Ground Breaking

The OCPM groundbreaking ceremony was held on the construction of our new home in Independence. This new era for the college and brought much art campus. This special day was shared by all in key Independence business leaders, OCPM board.

~David Nicolanti, Ph.D

g. (left to right) Marcia Roggenkamp-2006-2007 OPMSA President, Dr. Richard Berkowitz, Mr. Fred Ramos - Mayor of Independence, Mr. Douglas Epp Treasurer, OCPM Board of Trustees, and Dr. Thomas Melillo 5. (left to right) Dr. David Nicolanti, Dr. Henry Green Chairman, OCPM Board of Trustees, Dr. Vincent Hetherington, Dr. Lawrence Osher, And Kobina Commeh-Class 2008 President
Ceremony

Thursday, September 21, 2006 officially launching The ceremonial dig symbolized the beginning of a excitement and anticipation for our new state of the attendance including the Mayor of Independence (4), members, students (e), faculty(1), staff and the media.

Executive Vice President
Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine

After calling 10515 Carnegie Avenue its home for 30 years, in mid July of 2007 the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine moved into its new home in Independence, Ohio. The new site finally provides our students with a true campus with acres of surrounding forest land and greenery. Moreover, every aspect of the college was outfitted with state of the art designs and technology, and instantly catapulted the college into premier status amongst all of the other podiatric medical colleges as well as Ohio medical schools. Built around a "student first" concept, dramatic advancements involve all instructional areas, from the anatomy, histology, and microbiology laboratories to simulated patient, surgical, and podiatric medical skills training. From the expanded library collection to the 60 station computer lab, splendid views of the campus green punctuate each area. Two new classrooms can be combined into one, and with plans to build a third one well underway, the college is postured to be at the top for many years to come.
The new facility is a result of a careful design process with input from the entire college community.

The class of 2008 had only a short time to enjoy the new OCPM, but they are nevertheless proud to be the first to graduate from our new home. Congratulations!
Students experience all facets of pediatric medicine at each of the two primary clinical sites. Students are given the opportunity to recognize the need to deliver care in a caring, compassionate, and humane way to meet the needs of a wide array of patients. The two primary clinical sites offer state-of-the-art technology including digital radiography, diagnostic ultrasound, and noninvasive vascular testing. Each treatment room has its own desktop computer utilizing Electronic Health Systems.
charting software; therefore, charts are accessible at either clinic, at the College campus in Independence, or from any other site that has internet accessibility.

The 3,200 sq. ft. Midtown clinic is divided into ten treatment rooms, a conference room, a work room, and an x-ray room.

The 3,000 sq. ft. Huron Hospital Clinic is divided into five large treatment rooms, a conference room, X-ray room, lobby, and business office.

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Class of 2008 - First Year
Dear Class of 2008,

What do you say when your friends and family ask if the last four years flew by? You are tempted to say yes, it did. That is because you remember that our first exam was for medical terminology and that our last was for practice management. You smile to yourself and almost lie. But then just as with a near death experience, your life flashes before your eyes. You now remember very vivid and specific situations and occasions that supposedly flew by between those two trivial exams. You recall fretting over whether there is an "o" in the Latin word for heel because half a point could be deducted from your lower anatomy quiz. Some may also remember challenging as many questions as possible in the hope they would be dropped or credited. You recollect praying for the curve to get you over the hump. Amidst these times you still managed to study for board exams and work in the clinics. When it came time for externships and interviews, you stressed out. But then you composed yourself and ended up with a residency program. Now that the memories have flooded back, you reply that no, the time did not fly by. The journey was arduous, tedious, and whatever adjective rhymes with laborious. However, the seeds you sowed oh so long ago are blooming. You are currently a part of the prestigious group of professionals called Doctors of Podiatric Medicine. In the next two or three years you will harvest the fruits of your labors by finishing residency and moving up the proverbial food chain. Now that you are all embarking on your journey as doctors, remember to do no harm on your way to successful careers.

