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Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine held its spring commencement this month, with 43 students graduating with their

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Dr. Benjamin Weaver and Brooke Weaver Keynoters at Midwestern University AAPPM Practice Management Club

It's been an exciting year for the Podiatric Medical program at Midwestern University (MWU) in Glendale, AZ. "It's been one year since the graduation of our inaugural class of podiatric medical students, nine months since the founding of the **MWU American Academy of Podiatric Practice**



Left to Right: MWU AAPPM Practice Management Club VP, Keith Arbuckle; President, Julie Chatigny; Treasurer, Isaac Palacios and AAPPM keynote speaker Dr. Benjamin Weaver, Secretary of AAPPM.

Management (AAPPM) Student Practice Management Club, and now, on May 7, 2009, our very first keynote address," said Club president Julie Chatigny. Generous grant funding, provided by Dr. Les Appel and Powerstep® to the AAPPM Student Practice Management Clubs, gave the podiatric medical students at MWU the opportunity to learn more about the importance of practice management as part of their overall education. Dr. Benjamin Weaver, secretary of AAPPM, and his wife, Brooke, his office practice manager, completely engaged the first, second, and third year students by sharing some key pearls for planning, establishing, and maintaining a successful practice. The Weavers' enthusiasm was contagious. They shared strategies such as the importance of goal setting and making a plan, keeping a journal of likes and dislikes throughout medical school and residency, and tips on organization to optimize time management, to name just a few.

"We at MWU are truly grateful to the AAPPM, and Dr. Appel, for their dedication to furthering the education, development, and success of podiatric medical students," said Ms. Chatigny. "Dr. Appel's financial support," said Dr. Hal Ornstein, chairman of AAPPM, "has made it possible for leaders of the AAPPM to travel to podiatric medical schools throughout the country to educate our future practitioners, allow students to attend AAPPM practice management meetings and visit successful practices—all of which will make them more successful as podiatrists."

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