Distinguished Alumna hits the ground running and reaps life’s rewards.
Meet the New Dean

Dr. Jeffrey Jensen is an innovative researcher and medical device inventor ushering in a new era for BUSPM

Dr. Jensen came to Barry University from private practice in Denver, Colorado, where he had been the owner and clinical director of the Diabetic Foot and Wound Center since 1994. For the past 10 years, Dr. Jensen served as externship and research director at North Colorado Podiatric Surgical Residency Program. He has also been an assistant clinical professor at the University of Colorado Health Science Center since 1995. He spoke with the editor about his role as dean and what hopes and aspirations he has for the School of Podiatric Medicine and the Physician Assistant Program.

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EDITOR: How did you hear about the opening for the position of dean at the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine?

DR. JENSEN: I saw the position announcement and I really felt as though I possessed the skill set to perform the position in an effective manner. Three of my mentors, Dr. Jeffrey Page, currently dean of the Arizona Podiatric Medicine Program at Midwestern University, Dr. William Todd, former dean at the Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, and Dr. Irvin Kanat, my former residency director at the Kern Hospital Surgical Residency Program, encouraged me to apply. My experiences with the North Colorado Residency Program in many facets, from residency director to externship director to research director, blended with my practice background to provide me with this ideal opportunity. So I applied for the position, interviewed with the search committee, and here I am. And it appears to be a great fit.

EDITOR: What are your chief responsibilities as the new dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine and Physician Assistant Program?

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EDITOR: Are there any specific issues or areas that take priority?

DR. JENSEN: For the School of Podiatric Medicine I have five key areas that I want to address. First, I believe that podiatric medicine is a diamond in the rough, that it has so much more potential for expansion and enhancement of the applicant pool from which we recruit students. With only nine schools of podiatric medicine and millions of potential students, it is astonishing that we only have 1,000 applicants for podiatric medical student slots in the entire nation. Our schools need to do a better job of educating potential students about what a great career they can have by becoming a podiatric physician.

Second, I feel we should be at the cutting edge in research and publications. I have had the fantastic opportunity to be involved as the principle investigator of more than 30 multicenter clinical trials for wound care-related drugs and devices in which I have generated $2.8 million in federal research funds, to facilitate treatment of diabetic foot wounds and fractures. Naturally, I look forward to expanding our research initiatives, generating more grants through the NIH and other federal agencies, and increasing our professional publications. I am very excited to be working with Barry’s many renowned programs including our own PA Program, the Division of Nursing, the School of Human Performance and Leisure Sciences, the College of Health Sciences, and others to foster research opportunities.

Third, I want to develop educational initiatives in wound care and sports medicine that will provide an early introduction for our students to these podiatric specialty areas that will give them a great start for their future careers as podiatric physicians. At the same time, we will continue our steady path toward the complete integration of our basic science and clinical education components.

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In private practice for 14 years, Crane is the founding partner of Foot and Ankle Associates of North Texas LLP in Grapevine. Since 1998, the practice has grown to include four women doctors and a complete foot health center.

Between the patients and staff, every day in the office is a new adventure. “You never know what’s going to walk in the door. My patients continue to make me laugh out loud at some of the antics they do to hurt themselves. Athletes are great for comedy,” she jokes. “Add to that the reality TV show that is my staff, and every day is a challenge. You learn to laugh at everything and everyone—especially yourself.”

Crane’s sense of humor is also evident in her popular blog, featured on her website, www.myrundoc.com, which educates runners and triathletes on foot health and injury prevention. In one entry she jokingly extols the benefits of a post-marathon beer, which she claims “can precipitate post-race amnesia making you want to do another one.”

Committed to empowering the next generation of doctors, she also generously contributes to the Dr. Marvin D. Steinberg Podiatric Alumni Scholarship Fund at Barry University, and the Fund for Podiatric Medical Education. Her first book, “If Your Running Feet Could Talk,” was published in April 2009.

After completing almost a dozen marathons, including Boston, New York and Chicago, and three Half Ironman triathlons, Crane says her next challenge is the Inaugural Texas Ironman Triathlon in May 2011.

And what words of wisdom or sage advice does she now pass on to others? “The best habit I’ve developed is to write down my goals—spiritual, personal, professional, financial, health—and review them frequently,” she says. “I tell my students to look at them daily or weekly. When they are in the forefront of your reticular activating system, you will be amazed on how easy it is to say ‘no’ to something that is in conflict with or doesn’t help you reach one of your goals.”
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New anatomy lab completed

By Gladys Amador

A $100,000 donation made by Bradley Bakotic, DPM '92, DO, and Bako Pathology Services in Alpharetta, Georgia has made possible the renovation and technological upgrade of a lab at Barry University’s School of Podiatric Medicine now known as the Bako Pathology Services Anatomy Lab.

