every five years; and a policy on what constitutes a publishable paper for recipients of research grants.
- The review of recommended changes to the College's Surgical Delineations Position Statement but postponed approval pending further review.
- Discussion of medical malpractice issues and case studies with PICA President Ross Taubman, DPM.
- New Board member liaison appointments to Student Clubs for 2014.

The next Board meeting will be held on July 25-27 in Quebec City, Canada. Members may direct any questions about this meeting or College governance to ACFAS Executive Director Chris Mahaffey at [mahaffey@acfas.org](mailto:mahaffey@acfas.org).

## Promote Your ACFAS 2014 Attendance with Fill-in-the-Blank Press Releases

If you attended the ACFAS 2014 Annual Scientific Conference, you have a prime opportunity to promote your practice and your expertise with the College's ready-made press releases. All the prep work has been done for you—simply download the press release document and fill-in-the-blanks to customize the details.

Promoting your conference attendance is a signal to your community that you value and pursue continuing education. It stresses the importance you place on improving your skills and gaining the latest training and techniques in your field. Patients and colleagues alike will take note!

To access the ACFAS Fill-In-The-Blank Press Releases, visit [asfas.org/marketing](http://asfas.org/marketing) and log in. Look under Current Releases & Hot Topics for a variety of customizable press releases

available as Microsoft Word documents. The Annual Scientific Conference press release is titled "Local Surgeon Attends National Surgical Association's Scientific Conference."

After you customize the press release content, write a brief letter requesting media coverage and send them to your local newspapers and radio stations. Then make the most of the coverage you receive by adding the details to your LinkedIn page and by sharing it on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to add your press release to your practice's website and share it on social media, too.

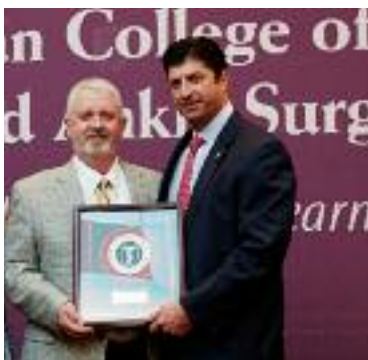
With a bit of effort, your ACFAS 2014 attendance can serve as a powerful publicity tool for you and your practice. Don't miss the opportunity to solidify your expertise in the community!

## ACFAS 2014 Attendees: Claim Your CME Credits

If you attended the 2014 Annual Scientific Conference, it's time to claim your Continuing Medical Education credits. The ACFAS Education Department has sent all attendees instructions via e-mail for confirming transcripts.

The confirmation process is easy! Simply visit [acfas.org](http://acfas.org) and click on the Access Conference CME link, then log in to access, verify, and edit your records. You can also print a certificate of attendance.

Please note that after June 30, 2014, no additional changes can be made to your records online; so take a moment now to claim your CME credits. If you have questions, or if you did not receive your e-mail instructions, please contact the ACFAS Education Department at 800-421-2237.



### 2014 Distinguished Service Award Winner

Edwin Blich, DPM, FACFAS, received the 2014 ACFAS Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Scientific Conference in Orlando from Jordan P. Grossman, DPM, FACFAS, Immediate Past President of ACFAS.



## 2014 ACFAS Scholars

ACFAS Scholars are the current club presidents for the ACFAS Student Clubs on each of the podiatric medical school campuses. The ACFAS Scholars for 2014 are Heidi Godoy, NYCPM; Brian Friis, AzPod; Nathan Shane, Kent State; Blake Brannick, Scholl; Adam Jones, Barry; Jordan Gardner, DMU; Benjamin McGrath, CSPM; Michael Berger, Temple; and Bryant Nachtigall, WesternU. They are pictured with ACFAS President Tom Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS.



## 2014 Division Scholars

ACFAS Division Scholars are future leaders from each school chosen from each of the ACFAS Regional Divisions. The ACFAS Division Scholars for 2014 are Myles Knutson, CSPM; Catlea Gorman, WesternU; Ryan Pinedo, AzPod; Michael Sosinski, Barry; Shawn Khademi, Scholl; Brandy Hooper, DMU; Nam Tran, NYCPM; Emmanuella Eastman, Temple; and Kevin Wang, Kent State. They are pictured with Division Presidents Greg Still, DPM, FACFAS; Joanne Balkaran, DPM, FACFAS; Scott Nelson, DPM, FACFAS; Eric Walter, DPM, FACFAS; Jolene Moyer, DPM, FACFAS; Julie Wieger, DPM, FACFAS; and DPC Chair Aksone Nouvong, DPM, FACFAS.



## In Memory

Richard B. Graham, DPM, FACFAS  
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Research is essential to the medical profession and ACFAS is at the forefront of research for foot and ankle surgeons. If you are involved in a study that would be beneficial to the profession, the Annual Conference Program Committee invites you to submit your manuscript or poster abstract for presentation consideration at the **Annual Scientific Conference, Thursday, February 19 – Sunday, February 22, 2015 in Phoenix, AZ.**

### MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 15, 2014

ACFAS Manuscript Awards of Excellence winners will divide \$10,000 in prize money from a generous grant given to the College by the Podiatry Foundation of Pittsburgh.

To submit your manuscript, log on to the ACFAS website at [acfas.org](http://acfas.org). Detailed information regarding manuscript requirements and policies is printed in the “**2015 Call for Manuscripts**” and “**Instructions for Authors Submitting a Manuscript.**” It is important that author(s) carefully read these two documents **before** submitting a manuscript.

**Manuscripts must be submitted no later than August 15, 2014** to be eligible for review by the Committee.

### POSTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2014

To submit your poster, log on to the ACFAS website at [acfas.org](http://acfas.org). Detailed information regarding poster requirements and policies and sample abstracts are published in the “**2015 Poster Guidelines.**” It is important that the authors carefully read these guidelines **before** submitting a poster abstract.

**Poster abstracts must be submitted no later than October 1, 2014** to be eligible for review by the Committee.



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