



Bryan Markinson, DPM, Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

He is a distinguished author and lecturer, and a true pioneer in the world of podiatric dermatopathology.

BY DEMPSEY SPRINGFIELD, MD

In late 1998, I had been the Chair of the Leni and Peter May Department of Orthopedics at the Mount Sinai Medical Center for almost three years. The Orthopedic Department and the Podiatry Service at Mount Sinai Medical Center had a bad history and a poor relationship. We had no podiatrist on the full-time faculty and the volunteer podiatry faculty did not feel that they were part of the Orthopedic Department. I needed a podiatrist to join the full-time faculty, to oversee and organize the podiatric service, to integrate podiatric medicine into the Orthopedic Service, and to help bridge the gap between podiatrists and orthopedic surgeons. Alan Schiller, MD, the Chair of the Hans Popper Department of Pathology at Mount Sinai Medical Center, and a close friend told me he had the man.

Alan introduced me to Bryan, and it did not take long for me to know he was the person I was looking for and needed.

Bryan graduated in 1977 Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science from the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Long Island University. He then attended the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, graduating cum laude in 1981 with a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree. After com-



Dr. Bryan Markinson

pleting a podiatric surgical residency and a fellowship in Podiatric Medical Sciences, he joined the faculty in the Division of Medical Sciences at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, eventually achieving the rank of professor in 1995. Ten years after completing his formal training, Bryan did a fellowship in podiatric pathology in the Department of Dermato-pathology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey from February 1993 to June 1995. It

was at that time that Dr. Schiller recruited Bryan and he became Professorial Lecturer and Director of Podiatric Pathology in the Department of Pathology at the Mount Sinai Medical Center from 1995 to 1999.

Bryan had already established himself in the podiatric community before joining the faculty at Mount Sinai. He had been a consultant for several national and local regulatory bodies, and participated in and chaired advisory panels for medical device and pharmaceutical companies. He was and continues to be an invited lecturer instructing podiatric medical students, residents, and practitioners.

Bryan joined the full-time orthopedic faculty in February of 1999, the first podiatrist ever so appointed. He immediately found his place within the Department and quickly built a clinical practice. His medical knowledge and dedication to patient care were excellent. He integrated extremely easily into the medical center environment. He organized the Outpatient Podiatric Clinic, and oversaw its large expansion into one of the busiest clinics in the outpatient medical specialties area. He became a valuable and important member of the Orthopedic Department.

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Bryan has continued to be an active member of the full-time faculty at Mount Sinai Medical Center. He became an instructor in the division

ready received this! In my eyes, Dr. Markinson is already in the Podiatry Hall of Fame. He is the consummate observer and teacher. Dr. Markinson has an empowering ability to make a difficult topic more accessible. He

Mary E. Crawford, DPM

Dr. Markinson is highly respected as an educator, which is one of the greatest professions in the world. In Dr. Markinson's case, focusing on skin and nail diseases, he has brought his knowledge, not only to the podiatric and allopathic medical community, but has also saved lives as he passes his knowledge onto others. The medical profession and the patients in its care are truly indebted to Dr. Markinson and his contributions to the profession.

That said, Bryan is a true New Yorker. While lovable and approachable, he is also upfront and frank in his discussions and his teachings. I think this is why he is so respected in the medical community. Leave your sensitive ego at the door and grow an extra layer of skin and you will get to know a person that will always be truthful, genuine and loyal. Thank

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of dermatology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 2010. Bryan is a team member of the Melanoma and Skin Cancer Program of the Tisch Cancer Institute of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He was promoted to Associate Professor of Orthopedics in 2015.

Bryan has and continues to play a major role in numerous medical organizations. These include the Board of Medical Advisors-International Foot and Ankle Foundation for Education and Research, American Society of Foot and Ankle Dermatology Board of Trustees (President in 2004), and the Council for Nail Disorders Board of Trustees, just to name a few.

Bryan's academic production is outstanding. He has given at least 320 lectures/presentations and published at least 31 articles/chapters. Bryan has extended his influence beyond the United States, giving the Keynote address at the College of Podiatry Annual Meeting in Bournemouth, UK in 2018.

Bryan's clinical and academic career continues. He has far over-achieved and proven himself to be a credit to medicine and the field of podiatric medicine and surgery. His achievements certainly justify this recognition.

Tributes

Donna M Alfieri, DPM

When I heard that Dr. Bryan Markinson had been selected for the *Podiatry Management* Lifetime Achievement Award/Podiatry Hall of Fame, my first reaction was shock. Shock that he had not al-

does this with passion, resourcefulness, and good humor.

Bryan is a positive role model in our profession. Recently, a non-podiatric colleague was raving about a series of orthopedic lectures she attended at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. She was specifically impressed with the lecture on the foot,

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stating, “He was one of the best lecturers I have ever seen.” I knew it was Dr. Markinson. We are so fortunate to have Dr. Markinson as one of our own. It is an honor to know him and I am excited to see him receive this well-deserved award.

