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FPMS on the Move

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The Florida Podiatric Medical Society (FPMS) continues to spread the word about Podiatry throughout the state. Our charitable efforts on your behalf have impacted individuals all over Florida.

In the northern part of the state, the Society continues to provide two scholarships for diabetic children to attend the Florida Diabetes Camps in the Gainesville and Tallahassee areas during the summer. These scholarships have made it possible for dozens of low-income children to spend a week among other diabetic children. This fun-packed week helps them build lasting friendships and provides important lessons concerning their care from many of the medical volunteers who spend the week with them. The parents of these children have written heartfelt letters of appreciation to our Society for making it possible for their sons and daughters to attend summer camp with their peers.

In Central Florida, FPMA established cycling Team FPMA in order to raise money and tighten bonds with the Florida Chapter of the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The team, led by FPMA Committee on Public Affairs Chair **Dr. Robert Iannacone**, participated in the ADA Tour de Cure fundraising event, which took place in Lake Nona on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Although their original goal was to raise \$5,000, Team FPMA ended up raising \$7,545 for diabetes research and advocacy. The Team FPMA logo was clearly on display as participants wore bright yellow and blue shirts while they were cycling. Please be on the lookout for information about Team FPMA’s next event, which will hopefully take place this Fall, along with the ADA Step Out Walks occurring around the state.

In South Florida, the Society once again presented two Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine graduates with scholarship awards on behalf of FPMA. FPMA President **Dr. Mark Lambert** attended the Barry POD Commencement on Saturday, April 29, 2017 and presented the Dr. Irving and Muriel Block Scholarship to **Dr. Gregory Larsen**. This scholarship is awarded to the top graduating Podiatric Radiology student on behalf of FPMA. The FPMA Past President’s Scholarship was awarded to **Dr. Vanessa English**. This scholarship provides funds to a new graduate to help begin residency training and is fully funded by Past Presidents of FPMA, who recognize the importance of fostering and nurturing a new career. Our scholarships represent the largest awards presented to the students at graduation and the White Coat ceremony. FPMA, through the Society’s generous giving, supports our future leaders.

Let me once again thank each and every one of YOU, the generous members, who make all this work possible. Our efforts continue to spread the word that Florida podiatric physicians support the citizens and students of our great state.



FPMA President Dr. Mark Lambert (right) presented the Dr. Irving and Muriel Block Scholarship to Barry Podiatry Class of 2017 graduate Dr. Gregory Larsen (left).



Dr. Mark Lambert (right) presented the FPMA Past President's Scholarship to graduate Dr. Vanessa English (left) at the 2017 Barry POD Commencement.