Dr. Bakotic, credited his clients with this statement: “Made possible through the support of all our valued physician-clients,” a sentiment inscribed on the plaque bearing the lab’s name.

The first and second phase of renovations in the lab is completed; new flooring, first aid and eye wash stations, upgraded temperature systems and is now outfitted with new surgical lighting, video cameras with monitors at each dissecting station among other amenities.

“The new monitors and lighting really make a dramatic impact on the ability to perform class in here,” said BiBi Singh, DPM, assistant professor and director of the lab. “Now the students can see, up-close, the dissection and intricate parts of the anatomy.”

“We are very grateful to Dr. Bakotic and the Bako Pathology Lab for their generous gift that has enabled the Barry School of Podiatric Medicine to advance its basic science facilities for current students and for the next generation of podiatric medical students,” said Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, dean for the School of Podiatric Medicine.

Dr. Bakotic graduated as valedictorian of the school in 1992 and went on to complete his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at the New England University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has served Barry’s School of Podiatric Medicine as adjunct professor, sponsor of alumni receptions and graduation awards and presenter for Continuing Medical Education lectures as well as in other capacities.

Dr. Stelnicki joins the Barry University Board of Trustees

In 2008, Dr. James Stelnicki established the James V. Stelnicki Scholarship for Excellence in Lower Extremity Vascular Medicine with a $100,000 gift to the University. The scholarship awards one $10,000 scholarship each year to a deserving senior podiatric medical student.

Barry University is pleased to announce that Dr. James V. Stelnicki has been elected to serve on the Barry University Board of Trustees. Dr. Stelnicki is a podiatric physician in New Port Richey, Florida, and past president and member of the Executive Board of the Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA).

Dr. Stelnicki, who has been closely involved with Barry for more than 20 years, is a Florida State Boxing Commissioner presently serving as the vice chairman, and has been a member of the State Board of Florida Medical Examiners and the Department of Professional Regulation.

He received a doctorate of podiatric medicine from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and is board certified in podiatric surgery and primary podiatric care by the American Podiatric Medical Specialties Board.

The donation, made in 2008, inducted Dr. Stelnicki to the Barry University Society of Founders, which recognizes and honors individuals who have contributed $50,000 or more toward the mission and goals of the University.
Trading Wall Street for a Career in Medicine

Dr. BiBi Singh has been poised for a career in medicine ever since high school, when she excelled in all of her science classes. But while she was attending St. Francis College in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Singh was intrigued by the money she was able to make as an assistant to a broker on Wall Street. She was involved with tracking trades, recording profits and losses, attending financial meetings and trading. However, her academic advisor, who had placed her in a pre-med track, recommended that she pursue a career path “that you are both good at and believe in.” It was then that she decided to shadow several medical professions, directing her career back to medicine.

“I love the teaching aspect of podiatric medicine. I enjoy sharing what I have learned with students and also listening to the new ideas that they have to share with me,” Dr. Singh said. “I am looking forward to teaching in the new Bako Pathology Services Anatomy Lab, which has undergone a complete renovation and upgrade of technology thanks to the generous donation of Dr. Bradley Bakotic DPM ’92, DO and Bako Pathology Services,” she said. The new lab in Wiegand Hall has resilient flooring, upgraded first-aid and eye-washing stations, new surgical lighting, video cameras with 32-inch monitors at nine dissecting stations, improved air ventilation and temperature systems, and new ceiling and wall tiles. All these improvements will enable the School of Podiatric Medicine to offer seminars on new procedures or medical devices for students, residents and podiatric physicians in the community, and increase learning opportunities in podiatric medicine.

Born in New York City, Dr. Singh grew up in Howard Beach, New York, and now resides in Coconut Grove in South Florida. Outside of academia she enjoys bowling at the Bird Bowl with her 18-year-old daughter, Amina. She passionately leads a group of Barry podiatric students each year in Relay for Life, the annual walk the American Cancer Society holds in memory of those who have been lost to cancer and in support of those still fighting the disease.

When asked what advice she has for podiatric medical students about the future of podiatric medicine, she emphasizes, “Be sure to spend an extended amount of time shadowing a podiatric physician before you begin your studies. It will give you a practical experience in what the profession is about and what you can expect as a future podiatric physician.”

Dr. Singh said that she is grateful for the opportunity she has been given to teach at Barry. She is especially thankful to Dr. John Nelson who worked hand-in-hand with her on setting up the new Bako Podiatric Services Anatomy Lab. Dr. Singh also looks forward to working with Dr. Jeffrey Jensen as the new dean of the Barry School of Podiatric Medicine.