It was an honor serving you, the class of 2008. The task was challenging at times, to say the least. Since I knew many of you not just by name, I can proudly say that we greatly matured as a class since our first year. I liked that we were involved in college matters and made some changes for current and prospective students. I am also glad for the appreciation you showed for your class officers and I wish you all the success in life.

Sincerely,

Kobina Commeh
(a) Hilaree is ready with suction and the bone.
(b) -Kate (blue shirt) "Who are all these people running around the school?"
       -Aisha (yellow shirt) "I know!! They are everywhere."
       -Kobby (gray t-shirt) "Uh-huh...those are first years."
(c) If this foot thing does not work out...plan b: crime fighting (Juanita, Jamelah, Heather)
(d) Only took 4 years but yes I see the branching hyphae.
(e) You guys are not camera shy this year, Remi & Sherill
(f) Mike Sw. "By the power of Grayskull! What is that Dr Seisel?"
       Dr Seisel. "Well it's a foot. I am sure your lower anatomy lecturer went over this."
(g) -Kyle "Okay, after 4 years man, how do you say your name? Is it Jorge or George?"
       -Jorge "It's the opposite of whatever you say."
(1) "Activate interlocks! Dynatherms connected. Infra-cells up; mega-thrusters are go!" Jeremy, Jared and Alex going through the check list before they throw the screw.

(2) "That's right. I am a Doctor." Matt.

(3) Look upon the Sr Experience.

(4) The gang is all here comparing their different externship experiences.

(5) "So, Shirley you used the saw to cut the saw bone?"

(6) Bobby kept repeating in his head "Sword of Omens, give me sight beyond sight!"

(7) Gaza, Angela, Ashma, & Erin.

(8) Sean's SurgiGrip tie was too long & Will is helping by cutting it...Sort of.

(9) Jackie & Katie.
(a) Alicia chuckled as Mike said "I love it when an osteotomy comes together."
(b) Kayse learning the proper tech for a skin biopsy. Later, he noted that knowing is half the battle.

(c) Koka and Angela getting advice from "The Man" himself... Dr Hetherington

(e) That's Ben! He's really hot right now!
(f) What is Ugo thinking... "Once I do this on 15 sawbones I can do this on someone's aunt."

(d) Aisha and Carissa meeting up on an externship month for fun in the warm California sun.

(g) Sr experince. Brock applies a BP cuff to Brian's arms as Jason works on Brian's legs.
(h) Stan makes sure she remains sterile, yet fashionable. Retraction is a very, very, very, important part of surgery.
Residency: our next step into the future. This is what the past four years was about...right? We studied so that we could go to West CRIPS and meet a muscle bound man while playing in the sand. Then go to Central to see the best Mullet EVER. Leave it to Hillaree. Finally East CRIPS...how far is NYC?

CRIPS West...Central...East...

When it's that close you have to visit. Even if you have ride in Noah's to get back to the hotel. Advice about the match for future classes...You will go where you should be. Because where ever YOU ARE is the place to be.
GOOD TIME...III
Senior Superlatives

1. Most likely to be APMA president
2. Mr. & Mrs. Congeniality
3. Teachers pet
4. First to make $1 million
5. Most school spirit
6. Most athletic
7. Most likely to be seen in class
8. Most likely to be seen in class
A picture is worth 1000 words.
Our Lives at OCPM
Class of 2009

Hard at Work!
Out Around Town
Burger Night
Class Officers:
Chris Bowlin, Todd Brennan, Nitie Sroa, Angie Medure, Tim Levar

(a) Marcin Vaclaw and Talia Shwer practicing compressions during ACLS.
(b) Linda Oh, Sarah Newey, Annaliese Lembach, Angie Medure and Melissa Marschner at Welcome Back Bowling night.
(C) Gina Baze and Kristin Burton strike a pose.
Hands-on Learning...

Can you show me how to...

(1) Annaliese Lembach performs a digital block on Samirah Mohammed as Melissa Marschner looks on.

(2) Lexi Prebihilo uses the Doppler to locate a pulse on Mark Olsen's foot.

