

We Need Your Help!
AAPSM Launches
YOUNG MEMBER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (YMMP)

INTRODUCTION:

If you haven't already done so, the AAPSM urges you to volunteer your expertise to young members of the AAPSM! Special thanks to AAPSM Fellow Ana Cafengiu, DPM, for coordinating the AAPSM Young Member Mentorship Program (YMMP). The YMMP is a voluntary program intended to foster a cooperative one-on-one relationship between a young/new podiatric professional interested in pursuing a sports medicine practice with an experienced AAPSM Member in good standing of the AAPSM.

This unique program is open to AAPSM podiatry students currently enrolled in a college of podiatric medicine, resident members, or members in their first 5 years of practice. The Mentor would be a current AAPSM member (with at least 5 years of professional experience and within 5 years of retirement) with a vested interest in sharing their sports medicine knowledge, and "paying it forward" as a role model to the young member.

PURPOSE:

To encourage, inspire, and engage the next generation of sports medicine podiatrists.

PROCESS:

To participate in the YMMP program, interested young members and/or AAPSM members can visit the following link <http://www.aapasm.org/youth-member-mentor.html> and complete a short questionnaire. This questionnaire will be required to determine information relating to practice type, practice interests, and preferred means of communication (i.e. text, email, voice). The AAPSM's goal is to connect a young member with a participating member via email communication, introducing each other and exchanging contact information. The "participants" can connect as desired and are encouraged to communicate with participating members at their discretion. The AAPSM will host events at their annual stand-alone meeting to further facilitate relationships.

CONTACT:

If this program is something that would interest you, please reach out to AAPSM Executive Director, Rita Yates at ritayates2@aol.com as soon as possible.

BENEFITS:

1. To encourage a culture of knowledge-sharing among like-minded sports medicine professionals.
2. To increase membership numbers in AAPSM by fostering professional relationships in the early stages of practice development.
3. To increase retention rates of AAPSM members and to encourage pursuit of Fellow status.