“Since Dr. Singh had been a teaching assistant as a student and resident, it was a natural evolution for her to become a part-time instructor in 2007 at the School of Podiatric Medicine in anatomy with Dr. Ramjeet Pemsingh. At the same time, she served as the anatomy lab instructor, adjunct faculty in anatomy for the Barry Physician Assistant Program, and adjunct laboratory instructor for the Biomedical Sciences Program in the School of Natural Health Sciences. In July 2010, Dr. Singh was appointed as a full-time faculty member as assistant professor of anatomy. She is responsible for teaching Introduction to Podiatric Medicine and Gross Anatomy for physician assistant students. Dr. Singh teaches with Dr. Pemsingh in the anatomy lab with the podiatric medicine first-year students.

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White Coat Symbolic of Professionalism and Humanitarianism

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On August 27, 2010, 74 physician assistant students from the Barry University Physician Assistant Program Class of 2012 took part in a live simultaneous White Coat Ceremony, held concurrently on the Barry University Miami Shores campus and at the University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College. The ceremony, conducted by videoconferencing, recognized Barry University PA students from both campuses.

Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, new dean for the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine, welcomed the PA Class of 2012 as well as more than 200 parents, spouses, children and friends in attendance.

“The White Coat Ceremony signifies a special day in your career in medicine and this is the best time in history to be a PA.” Dr. Jensen said. “PAs are playing a significant role in the primary health care of millions of Americans today and will be directly involved with policy decisions on health care in the future.”

Dr. Doreen Parkhurst, associate dean and program director of the Barry PA Program greeted the students saying, “Wear your coats with dignity and humility knowing that your development as a caring, compassionate health care provider will make this world a better place to live.”

Professor Terry Helopoulos, director of operations and expansion at St. Petersburg College, offered welcoming remarks from the west coast campus.

Dr. Samuel Cleveland, medical director of the Barry PA Program delivered an inspiring keynote address to the new PA students. He congratulated them for their perseverance and undergraduate academic achievement that enabled them to study to become a PA at Barry University. He described how the White Coat Ceremony developed from modest beginnings in 1989 at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and now is used by many professional health care fields to symbolize the induction of the student into their chosen health care career.

“The white coat today has many meanings, but it is traditionally symbolic of professionalism and humanitarianism. Both confer the privilege of rendering patient care,” Dr. Cleveland said. “All of you over the next 28 months will develop a sense of humble confidence, as you successfully complete the program. The white coat will represent graduation and the beginning of your professional career.”

The Barry PA Program has made impressive strides since its inception in the fall of 1997. In fall 2005, the PA Program began admitting students on the west coast of Florida in partnership with the University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College via interactive videoconferencing on Internet2. In December 2007, the Program celebrated the first graduation of one class seated in two locations. In 2009 the PA Program underwent a stringent reaccreditation survey and was awarded a seven-year reaccreditation. The Barry PA Program has now graduated more than 400 PAs.

During the presentation ceremony, Ms. Eboni Evans read the names of the students being recognized on both campuses as they crossed the stage to be congratulated by the faculty. Closing the ceremonious evening was Dr. Carmen Queral, director of clinical site development, who led the students in reciting the Oath of Hippocrates.

Barry Student Earns PA Foundation Honor

Timothy Nickolaus, a second-year physician assistant student at Barry, has been awarded a 2010 Physician Assistant Foundation scholarship based on his outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to community service and quality health care.

Barry University selects PA students based on their experience, academic standing and character. The curriculum includes a Medical Spanish immersion course that is designed to improve communication for health professionals treating Spanish-speaking patients.

The PA Foundation scholarship was presented to Nickolaus by Dr. Doreen C. Parkhurst, associate dean and director of the Barry University PA Program, at the American Academy of Physician Assistants’ annual meeting in Atlanta. “Timothy Nickolaus is an exemplary PA student who will make a caring and considerate health care provider. We are very proud of his tremendous academic achievements and dedication to the medically underserved,” Dr. Parkhurst said.

The PA Foundation develops and allocates resources that empower the physician assistant profession to impact the health and wellness of communities it serves. It provides grants and scholarships to PAs and PA students who bring much-needed health care to underserved and underprivileged communities in the U.S. and around the world.

PA Foundation scholarships have provided over $2.4 million to more than 1,200 deserving PA students, and this year singled out 77 deserving recipients. By supporting the Annual Student Scholarship Program we are supporting the next generation of physician assistants. This is a career path that shows increased trends in growth, salary and job security,” said Agnes Compagnone, RPA-C, president of the PA Foundation.

