

The Society Grows New Crops



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I am pleased to report that the Florida Podiatric Medical Society (FPMS) continues to impact people's lives around Florida. The Society continues to support the Florida Diabetes Camp as well as Special Olympics. It also provides support to podiatric medical students through its annual scholarships, which are handed out at

BUSPM's White Coat Ceremony and Graduation. The Society has made a generous contribution to BUSPM's fundraising efforts to purchase new diagnostic ultrasounds for student teaching. The Society is also supporting young podiatrists who wish to continue their training through podiatric fellowships. This year, FPMS was proud to partner



Dr. Andre Williams, FPMA president, spoke at the BUSPM Class of 2021 White Coat Ceremony on August 30, 2019.

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with the Florida Podiatric Fellowship Society (FPFS), which established and runs podiatric fellowships around the state. These fellowships provide important training opportunities for recent graduates who wish to expand their residency training into specific or advanced areas of practice, as well as providing young podiatrists training in the day-to-day running of an actual podiatric office.

The Society has begun receiving educational grants, which will help the Fellowships offer educational opportunities for travel and seminars to their fellows. The Society has also supported its podiatric members by establishing a fund last year for hurricane relief. The funds raised helped out Florida podiatrists whose homes and practices were devastated by recent storms in the Panhandle, as well as other parts of the state.

The Society continues to promote our profession with its support of Team FPMA and its efforts at the annual ADA Step Out South Florida Walk in Fort Lauderdale, as well as the Tour De Cure at Lake Nona in Orlando. Both events are well-attended and Team FPMA has become a major sponsor of these events. Team FPMA continues to grow, with increasing numbers of podiatrists, their families and staff participating.

I am extremely proud of the size and breadth of the impact our Society has made. I am excited by the discussions we are having to expand our giving and provide even greater assistance to students, residents, Floridians and you — our members. However, all these worthwhile endeavors require increasing funds in order to continue their work. I urge each of you to remain generous to the Society when paying your



Dr. Andre Williams with Naveed Chippa, who received the Dr. Harvey Kopelman Scholarship

annual membership dues. I also ask that you consider giving a gift to the Society when considering the many charitable organizations so many of you support.

I hope we all remember the profession that has made our gift-giving possible. Please consider the huge impact your small, or large, donation will have to so many across our great state.