(3) Dr. Osting wags his finger at the improper ways of cutting off a cast using a cast saw as Darrell Ballinger laughs nervously.

Just the Beginning

(4) Julian Lambert performing a digital block on Shweta Raina

(5) Alison Adams, Patrick Brannigan, and Jamie Henline outside the clinic.
Podiatrists in Training

Learning the Technique
(a) Brian Freeman performs a foot evaluation before applying a cast during podiatric medicine skills lab.

Team Work
(b) Colin Flannery, Kairi Horsley, and Jamie Henline work together to remove the cast from Samirah Mohammad's leg.

Power Tools
(c) Leah Wright demonstrates how to take control of the cast saw during surgery skills lab.

Break from Class
(e) Students Talia Shwer, Waseem Sobh, Norris Morrison, and Jason Snyder utilize the wireless internet during a class break.

Saving Lives
(d) Jason Snyder and Linda Oh work together to perform CPR on a mannequin during ACLS training.
Breaking the Mold
(4) Jason Waite strategically cuts the cast off a classmate.

Foot Fun
(6) Kairi Horsley lending a foot in pod med skills lab.

Tools of the Trade
(1) Bill Cottrell giving an injection under Dr. Blazer's supervision.

Here she is...
(2) Samantha Harris gowned, gloved and ready.

Ready or Not
(3) Taunna Jones and Neeta Hasmukh taking off a cast.

A Little Extra Lift
(5) Anthony LaLama and Patrick Brannigan working on a cast for Kevin Springer.
Let the Good Times Roll...

Great Escape
(a) Elizabeth Brown, Julian Lambert, Kristin Burton, Kairi Horsley, Gina Baze, Tamara Moseley, Terence Vincent, Amy Bodart, and Ashley Blackwell enjoy a day away from school.

Party Time
(b) Chris Bowlin and Cory Kilpatrick ring in the new year.

Fun in the Sun
(c) Lexi Prebihilo and Steven Hawley stop to rest during a day trip to Cedar Point.

Feelin' Pretty
(d) Melissa Marschner and Carli Seidner get "all-done-up" for a night on the town with the girls.

So long, Farewell...
(e) Students gather outside the old building on Carnegie to say good bye to the old and hello to the new.
...Taking Time to Wind Down

All Dressed Up
(1) Penny Kumar and Nitie Sroa take advantage of a night off.

Time to Relax
(2) Brian Gradisek, and Rachel Samsel relax after class.

Tree Huggers
(3) Thomas Legacki and Samantha Harris show their love for nature.

Friends and Fun
(6) Samantha Harris, Jennifer Miller, Sarah Newey make time for some fine dining in the middle of the week.

Yummy
(4) Gina Baze and Michael Doran wind down another day with a dinner out with friends.

Perfect 10
(5) Taunna Jones, Kiana Trent, and Ashley Blackwell strike a pose.
Mentor Luncheon
Class of 2011

From left to right: Jairo Cruz, Hitash Patel, Irene Nwoloko, Kelly Bumpus, Zach Thomas, Tim Hanna

Class Officers
White Coat Ceremony

"The superior doctor prevents sickness; The mediocre doctor attends to impending sickness; The inferior doctor treats actual sickness"

~Unknown

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

~Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)
It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows.

~Epictetus
Pets Pages

Bella & Grady Scrofano

Porfy Montoya

Einstein Waltz

Nut Swanstrom

Katie Baynham

Penny & Lucy Humphries-Rahn

Emma & Winston Hild

Bailey Stein

Lila & Rufus Vaclaw

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Madeline Regler

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DJ Hallahan

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Foot Notes
Special Announcements

Jeremy and Holly Spaulding
Married October 20, 2007

Mari and Joshua Dorsey
Married June 16, 2007

Koka Hadzijska and Blagoj Skandev
Married June 22, 2008

Mike Swiatek and Tami Yarman
to marry December 13, 2008

Brooke Prince and Matt Austin
Engaged November 22, 2007
Foot Notes

Special Announcements

Samuel Charles Madine
Born: August 21, 2007
Parents: Renee Mackey Madine and Patrick Madine