Scholarships and grants are made available through the generosity of individual contributions, corporate support and various constituent organizations. For more information about the PA Foundation, visit the organization’s website at www.aapa.org/pa-foundation.
The Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine announced 22 podiatric medical students were selected to receive the 2010-11 American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Educational Foundation Scholarships. The scholarships of $1,000 per student will be used to assist students with the cost of tuition at the school.

“We are very proud of the achievements of our fine podiatric medical students and they serve as role models for their classmates for their hard work and high level of academic success. APMA’s Educational Foundation is to be congratulated and grateful thanked for recognizing quality podiatric medical students whose efforts exceed expectations.”

— Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, dean of the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine

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This year the APMA Educational Foundation was able to award more than $194,000 in scholarships to 161 students at the schools of podiatric medicine across the country.
The Hispanic Podiatric Medical Student Association has donated $550 to help support the mission of the Barry University Yucatan Crippled Children’s Project. The YCCP was established in 1996 to provide surgical and medical treatment of needy crippled children in the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico by Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine physicians and surgeons.

HPMSA raised funds by selling lab coats and gloves, Spanish dictionaries and cards with medical phrases translated into Spanish, and by holding a fundraising potluck dinner, said Marien Rodriguez, HPMSA president and a member of the class of 2012.

HPMSA is a multicultural club that enables students from diverse ethnic backgrounds to learn about issues that affect minority practicing podiatric members and to help advance recognition of the podiatric profession. In addition, HPMSA advocates for awareness of health issues that affect minorities in the community.

Said Dr. Charles Southerland, founder and medical director for YCCP: “We appreciate the generosity of the students in the HPMSA and all they have done for the Yucatan Project. Over the years, they have supported the YCCP more than any other student organization at the School of Podiatric Medicine.”
At PICA, we like to think our commitment and actions help make dreams come true for Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine students.

- PICA offers scholarships to defray tuition costs for students' medical education.
- PICA supports various events throughout the year, including the Rite of Passage.
- PICA and ProAssurance are providing a $250,000 endowment fund to APMA for podiatric medical school scholarships over a five year period.

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Podiatric Medicine a Higher Calling

By Gladys Amador

President and chief executive officer of Camillus House, Paul Ahr, PhD, spoke directly to a crowd of 53 graduates and their families during Barry University’s School of Podiatric Medicine commencement. The new Doctors of Podiatric Medicine listened to his speech that included advice from Dr. Ahr’s late friend and first psychology professor, Father Henri Nouwen. He quoted:

“Specialists can only retain their humanity in their work when they see their professions as a form of service which they carry out, not instead of, but as a part of, the whole people of God.”

An author and licensed psychologist with extensive experience in the mental health and rehabilitative treatment fields, Dr. Ahr stressed the importance of a podiatrist’s job, which “dates back as early as Christianity itself,” he said. He thanked the many students who gave of their time to volunteer assisting the homeless and the poor of Miami-Dade’s community with much needed foot care. Every semester, dozens of students help provide medical assistant to the center. Many of them also participate in the “washing of the feet” program at Miami Rescue Mission.

Among the graduates was Wilbur Boothby, DPM, who was presented with the Raymond D. Ibanez, DPM, Memorial Graduation Award. Presenting the $1,050 prize was Ibanez’s sister, Dr. Lauren Ibanez. Boothby represented the same qualities the late Dr. Ibanez embodied. Those traits include an absolute determination, an ability to overcome adversity and maintaining a positive outlook.

A graduate of 2009, Dr. Ibanez was working in Wycoff Hospital in Queens, New York, finishing his residency program but died unexpectedly on October 19, 2009, at age 33. His father, Raymond D. Sr. and mother Magdalen M. Ibanez along with his brother Nicholas X. Ibanez and his sister traveled from Texas for the commencement.

Dr. John “Jack” Nelson, DPM, former interim dean and associate dean of clinics of the School of Podiatric Medicine, led the Oath of Hippocrates and Barry president, Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, conferred the degrees on the seniors.

