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## Gala honors 25 years of accomplishments for Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine

**Miami Shores, Fla.** – Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine celebrated 25 years of successes in Orlando recently at the anniversary celebration titled, *The Barefoot Ball*. The fundraiser, aimed at providing students of podiatric medicine with scholarships to help offset the cost of their education, raised more than \$22,000 which will go toward the Dr. Marvin and Ruth Steinberg Memorial Scholarship.

"We are very proud of the school's academic achievements and our outstanding practicing podiatric physicians," said Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, president of Barry University and class of 1962. "We are particularly grateful for the many ways that our podiatric students and faculty live and foster the mission of our university. I am so grateful to each of you for your selfless service and the volume of charitable care that you provide."

Established in 1985 as the first podiatric medical school in the southern United States, the Barry School of Podiatric Medicine has grown considerably from the modest 18 student- class in its first year. The school has now graduated more than 1,100 doctors of podiatric medicine, trained more than 125 podiatric primary care residents, and provided more than \$20 million in charitable care to the medically underserved. The school has more than 250 hospital based clerkships and boasts a 36-month podiatric medical and surgical residency training program.

"This event honored what Barry University means to the world community; a quality education of our podiatric medical students including many who come from disadvantaged or minority backgrounds and genuine caring for indigent and medically underserved patients with foot and ankle problems," said Dr. John Nelson, interim dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine.

John Steinberg DPM, and class of 1995 was honored as the recipient of the Dr. Marvin D. Steinberg Distinguished Podiatric Medicine Alumni Award. The award was presented in honor of Dr. Marvin D. Steinberg, father of modern podiatric medicine, for his leadership and significant contributions to podiatric medicine and Barry University. Dr. Steinberg serves as a full-time faculty member at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, Department of Plastic Surgery. Together with his family, friends, alumni, faculty, staff, and students at Barry, Dr. Steinberg provided an endowment to Barry to establish the Dr. Marvin and Ruth Steinberg Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year he and his family including his father, Dr. Lloyd Steinberg and brother Dr. Paul Steinberg, kicked off the fundraising challenge with a \$6,000 donation.

Dr. Marybeth Crane DPM, and class of 1994, added another \$5,000 to the fund. Dr. Bradley Bakotic, DPM and class of 1992, is principle partner in Bako Podiatric Pathology Services. He was honored for their support of the *Barefoot Ball* as the exclusive platinum sponsor providing \$10,000 to support the event.

At the gala, special recognitions were given to three sisters at Barry University who made significant contributions to the School of Podiatric Medicine; Sister John Karen Frei, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP, PhD and Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD. Also honored were Dr. Barney Greenberg, Dr. Dennis Frisch, and Dr. Chet Evans, who have distinguished themselves for outstanding leadership in the field of podiatric medicine at the state and national levels. All three outstanding podiatric physicians were awarded by vote of the faculty of the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine with the Distinguished Podiatric Leadership award.

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