Nikolay Gatalyak and Vera Garasimchuk
Married June 7, 2008

Japheth Mongare and Mercie
Engaged December 25, 2007

Marco Giuseppe Cosimeno
Born: November 16, 2007
Parents: Michael and Misty Cosimeno

Scott Johnston and Rachel Austomiller

Carissa Brigham and Jonathan Sharpe
Engaged March 22, 2008
This year marked the first annual OCPM Spirit Week. The festivities kicked off on Jan 7th.

Noted events during the week were a school wide scavenger hunt at lunch as well as a podiatry themed BINGO game. Things wound down on Friday, January 11th with a school-provided lunch of hamburgers, veggie burgers, potato salad and cookies. The raffle was drawn during lunch. Later that Friday night, all of the students were invited to go tubing. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the week's events. I know that next year will be even better.

~Sara Borkosky
Alumni BBQ

This was the first Alumni event at the Independence campus. The event was the first of, what is hoped to be, many. August 25, 2007 also served as an open house. Our Alumni were given a chance to see the new face of OCPM.

2. Donna and Ashley working hard at the registration table. 4. Caron stops for the camera

3. Dr. Osting with fellow alumnus and staff members

4. Dr. Chiunda and Dr. Blazer are the newest members of the faculty and attendings at school clinic. Pod Med will never be the same.

5. Guests enjoying the new look of the Doctor’s Inn.

8. You may not recognize him without his scrubs, but that is Dr. Demore with his sons.

9. Dr. Caldwell with his kids enjoying the festivities and food. And yes, they know ABXs inside and out.
The Ohio Podiatric Medical Students Association, OPMSA, serves as the student government at OCPM. Each student enrolled at the college is a member. OPMSA works with the American Podiatric Medical Student Association, APMSA, on a national level, and locally with the Departments of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. We encourage you to take an active role by getting involved in government positions and attending monthly All School Meetings.

~Heather Gray - OPMSA President
The 16th Annual OPMSA/AAWP Podiatric Clinical Symposium was held on Saturday, January 19, at the Embassy Suites Rockside Hotel. A total of nine speakers, including Dr. Lawrence Lavery, Dr. Bryan Caldwell, and Dr. Kathleen Satterfield, gave presentations on a wide variety of exciting topics and advancements in the field of podiatry. Topics ranged from "Innovations in Wound Healing" to "What's New in Ankle Fractures." All attendees received a catered breakfast and lunch as well as the opportunity to visit with several vendors. AAWP held a raffle to benefit the Cleveland Battered Women's Shelter which offered the chance to win many prizes. This year's symposium had one of the largest turn-outs ever with 150 in attendance. Thank you to all who attended and to everyone whose hard work helped to make it a huge success!

~Nicole Humphries-OPMSA Director of Clinical Affairs
American Association of Women in Podiatry

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AAWP had a great year! The "Necrotics" won the 2nd Annual Flag Football Tournament in June where everyone got a little sun-burned and raised a lot of money for the Free Clinic. We passed out a whole bunch of yogurt volunteering at Race for the Cure and cooked up a lot of chilli for the 3rd Annual Chili-Cookoff. Attendance was outstanding at the OPMSA/AAWP Clinical Symposium and AAWP's raffle prizes raised money for a women's shelter. Skee-ball at Dave and Buster's end-of-the-year dinner brought out the competitors in us all!

Thanks to all of the 2007-2008 AAWP officers and members for a great year!

~Emily Shoaf, AAWP President
Students vs. Faculty Softball
AAPSM provided great opportunities for students to learn taping techniques and biomechanical principles this year. A big thanks to Dr. Hetherington for making us look bad on the softball diamond again this year.

A special thanks to Dr's. Spencer and Siesel, club officers and Nicole Humphries for all your help in making the year go smoothly.