MANY AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO BARRY’S PODIATRIC MEDICINE CLASS OF 2010. THEY ARE:

- Krupa Trivedi, DPM, President’s Award
- Shamir Bhikha, DPM, Dean’s Award
- Lauren Karger, DPM, Dean’s Award
- Nicole Lynn Cupp DPM, Civic Service Award
- Kristin Blanchet, DPM, ACFAS Div. & Surgical Scholarship Award
- Kristen Diehl, DPM, Dr. Kalfas Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Health
- Alexander Blaise, DPM, William Delavari Award
- Stephanie Bock, DPM, Excellence in Clinical Science Award and Excellence in Biomedical Science Award
- Kevin Bryant, DPM, Block Award
- Ashish Kapila, DPM, Leadership Award
- Kimberly Wilkins, DPM, Scholarly Development
- Jaclyn Schwartz, DPM, ABPS Michael L. Stone Outstanding Prof. Conduct
- Melissa Sgro, DPM, Outstanding Biomechanics/Orthopedics
- Aaron Ritter, DPM, Timothy Holbrook Memorial Award
- Carl Salvati, DPM, Excellence in Podiatric Dermatology
- Jennifer Rosello, DPM, Excellence in Podiatric Dermatology

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- Aaron Albers, DPM
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- Kristin Blanchet, DPM
- Stephanie Bock, DPM
- Kevin Bryant, DPM
- Nathalia Doobay, DPM
- Richard Fields, DPM
- Lauren Karger, DPM
- Tracy Robillard, DPM
- Jennifer Rosello, DPM
- Jaclyn Schwartz, DPM

Currently celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1960, Camillus House, a Roman Catholic, nonprofit organization, provides a range of services at 14 sites to men, women and children who are poor and/or homeless in Miami-Dade County. Each night, more than 1,000 people spend the night under a Camillus House roof.

Money Matters

Insurance Verification

When patients call your office for an appointment, the basic information is required to verify health insurance coverage prior to the visit. This should include the patient name and date of birth, the insured’s name and date of birth, insurance company name and phone number, patient identification or policy number, group number and patient complaint (e.g., pain in the right midfoot).

We recommend calling the insurance company rather than relying on online verification of information. Insurance company policies can vary depending upon the employer’s options and plan options.

As a general rule, get the name of the insurance company contact person, their telephone number and reference number. Specifically, ask if there are any podiatric restrictions on the patient’s policy. This would especially include the possibility of no coverage for podiatric services, routine foot care, or limited visits care. When in doubt, the provider should verify their participation in the specific insurance plan. Request verification of co-pay amounts, coverage for specific service(s), e.g., office visits versus office visit plus X-rays, or any treatment required.

Deductible amounts and any payments made toward satisfying the calendar year deductible must be obtained. After the deductible has been satisfied, are additional charges paid at a percentage or in full? The effective date of coverage should be noted especially in cases involving most COBRA plans that have to be paid by the insured each month.

Keep your verification form in the patient’s chart or stored in an EMR system accessible for billing purposes. This will be needed when confirming the patient’s appointment. It will be necessary to inform the patient of any financial responsibility to your practice at the time of their visit. For a detailed verification sheet, visit www.podiatrybilling.com.
“Today is a significant day in your pathway to becoming a podiatric physician,” said Dr. Dennis Frisch to the 50 Barry University podiatric medical students participating in the July 9, 2010, Rite of Passage ceremony. Dr. Frisch who has distinguished himself as a leader in podiatric medical profession as a member of the Board of Trustees for the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) and several APMA committees, served as the keynote speaker for the event, held at the Broad Center for the Performing Arts on the Barry University Miami Shores campus.

The Rite of Passage Ceremony narrated by Dr. Sanjay Sesodia, Barry professor of physiology, continues a tradition for Barry podiatric medical students. The lab coats presented to the students have been recognized since the 1800s as the attire of the medical profession. Each student was presented with their coat by BiBi Singh, DPM ’04, assistant professor of anatomy and podiatric medicine.

More than 400 family, friends, students, and members of Barry’s faculty and staff attended the program to celebrate the passage of the Class of 2012 from their didactic courses to their clinical training. Said Dr. John Nelson, former interim dean and associate clinical dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine: “The next two years will represent a total metamorphosis and unprecedented change in their intellectual growth. They are not like the “Scrubs” on TV. They will go through all the hospital based rotations imaginable including internal medicine, all night in the emergency room, general surgery, pathology, radiology, among many others. They will truly fill out their white coats seeing and treating patients.”

Blake Weeks, president of the Class of 2012, congratulated his classmates for their diligence and hard work in completing 31 classes up to this point in their medical education. He thanked all the family and friends for attending and all the support and encouragement they have given to the students.

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For podiatric students, ‘white coat changes everything’

Dr. BiBi Singh, DPM ’04, assistant professor of anatomy and podiatric medicine, and Blake Weeks, Class of 2012 president.

