

New Dean Appointed at KSUCPM

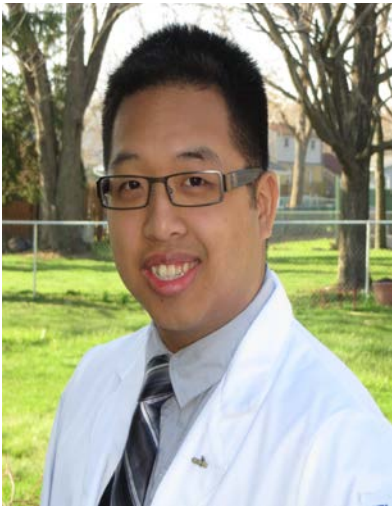


Allan M. Boike, D.P.M., FCFAS

The search for a dean at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (formerly Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine) has come to a close. In October of 2013, Thomas V. Melillo, D.P.M., unfortunately passed away at 68 years old. He served as the chief executive officer of KSUCPM from August 1984 until the time of his death. Under his leadership, the school was relocated to its current location in Independence, Ohio and three new clinic sites for the Cleveland Foot and Ankle Clinic were developed. In the meantime, Bryan D. Caldwell, D.P.M., has served as the interim dean. He is an alumnus of OCPM, has previously served as assistant dean of clinical education and operations, and has been with the school since 1994.

After months of searching, the pool of dean candidates was narrowed down to three: Allan M. Boike, D.P.M., FCFAS from the Cleveland Clinic; John N. Venson, D.P.M. from the California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University; and Adam Landsman, D.P.M., Ph.D., FCFAS from Harvard Medical School. Each candidate visited the campus in January, giving a public presentation and answering questions posed by the faculty, staff, and students. All three candidates are highly qualified, well-established physicians in the podiatry community with impressive résumés.

Dr. Allan Boike was named the new dean of KSUCPM in early February. Currently, he is the director of the Podiatric Medical and Surgical Residency Training Programs and section head of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery in the Foot and Ankle Center of the Orthopaedic and Rheumatology Institute at the Cleveland Clinic. He has primary practice locations at the Cleveland Clinic Main Campus and the Strongsville Family Health Center. Dr. Boike has lectured at over 100 seminars throughout the United States on various topics concerning the treatment of foot and ankle conditions, with a special interest in foot surgery. He received the William J. Stickle Silver Award for Podiatric Research in 1997. He will be introduced as dean on May 16, 2014 at the 10th annual Glass Slipper Fête and begin on July 1, 2014. Dr. Caldwell will return to his position as assistant dean.



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