~Edward Baynham Jr.
This year the American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) Club hosted numerous events including: Gowning and Gloving Workshop, Suturing Workshop, a Guest Speaker, Casting Workshop, and an Injections Workshop. We also took a trip to the 7 Floors of Hell Haunted House. In addition to these student activities, the officers also completed a research project over the past year entitled: The Lapidus Procedure: A Mechanical Study of Fixation Techniques. This project was presented at the 2008 Annual Conference Poster Exhibit Competition in Long Beach, CA and was awarded 2nd place in the Student Surgery Club Category. I would like to personally thank Dr. Favazzo, our faculty advisor, for his help throughout the year, and the officers, who worked all year on the research project and made the workshops a success!

~ Laura Desi, ACFAS President
This year was the first year of the American College of Foot & Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine (ACFAOM) Club existence at OCPM. With a small budget, but a lot of help, we were able to provide several events to the students including an Arthrometric Exam workshop, a Low Dye Taping workshop, and a Diabetic Patient Evaluation workshop. We now have recognition by the school as an official club and hope to expand in the upcoming years. Thank you to Dr. Spencer, our faculty advisor, and all the 2008 officers for helping establish this organization!

~Laura Desi, President ACFAOM
The OCPM APMSA delegation has had a great year transitioning to the new school. Our new delegate Derek Pantiel is the new Board of Trustees Liaison to the APMA. Darrell Ballinger is also the American Medical Students Association liaison. Colin Flannery is also the APMSA Silent Auction Chair. Our delegation has a great work ethic and we will continue to serve the OCPM student body to the best of our abilities. We would like to thank (e) Heather Gray and Luan Seiko for their service to the student body and wish them continued success in the future.

-Darrell Ballinger, APMSA Delegate Class of 2010, American Medical Students Association Liaison
AGK

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Eddy Baynham
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Leslie Johnston
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Chuck Hoehn
Secretary
Ben Denenberg
The Halloween party was a good time. We had everything from Geeks to Freaks! I'm excited for the future of the fraternity by opening up to a national constitution and exploring new ways to increase student participation.

~Edward Baynham Jr President
Formal 2008
Formal 2008
The 2007-2008 year proved to be a wonderful experience.
Kappa Tau Epsilon is an educational and social organization designed to bring together the students of OCPM on both a learning and collective level. KTE started the year with a 'Welcome Back' party at Parnell's Pub to allow new and old members to become acquainted with one another. For 2007-2008, our members participated in several Mock Practicals in both Gross Anatomy and Lower Anatomy, which were very successful and beneficial to the first year class. KTE members were also involved with journal club to review, share, and discuss articles designed to explore different perspectives in the podiatric community. Another successful event was the KTE Formal Dance at Massimo's in downtown Cleveland. KTE then ended the year with its Spring Party at Parnell's Pub.

Thanks from the Officers of KTE.
The Podiatric Association for Diabetes (PAD) at OCPM is a unique organization that strives to raise awareness of diabetes in podiatric medical education.

For the past two years we have participated in the ADA walk. We have also held healthy cooking seminars to educate the students, staff and faculty.

This year we hosted a Dance for Diabetes. A portion of the proceeds were donated to the ADA to support diabetes research.

Thank you to all who participated in making this a successful year!

~Peninnah Kumar Dir of Clinical Affairs
The Occopodian is the yearbook of OCPM. It is edited and staffed by students who volunteer their time and energy to publish the yearbook and manage its finances. The yearbook is a historical compendium of the classes, clinics, administration organizations, and activities of the academic year.

Marie St Louis  
Executive Editor
Thanks for keeping us on track. Best wishes in residency.

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The right hand gal. Thank you for being there when the book needed.

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The Pet pages was hit again!!! Thank you for all your input and suggestions. Enjoy Cali...Good luck.

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The clutch member of the staff. Always on time and always ready. Thank You for all your help.

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Thank You for helping people say what they really mean. Good Luck in Fort Dodge.

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We love and need your pictures.  
—Occopodian Staff

What is this a school for ants? How can you teach the students about podiatry when they can't even fit inside the building!!
Great job on your page. I know time was an issue at the end. Thank you. Excellent Work.