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Kopenhagen Award

Titorya Stover, Class of 2012, School of Podiatric Medicine, was awarded the Dr. Patricia Kopenhaver Scholarship for outstanding scholastic performance and personal achievement. All candidates for the Kopenhagen Award are required to be members of the American Association of Women Podiatrists (AAWP).
National Podiatric Audience Meets Dean Jensen

“As a practitioner for 17 years, I understand the opportunities and challenges our students will face in delivering high quality medical care, and as dean, I look forward to bringing these real world experiences to the students. The thought of working with them in their formative years is very appealing. I also look forward to collaborating with Barry’s many reputable programs such as nursing, biomechanics and exercise physiology to foster research opportunities.” — Dr. Jeffrey Jensen

Dr. Kathleen Stone, APMA president, Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, BUSPM dean, and Dr. John Nelson, associate dean of clinics.

The Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine held a podiatric alumni reception on July 16 to introduce Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, the newly appointed dean of the Barry School of Podiatric Medicine to Barry alumni and podiatric guests from across the country during the American Podiatric Medical Association’s (APMA) annual meeting in Seattle. Over seventy-five celebrants enjoyed the festivities including Dr. Kathleen Stone, APMA President, Dr. Terence McDonald, DPM ’92, president of the Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA), and Dr. John Nelson, former interim dean and associate dean of clinics for the Barry School of Podiatric Medicine.

Dr. Jensen joins Barry from private practice in Denver, Colorado, where he was the owner and clinical director of the Diabetic Foot and Wound Center since 1994. Dr. Jensen earned his DPM from the California College of Podiatric Medicine and accomplished his surgical residency training at Kern Hospital in Warren, Michigan. For the last 10 years, Dr. Jensen has served as Externship and Research Director at North Colorado Podiatric Surgical Residency. He has also been an Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado, Health Science Center since 1995.

An active researcher, Dr. Jensen has been the principle investigator of more than 30 multicenter clinical trials for wound care related drugs and medical devices. Most recently, Dr. Jensen founded MedEfficiency, Inc., a medical device company that has generated $2.8 million in research funds from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). He holds four patents for devices to assist in off-loading fractures and treat diabetic foot wounds.

“As a practitioner for 17 years, I understand the opportunities and challenges our students will face in delivering high quality medical care,” said Dr. Jensen. “As dean, I look forward to bringing these real world experiences to the students. The thought of working with them in their formative years is very appealing. I also look forward to collaborating with Barry’s many reputable programs such as nursing, biomechanics and exercise physiology to foster research opportunities.”

According to Dr. Bradley Haves, DPM ’90, co-host of the Barry University Podiatric Alumni Reception and immediate past-president of the FPMA, “We are pleased to see many of our alumni join us and members and leaders of APMA and FPMA to welcome Dean Jensen to the podiatric academic community. In addition, I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Dr. Barton Baggett Memorial Scholarship Fund. Dr. Baggett, a graduate of the class of 1990, recently passed away and we hope to make the award of the first scholarship to a deserving podiatric medical student at Barry University during the 2011 Rite of Passage Ceremony.”
Fourth, I want to expand our clerkship program to include more national clerkships. This will foster for our students the opportunity of developing relationships with hospitals and residency programs which will benefit them in the future as they seek residency training. I want to ask our alumni to become active partners in establishing residency programs to meet the future needs of post graduate podiatric medical training. With the aging of the baby boomers and the passage of health care reform there will be a dramatic need for more podiatric physicians.

Fifth, the School of Podiatric Medicine and the Physician Assistant Program is the cornerstone for the development of the second and third phase of the Barry University Master Plan to complete the College of Health Sciences at the Campus for Medical Sciences at Barry University. I am looking forward to being involved with Barry’s Office of Institutional Advancement and all partners in seeking federal grants, corporate donations, individual gifts, and foundation funds to bring this great endeavor to fruition.

EDITOR: What are some of your goals for the PA program?

DR. JENSEN: The PA Program has been doing a magnificent job under Dr. Parkhurst and Keith Moore with more than 1,700 applicants for the 68 student slots they have available. The PA program has accomplished this in a responsive academic and clinical environment conducive to the pursuit of excellence in graduate medical science education, research and community service.

EDITOR: How did you become interested in podiatric medicine as a career?

DR. JENSEN: I have always had a strong affinity for the sciences in high school and college. While I was growing up in Wisconsin, my family and I were treated by podiatric physicians for foot surgery and orthotics. As an undergradate, my favorite subject was physiology. I competed in cross country running and this combination of academics and sports eventually placed me on a pre-med track at San Diego State University. Soon after, I decided to pursue my career as a podiatric physician, and I completed my DPM degree at the California College of Podiatric Medicine.

EDITOR: What hobbies or outside interests do you have?

