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ACFAS 2018 Is a Hit

ACFAS 2018 set the stage in Nashville for an incredible conference experience filled with round-the-clock clinical sessions, interactive surgical workshops and endless opportunities for both students and residents to network and learn from leaders in the profession.

An exciting Opening General Session kicked off the first official day of the conference. ACFAS Immediate Past President Laurence G. Rubin, DPM, FACFAS, outlined the College's many accomplishments from throughout the past year and gave insight into the profession's future. Astronaut Captain Mark Kelly also delivered an inspiring keynote address that focused on how to use your strengths and talents to overcome adversity.

Students and residents spent the next three days immersed in nonstop sessions and workshops, many of which were tailored specifically to their needs at each stage of their academic and professional careers. Presenters and other seasoned foot and ankle surgeons took time to meet with students and residents in



between sessions and offered real-world advice on everything from board exams to surgical techniques. This year's Honors and Awards Ceremony recognized the three Student Club poster winners: Kent State came in first, CSPM took second and NYCPM placed third. The last day of the conference began with the Fellowship Breakfast Fair, which gave students and residents a chance to speak with fellowship directors about their programs, then ended with a down-home Wrap Party at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

Watch ACFAS publications for details on the 77th Annual Scientific Conference, February 14–17, 2019 in New Orleans where we'll let the good times roll!

Congrats to ACFAS Student Club Poster Winners

All nine ACFAS Student Clubs participated in this year's poster contest held during ACFAS 2018 in Nashville. Congratulations to the winners:



1st Place (\$1,000):

A Novel Technique for Percutaneous Harvest of Calcaneal Autograft: Evaluation of Complications and the Effect on 1st MPJ and Lapidus Arthrodesis
- Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine

2nd Place (\$700):

Neurovascular Structures at Risk with a Modified Posteromedial Incision for Posterior Pilon Variant Fractures: A Cadaveric Study

- California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt College

3rd Place (\$500):

Limb Salvage of the Foot Through Creation of a Calcaneal Cortical Window to Treat Osteomyelitis Following Injection

- New York College of Podiatric Medicine



2018 ACFAS Scholars

ACFAS Scholars are typically the current ACFAS Student Club presidents or officers at each of the podiatric medical schools. The Board of Directors thanks these young members for their year of service to the College by giving them a scholarship to attend the Annual Scientific Conference. This year's ACFAS scholars (pictured here with representatives from Medartis, this year's ACFAS Scholar sponsor) are:

- Lance Hopkin, *Club President, CSPM Class of 2019*
- Zachary Croy, *Club President, DMU Class of 2019*
- Michael Savisky, *Club President, Scholl Class of 2020*
- Brent Blanck-Singer, *Club President, NYCPM Class of 2019*
- Kyle Schwickerath, *Club President, AZPod Class of 2020*
- Anthony Samaan, *Club President, Temple Class of 2019*
- Britain Wetzel, *Club President, Kent Class of 2019*
- Elizabeth Ansert, *Club President, Barry Class of 2019*
- Karanjot Kaur, *Club Vice President, Western Class of 2020 (not pictured)*



2018 Region Scholars

ACFAS Region Scholars are funded by the ACFAS Region Presidents Council (RPC), specifically their home Regions, and most are the president-elect of their Student Club. Their local Regions honor them as future leaders of the profession. The 2018 ACFAS Region Scholars (pictured here with RPC representatives) are:



- Robert Clements, *Club President-Elect, DMU Class of 2020*
- Daniel Ryan, *Club Vice President, Scholl Class of 2020*
- Varsha Salunkhe, *Club President-Elect, CSPM Class of 2020*
- Kyleigh Pierson, *Club President-Elect, AZPod Class of 2021*
- Natasha Bhagat, *Club President-Elect, Kent Class of 2020*
- Stephanie Golding, *Club President-Elect, Temple Class of 2020*
- Brittany Mammano, *Club Member, Western Class of 2019 (not pictured)*
- Jonathan Shalot, *Club President-Elect, NYCPM Class of 2020 (not pictured)*
- Misha Tavaf, *Club President-Elect, Barry Class of 2020 (not pictured)*

Mirmiran Family Scholarship

Congratulations to Kent State students Craig Verdin, Class of 2019, and Emily Zulauf, Class of 2018, on receiving the 2018 Mirmiran Family Scholarship. The family of Roya Mirmiran, DPM, FACFAS, of Sacramento, California, established the scholarship to provide two podiatric medical students with \$1,000 each in support. The funds are intended to offset travel expenses and costs for attending the ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference.



Barry University Welcomes ACFAS Board Liaison

Christopher L. Reeves, DPM, FACFAS, board liaison for the ACFAS Student Club at the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine, visited the campus in January to talk with students about the benefits of joining ACFAS and how they can become leaders within their club. He also reviewed two cases—one on trauma and another on arthritic ankle fusions and replacements—then answered questions about externships and residency interviews.



Bottom Row (L–R): Dhavel Chauham, Kirin Kaur, Marika Jackson, Natalie Moussa, Elizabeth Ansert, Naureen Syed, Lahari Madulapally, Chi-chi Wachuku and Justin Carney

Top Row (L–R): Tiffany Cerda, Ash Oganessian, Shane Duggan, Charlie Korba, Zohaib Moon, Dr. Reeves, Edgar Sy and Henry Rawner

Dr. Grambart Visits Scholl Student Club

Board Member Sean T. Grambart, DPM, FACFAS, visited the ACFAS Student Club at Scholl College in early March and spoke on residency, fellowship, work/life balance and the dos and don'ts of externship. He also discussed the differences among the types of practices in which DPMs are employed, namely multispecialty groups, orthopaedic groups and private practices.



From L–R: Joe Yeo, Tiffanie Liu (Treasurer), Daniel Ryan (Vice President), Dr. Grambart, Michael Savisky (Club President) and Mark Boissonneault (Workshop Coordinator).



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