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Your pages are great and thankyou for working to meet the deadlines. Thank you...Amazing job.

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We can't be everywhere but...we can get as many pics as possible. Thank you for your help.

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Joey,
We’ve always been so proud of all you’ve said and done,
But mostly we’re just proud
Because you are our Son.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Congratulations
Jennifer

Words cannot express how very proud we are of you and all that you have accomplished. Your years of hard work and determination have finally allowed you to achieve your goals and enter the next chapter of your life. Be part of something good, leave something good behind, its your world now.

Love,
Mom & Dad

(Jennifer Regler)
We Love You, But You Must Do Your Work Now

When you came into the world, God had a plan for you. Your vibrant smile and compassion for others was evident at an early age. Your determination to accomplish your goals and keeping your eyes on the prize maintained your focus.

You have sacrificed and struggled through many hours of late-night studying and have made critical choices to get where you are. We are very proud of you. What does not break you will make you stronger. Shun not the struggle and face it and God will see you thru. His eye is on the sparrow and we know He watches you!

_Your South Carolina Family

(Jamelah Lemon)
Congratulations Dustin, we are very proud of you!

We love you!

Nicole and Bernie
Mom, Dad and Dylan
Ilah, Andy and Drew

(Dustin Lawrence Kruse)

Congratulations Royden, on achieving this major accomplishment in your life. We are so proud of you and are tickled to have a Dr. in the family. Speaking of which, I have this teensy problem with my left foot... Way to go!

Love,
Dad & Mom and the whole gang

(Royden Strnford)

Congratulation to the Class of 2008

You have accomplished your goal... Now live your Dream.

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kate + Dan

(Sos Mcmillin)
Recipe for Success

Start with a small boy all grown up
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¾ c. support of family
4 T. sense of humor

Put in oven and bake for 4 years
What do you get?
Dr. Trent E. Corpron!

We are so proud of you! We love you.
Katee, Ammon, Caleb
Mom and Terry

Congratulations Dr. Marcia
We are proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, KK, Kaleb

(Marcia Kay Roggenkamp)

Doctor Angela.
That has a nice ring to it!
We are so proud of you.

Love,
Stuart & Jane

(Anglea Barnes)

Congratulations Bobby!
We are very proud of you. Ever since you were
in pre-school you wanted to be a doctor,
you have studied long and worked hard
to get where you are today.

May all your memories be good ones!
On this day your dreams have become a
reality. Stand tall and walk proud
enjoying this special moment in time.

Happy Graduation!!
All Our Love!!
Mom, Dad, Michael,
Katy and Bandit

(Robert Koivunen)
Angela,

Four years ago, I watched you drive off to your first class. Then, I watched you hurdle obstacles and succeed every step of the way. Now, I watch you graduate! I am extremely proud of you and your tremendous effort! Look back and relish this accomplishment, knowing the hard work you put in; strive forward with the strength and perseverance that got you here. Your dreams will come true!

As certain as the stars above, I will always give you my love.

John, Alexa, and Izzy

(Angela Barnes)

Angela, We both love you. We are so proud of you. We are both happy for you. You are the first Doctor in our family tree! Congratulations from both of us. We knew you could do it. Not once did we ever doubt your devotion and your dedication in your studies to become a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine.

You could have taken the easy road, but you made the right choice, and that has made all the difference.

Congratulations, Doctor Angela Marie Barnes!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jeanna, & Blake

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Congratulation Brian!
You did it!
We love you tons!
Robyn, Daisy,
Westten, Dalice &
Wyatt

(Brian Church)

We are so proud of
your accomplishments-
in the past and
especially today. May
all your paths lead to
happiness and your
dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad, Chris,
Megan and Rachel

(Joshua Morris)

Our Dearest Alicia

We've been blessed with a child, determined and bright;
Who epitomizes how to be and become.
Your accomplishments are great and you bring us such pride-
Things never experienced by some.