DR. JENSEN: By far, my wonderful family is the most important thing to me. My wife Celia and I have four children, ranging in age from nine to 18, who are all involved in a variety of sports, and we enjoy watching them participate in activities. Also, I run every morning and have participated in numerous marathons, including the Boston Marathon. I am also an enthusiastic mountain I have a long-range goal of climbing the highest peaks on all seven continents. So far I have climbed Mt. McKinley in Alaska, Mt. Aconcagua in Argentina, and Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa. Interestingly, I like writing grants and inventing products in my spare time. I have a desire to give back to my profession and prepare our students to deliver high quality medical care to their patients.

EDITOR: Describe how it feels to be one of the deans of the nine schools of podiatric medicine?

DR. JENSEN: It is an incredible responsibility to realize that the decisions and priorities we set for the School will impact the future careers of our podiatric and PA students as well as the patients under their care. The challenge to meet all the needs of the School for the students, faculty, staff, and alumni is daunting. As dean, I welcome this opportunity to give back to my profession and prepare our students to deliver high quality medical care to their patients.

EDITOR: What distinguishes Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine from the other schools of podiatric medicine?

DR. JENSEN: Barry University is an exceptional place to work. In fact, Barry was recently named one of the 2010 “Best Nonprofit Organizations to Work” by The Nonprofit Times.

Barry University is a place where you can realize your goals and dreams. Look at the core faculty, many have been here more than twenty years, and with their expertise and reputation in the field they could be practicing anywhere in the world. But they realize, through their teaching, counseling, and patient care, they are providing the foundation for their students to know what it means to become a physician.

Our faculty possesses an innate characteristic that enables them to teach with patience and compassion to help turn our students into highly skilled and caring physicians. Every day, our faculty live the Barry mission by the care they provide to many of Miami’s indigent and uninsured citizens. Each year we provide more than $1 million in charitable care. The School of Podiatric Medicine at Barry University is unique to podiatric medical education, as the four foot and ankle institutes we own and operate are all hospital affiliated and provide centers of excellence for the teaching and research of our students in their foot and ankle surgical training. I am very proud to be a part of Barry University and serve as the dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine and Physician Assistant Program.
After watching the 2008 Olympics pass by, Loftin decided to train again with the 2012 Summer Olympics in his sights. In January 2009 he began training and placed seventh at the 2009 USA Championship meet in Eugene, Oregon. Over the next 12 months he increased his training and focus to place third at the USA Championship meet in Des Moines, Iowa.

For 2011, Loftin is seeking to make the USA Team for the World Championship meet in South Korea. In order to make the team, he will need to place in the top three at the USA Championship and improve his personal best throw by 3 meters to reach the "A" Standard, which is the minimum requirement to make the Olympic Team.

Loftin is working full time as a physician assistant and trains six days each week for two to three hours each day in order to advance his training and compete at the international level. Loftin faces many expenses associated with training for the Olympics. If you would like to assist him on his journey of making the Olympic Team, visit his website at web.me.com/drewloftin.

Barry PA Alumnus Training for 2012 Games in London

Drew Loftin, MCMSc, PA-C, a 2006 physician assistant alumnus, is training to participate in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London in the hammer throw. He previously competed at the 2004 Olympic Trials and placed 12th. Loftin then decided to put his athletic career on hold until he finished his education and began his professional PA career.
Barry’s Annual Residency Fair a Resounding Success

By Blake A. Weeks, BUSPM Class of 2012 President

Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine consists of over 200 students from around the world. As the class of 2012 moves closer to graduation students are busy with school, hospital rotations, and will soon be introduced into the new task of finding a residency program that is the perfect fit.

Ask any podiatric student at Barry University what they are most concerned about and their answer will be “what residency program is right for me.” The relationship between the residency program and the student is like a good pair of shoes. It will fit just right, it’s comfortable and able to take you on a long journey without compromise. With over 200 residency programs throughout the country, one would have to try on a lot of shoes to find that perfect fit. Luckily, Barry University has a held a residency fair for the past five years to help students find their niche.

A residency fair could be compared to a college fair where soon to be college freshman look for the perfect school. However, this fair is followed by three years of intense research, long work hours and challenging patients. The Fifth Annual Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine Residency Fair was a tremendous success. Thirty-five residency programs from across the nation came to Barry in an all out effort to share information on what each program has to offer. This presented students with an opportunity to gain more information and build an early relationship with the programs of their choice.

So what goes into the decision of finding that perfect residency you may ask? The decision is different for all students, but many of the factors include location, benefits, types of research, surgery and wound care. It is an important decision, as the residency chosen will be the place where we will master our medical skills for three years before venturing out into our own practice.