Joanna Ayoub, DPM

I am so incredibly proud of Dr. Markinson for receiving this recognition. Not only is he an excellent physician, surgeon, and human being, but he is also a pioneer in the podiatric dermatopathology world. Truly renowned, Dr. Markinson works tirelessly to educate his peers, in turn saving so many patients' lives.

Dr. Markinson is one of the most brilliant, funny, brutally honest, charismatic, and beautiful human beings I have ever known. I offer him the most heartfelt congratulations for receiving this Lifetime Achievement Award and induction in the *Podiatry Management* Hall of Fame.

you Dr. Markinson for your commitment to excellence, the profession, your friends, and your community.

Thomas M. DeLauro, DPM

As a student, resident, and colleague, my admiration of Dr. Markinson has never waned. Even as he expanded his responsibilities to join the faculty of the Mount Sinai Medical Center and School of Medicine, my respect for and pride in him grew continually. I am humbled by his unending successes and earnestly wish him much more of the same.

I am honored to know and work with Dr. Markinson, and most importantly to call him my friend. I congratulate him on this milestone—one that is so well deserved—and anxiously await his next accomplishment.

Dock Dockery, DPM

By the early 2000s, I had gained a great respect for Dr. Markinson's

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presentations, and I started inviting him to speak at the Northwest Podiatric Foundation (now, the International Foot & Ankle Foundation) meetings. Eventually, he became a key member, along with Drs. Bradley Bakotic, Mary E. Crawford, and me, of the Foundation's Dermatology & Plastic Surgery Seminar and Workshop programs that were offered annually in different locations around the country.

Ultimately, I invited Bryan to become a member of the Board of Medical Advisors for the International Foot & Ankle Foundation. He was then more involved in our medical seminars and all of us essentially 'fell in love' with him. He is considered to be one of the leading experts in lower extremity dermatology and medicine and, through his lectures and publications, has become a shining star in getting podiatric students, residents, fellows, and practitioners on board for understanding the nuances of better

decades now and hope you will always be a part of my life.

**Evan L. Flatow, MD, Lasker
Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
President Mount Sinai West**

I was overjoyed to hear that Dr. Bryan C. Markinson has been selected as the *Podiatry Management* Lifetime Achievement Award/Podia-

tricians in the country. Others had tried knocking on Mt. Sinai's door, but they were knocking far too loudly for a place like Sinai, and Bryan's understated presence and impressive fund of knowledge is what opened the door.

I know I share my pride with many others to learn Bryan is the recipient of the *Podiatry Manage-*

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try Hall of Fame Recipient for 2021. Bryan is simply a superstar, and I cannot imagine a more deserving recipient. He has been a masterful Chief of Podiatry, responsible for credentialing all our podiatrists, for quality assurance, and for the educational environment for our podiatry residents in a new and expanded program which Bryan and I worked to

ment Lifetime Achievement Award. The lives he has enriched and touched are forever grateful. Congratulations Bryan, and thank you for forging such an impressive path for podiatry.

E. Giannin Perez, DPM

Dr. Markinson has repeatedly asked me to call him Bryan, which I simply cannot do, owing to the amount of respect I have for him. Throughout my career and life, I have always reached out to him for advice and he has never let me down. I periodically send him random dermatology pictures and he always replies with sound, helpful advice.

Aside from being a great human being, he is also an amazing doctor, lecturer, and a mentor. I can't recall how many times I have listened to him lecture and every time I learn something new. I cannot think of a better person to have been selected for the *Podiatry Management* Lifetime Achievement Award/Podiatry Hall of Fame recipient for 2021 and I am very honored to call him my friend.

Melvyn Grovit, DPM, MS

Bryan came to me one day when I was Department Chair in the Department of Medical Sciences at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and asked permission to embark on a fellowship in podiatric pathology in the Dept. of Dermatopathology at the University of Medicine and Dentist-

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treatments for lower extremity dermatological diseases, understanding the subtleties of pigmented toenail conditions, and the importance of diagnosing and treating pigmented skin lesions.

Bryan and I have become the dearest of friends, and I am very proud that he was the host for my own induction into the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award, *Podiatry Management* Hall of Fame, at the APMA Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Bryan, I welcome you to the club, but you already know, you have been a member of my club for

establish. Bryan always maintained superb relations with vascular surgeons, dermatologists, and of course orthopedic foot and ankle surgeons.

Most importantly, Bryan is of the highest integrity and devotion to the ideals of our healing professions. He is a role model for us all.

Howard R. Fox, DPM

Dr. Markinson has had the opportunity to work with some of the most noted experts in orthopedics and pathology in the country, if not the world. Through that, he started one of the most impressive podiatric res-



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ry of New Jersey, which was funded by the NYCMP administration. How could I not accede to his request? He was brilliant, hardworking, and the

Charles Morelli, DPM

In February 2020, Dr. Markinson asked to join Dr. Jeff Siegel and me in Nicaragua for our annual mission trip, and it could not have been a more enjoyable week of surgery, lectures,

his lectures in school fondly, and today on the lecture circuit as informative and always entertaining. I am proud to call Dr. Markinson a friend and a colleague, someone who has made a profound difference in students' education and the way we all practice podiatry today.