Our future is brightened by those like you,
Serving others wherever you go.
How fortunate are those who will meet you someday
To share in what we already know.

You, our first-born, determined and bright;
Give thanks for the blessings been given.
And always remember how much you are loved,
By those on this earth and in Heaven.

Congratulations and Much Love,
Mom & Dad

(Alicia Beshaler)
Mari

The knowledge & achievement
That brought you to this day.
The focus & commitment
And hard work along the way.
Your character & strength of will
To see a challenge through.
These qualities are sure to bring
Success to all you do.

You worked hard for this
You made it happen &
You have a right to be proud

I am so very proud of you!
Love ya
Mom

(Schools Out)

(Mari Wargo-Dorsey)
Daughters are a mother's best friend and you are our family jewel. The bond between a mother and daughter is the most precious gift of all. It is an unexplainable and fulfilling feeling that only a mother and a daughter can share. A mother should never feel they have to stop protecting their daughter. Of course they must let them make their own decisions and let them grow as an individual, but they must never stop protecting or being a guide for their life.

Shirley, You are as precious as a flower and as gorgeous as a rose. You have been specially made to the very tip of your nose. You are as sweet as honey; such an innocent young child You are brighter than any star in the sky every time you smile I want you to be proud of who you are and strive to be the best Put forth your efforts to achieve your goals. I will always be your mother first, but I'm also your friend. You are the most precious gift, that I've ever been given.

Love
Mom, Daryl, Stanley and Amanda
(Shirley Catoire)

Congratulations!
To our Grand-Daughter
Mari Wargo-Dorsey

You have earned the right to celebrate all that you have accomplished. The hard work and sacrifices you have made in preparing for your future is and will be all worthwhile. The goals that you have met as you worked toward this day shows the dedication you have practiced throughout your life. May you look forward to a future filled with happiness and success!

WE LOVE YOU AND ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!
Nana & Pap Francis

(Mari Wargo-Dorsey)
We have watched you grow from a beautiful, precious baby and develop into a lovely, strong lady. We owe it all to God. Remember: "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

-Proverbs 3:6

We love you,

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Ben, We're very proud of you and all you've accomplished through the years. You've always stuck with, and worked hard at whatever you set out to do.

Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Wally & Josh

(Ben Summerhays)
At Chesapeake Academy Science Fair, it was foot size to height analysis.
At The Ballet Theatre of Annapolis, it was foot care with egg membranes.
At Severn School, it was prefecting the fine art of collecting footwear.
At Wellesley College, it was a lacrosse foot injury.

At OCPM—the final connection—completing education for DPM!

Congratulations
We are very proud of you.
"Keep reaching for the stars."

Love, Mom & Dad

(Katie Swansstrom)
Heather, CONGRATULATIONS WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH

WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

"To achieve all that is possible, We must attempt the impossible- To be as much as you can be, We must dream of being more."

Karen Raun

(Heather Driessen)
Congratulations Dr. Juanita Lynn Thorpe

Juanita, you have reached another milestone in your life. We know with the help of Jesus Christ & your desire to be able to help others that this day would come.

Love, Mom & Dad

"To dream anything that you want to dream that is the beauty of the human mind. To do anything that you want to do that is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself to test your limits that is the courage to succeed."

Bernard Edmonds
American Writer
Congratulations Dr. Mom.
We are very proud of you and know you will be a great doctor!

Love,
Adler and Phil

Natalie Kay
(Anderson) LaScola

We've watched you grow into a lovely lady and now a Doctor! We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nicole, Terry, Jetta, Anderson, Elliott, Grammy and Grandma, Aunts, Uncles & Cousins.

(Natalie Kay (Anderson) LaScola)
CONGRATS

Dr. Brandon E. Crim

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

With all our love and support,

Ashley

Mom & Dad and Connie & Jim

Katie, Rick, Krystal, Stephen, Austin, and Dallas

Gran, Grandmother and Grandpa
Congratulation Summer.
Our retirement plan is looking better...