On October 15, 2010, the Class of 2012 began applying for externships, and the Residency Fair has been a crucial stepping stone in helping students find a program that best fits their needs. This year, a diverse group of residencies from across the country attended from locations including California, Chicago, Colorado, Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island and Virginia.

The Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine and the Class of 2012 would like to gratefully thank the following sponsors: Merz Pharmaceuticals, Pedinol, Quest Diagnostics, Dermpath Diagnostics, Doctor Clogs, and Dr. Comfort Shoes for their financial support in helping make the Residency Fair possible.
IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Sean M. Liffiton, 48, alumnus, Florida Panthers team podiatrist

Dr. Sean M. Liffiton, DPM '93, passed away on July 16, 2010, at age 48. Dr. Liffiton did his surgical residency under the tutelage of Dr. Thomas Merrill of Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Liffiton was a practicing podiatric physician and actively involved in the clinical education and assessment of subsequent Barry graduates at several residency programs in South Florida. A native of Canada, Dr. Liffiton had a love of hockey, and to that end, he eventually became the team podiatrist for the Florida Panthers professional hockey team. Dr. Liffiton was also a humanitarian when it came to treating patients who lacked health insurance or were unable to pay for medical services.

The Barry University Podiatric Alumni Chapter, in collaboration with the Barry School of Podiatric Medicine, the Podopediatrics Club, and the Practice Management Club, are seeking to establish a memorial scholarship in Dr. Liffiton's memory. The plans include a memorial golf tournament to take place in May 2011. For more information on the planned golf tournament or to donate to the Dr. Sean Liffiton Memorial Scholarship, please contact Kristen Patterson, Class of 2013, at kristen.patterson@mymail.barry.edu.

Dr. Patricia Kopenhaver, 89, AAWP founding member

The Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine is saddened to learn that Dr. Patricia Kopenhaver recently passed away after a long illness at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, Connecticut, at age 89. Dr. Kopenhaver received her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. After graduation, she established her practice in Greenwich and worked tirelessly to advance the progress of women in the field of podiatric medicine. Dr. Kopenhaver was instrumental in the creation of the first women's podiatric organization as founding president in 1971 of the American Association for Women Podiatrists. In 1995, Dr. Kopenhaver established a scholarship in her name at the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine, which has helped so many women podiatric students realize their dreams of becoming podiatric physicians. Dr. Kopenhaver will be greatly missed but her legacy will live on with the awarding of her scholarship each year.

Kevin McCarthy, 96, actor, Yucatan Project supporter

The Barry School of Podiatric Medicine is saddened to report that veteran stage and screen star, Kevin McCarthy, has passed away at age 96. McCarthy is best known for his frantic warning, "Can't you see, everyone? They're here already! You're next!" from the 1950s sci-fi classic *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*.

In 2001 McCarthy delighted patrons at the Broad Center for the Performing Arts with his performance of *Love Letters*, which helped to raise funds for Barry University’s Yucatan Crippled Children’s Project. McCarthy’s nephew Dr. Charles Southerland, professor of biomechanics and podiatric medicine at Barry University, invited him to perform the benefit play. “Kevin McCarthy will be dearly missed. I will personally never forget his most generous contribution of performing *Love Letters* at Barry to benefit the Yucatan Project,” he said.

Since 1996 Dr. Southerland has led Barry podiatric physicians and surgeons on mercy flights to the Yucatan, Mexico, which has provided charitable corrective surgery and medical treatment to more than 6,700 crippled and impoverished children.

The students, who will each receive a $2,500 tuition scholarship, were selected by Barry’s full-time podiatric clinical faculty based on their excellent performance in third-year clinical rotations this past academic year.

Said Dr. Jeffrey Jensen, dean of the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine: “Student doctors Finn and Robles are to be commended for their hard work and high level of clinical achievement. They serve as fine role models for their classmates and exemplify the best that the Podiatric Medical Program has to offer. PICA is to be lauded and gratefully thanked for all they are doing to support the future of podiatric medicine by recognizing quality podiatric medical students who will soon become fine podiatric physicians.”

Hana Finn and Erin Robles, fourth-year podiatric medical students at the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine, have been awarded the Podiatric Insurance Company of America (PICA) Group Scholarship Award for 2010.
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I’m grateful for the hands-on experience I gain in the classroom and the leadership skills I learn from being involved in campus organizations. Last year, I served as the vice-president for the American Association for Women Podiatrists (AAWP) and I currently receive several merit and leadership scholarships. The generosity of others is helping to make my dream come true!”

-Titorya Stover, Class of 2012
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