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Richard K. Scher, MD, Professor, Clinical Dermatology, Weill Cornell Medical College Past President (2000) American Academy of Dermatology

very model of a physician in the truest sense of the word. Bryan parlayed that training into a niche clinical focus on podiatric dermatology. Through his mentorship over the ensuing decades of students, residents, and colleagues, he has become a true thought leader in our profession. That he is receiving this honor is no surprise to me. My only regret is that I do not see him more often.

and training. I was grateful for the lectures he gave to students, residents, and attending physicians at HEODRA Hospital in Leon, Nicaragua, and his performance and teaching of surgical techniques and biopsies of interesting skin and deep tissue lesions both in the classroom and operating room.

Beyond his expertise, Dr. Markinson is one of the funniest and quick-witted people I know. I recall

As an academic podiatrist, Bryan offered many insightful contributions to our work, resulting in an invitation to him to contribute a chapter in the 3rd Edition of the text *Scher and Daniels Nails*, a major resource for medical practitioners interested in nail disorders. Last year, he contributed a chapter on nail surgery in the 4th Edition. In the early 2000s, he was invited to speak at The Coun-

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cil for Nail Disorders (CND) Annual meeting, of which I was a trustee. He was so well received that in 2004 he

Katherine Ward, DPM

Bryan has dedicated his life to educating podiatrists and other physicians from around the world. His additional training in podiatric patholo-

Bryan has been promoting and advancing the podiatric profession for almost four decades. His bold lecturing style creates a positive environment that enables the audience to actually enjoy learning. He has encouraged his students to achieve their goals, which is the hallmark of a great teacher. Bryan, congratulations on this well-deserved award! I and many others are grateful to you for all your hard work and dedication to our profession! **PM**

“Bryan has been promoting and advancing the podiatric profession for almost four decades.”—Ward

became the first podiatrist ever elected to the CND Board of Trustees.

Due to his appointment and support of the council to the present day, interest in the CND among podiatric practitioners has increased dramatically. I extend my heartfelt congratulations that he has been honored this way, and I wish him continued success.

gy has enabled him to improve education and treatment in this specialty. Countless lives have been saved by Bryan’s crusade to increase biopsies of suspicious skin lesions. As Chief of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, he continues to help save lives, while working as the quintessential teacher, physician, and leader in our field.



Dr. Springfield is past chair of the Leni and Peter May Department of Orthopedics at the Mount Sinai Medical Center and Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, NY.

Honorable Mention

Congratulations to the following podiatrists, alphabetically listed, who received the next highest number of votes in the 36th Annual *Podiatry Management* Lifetime Achievement Award.

Stephen Barrett, DPM, Marietta, GA
 H. “Bunny” Brown, DPM, Heber Springs, AR
 James Christina, DPM, Bethesda, MD
 Wesley Daniel, DPM, Gainesville, GA
 Lawrence DiDomenico, DPM, Youngstown, OH
 Chet Evans, DPM, Miami Shores, FL
 John Guiliana, DPM, Hackettstown, NJ
 Steven Kravitz, DPM, Winston-Salem, NC
 Lawrence Lavery, DPM, Dallas, TX
 Jeffrey Lehrman, DPM, Springfield, PA
 Marc Lenet, DPM, Baltimore, MD
 Leonard Levy, DPM, Fort Lauderdale, FL
 Kenneth Malkin, DPM, Boynton Beach, FL

John Mattiacchi, DPM, Philadelphia, PA
 Nancy Parsley, DPM, Chicago, IL
 Jeffrey Robbins, DPM, Cleveland, OH
 Lee Rogers, DPM, Las Vegas, NV
 Lee Sanders, DPM, Lebanon, PA
 Harold Schoenhaus, DPM, Philadelphia, PA
 Alan Sherman, DPM, Boca Raton, FL
 Lloyd Smith, DPM, Newton Centre, MA
 Frank Spinosa, DPM, Albuquerque, NM
 Kathleen Stone, DPM, Glendale, AZ
 Ross Taubman, DPM, Brentwood, TN
 Harold Vogler, DPM, Tampa, FL

Congratulations to following individuals, alphabetically listed, who received the next highest votes in the non-podiatrist category.

Dorothy Cahill-McDonald
 Tina Del Buono
 SuEllen Dercher
 Herman Hammerschmidt
 Kevin Kruse
 Louis Levine
 Chris Mahaffey
 Moraith North

Phil Park
 Mary Pulliam
 Krista Richter
 Jimelle Rumberg, PhD
 Shawna Shapero
 Leonard Thaler
 Alan Tinkleman
 Norman Wallis, PhD