Love forever,
Momma + Daddy

(Wendy Summer Willis)
You're the Man! Brock-a-doc Burkman. No more pretend medical exams. Congrats from Mom & Dad, sisters: Leandra, Melanie, their hubbies, & children, your other fan club members in Blackfoot, Idaho

(Brock Burkman)

Congratulations Mike, You have jumped the final hurdle to your dream. Mom & Dad

(Michael G. Swiatek)

When you left for school 4 years ago, you were tan with long hair and big muscles. Now four years later, your hair is all short, you're skinny, and what are those things on your face, glasses????

Michael, its time to come home!
We Love You!
Mom, Dad, Jenny and Lisa

Cleveland Rocks!!!

(Michael DiGiuseppe)
CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ERIN L. PALMER

What a crowd when they were all there, we always spotted you with that auburn hair! Those little hands that played in the sand have gripped the ladder as well as anyone can. Your snappy dark eyes have read 1000 books or more now you have opened another door. You will do fantastic for all to see. Take the love, flowers and gifts- you deserve it all.

From Grandma Donna to my dearest Erin Leigh,

Dear Erin, Your graduation marks another milestone that you have reached very successfully with intelligence, perseverance and hard work. We have a huge amount of pride for all you have accomplished and wish you success in the future.

Grandpa Miracle

We all remember the day you were born and we are so proud of your journey to this day.

Aunt Janice, Garth & families

Congratulations Erin. We are proud of the woman you are, your dedication to family, and your perseverance to complete the course set before you. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Pr 16:3
Aunt Denise & Uncle Jack & families

Erin, Good luck and God Bless. We love you.

Uncle Rick & Jennie & family

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished.

Aunt Cheryl, Lauren & Mitch

Your determination has been evident since the day you were born. We are so proud of your accomplishments!

You go Girl!!

Aunt Annie & Uncle Kevin & family

You’ve more than proven that you can do anything. You are an inspiration to all of us.

Sister, Jamie, Jason & Keira

Erin you have worked so hard toward your goals, I am glad you are finally going to be reaping the rewards of your labor. Congratulations and good luck

Brother, Derek-

Congratulations Erin, Travis, Airyonna & Alexander for your dedication and commitment to achieving your goals. Erin, God blessed you with strength, determination, brains and beauty and you have put them all to good use. Way to move forward. We are proud of you Dr. Palmer.

Mom & Dad

(Erin L. Palmer)
Congratulations Dawn!

Doctor Dawn,

Words can not begin to express the joy and celebration we feel today! During your short time on Earth, your endeavors and achievements are larger than most will experience in a lifetime! However, we believe, none were by chance. This is just the beginning of your journey... May you use your God-given abilities and gifts to help others in need. May you see your new career as a vocation, and a calling, not merely a job. Finally, may you never forget your humble beginnings by serving patients whom so desperately need caring and compassionate doctors!

Your Proud Family

(Dawn Y. Stein)

Dawn Y. Stein  May 18, 1990

When I grow up I want to be a doctor.
To our dear son Alexander Nmoma, Jr.:

Shortly after your delivery, the doctor and your father said you will be a fighter. Ever since you were young you had a compassionate heart and always liked to help people. I remembered when you were a little kid you told me you will be a doctor.

As a child, Alex showned a lot of curiosity, care and interest in children and adults. I always noticed he had natural compassion and natural leadership abilities.

Amongst friends and family he always made them smile and laugh with his jovial personality. I have seen him change situations from tragedy to triumphs.

His desire to become a doctor stems from his kind-heartedness towards his brothers, parents, friends, relatives and others. When he was nine he said, "One day mom, I will be a doctor and take care of not only you folks but those in need as well." He always had a very kind and loving heart towards people and was always giving and caring.

No doubt son, you will be one of the greatest doctors in the field of podiatric medicine and surgery because of your unselfish and caring personality.

Congratulations to our super star, Dr. Alexander Nmoma, Jr., the true soul survivor.

From the parents of Alexander Nmoma Jr.

(Alexander Nmoma Jr.)
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