

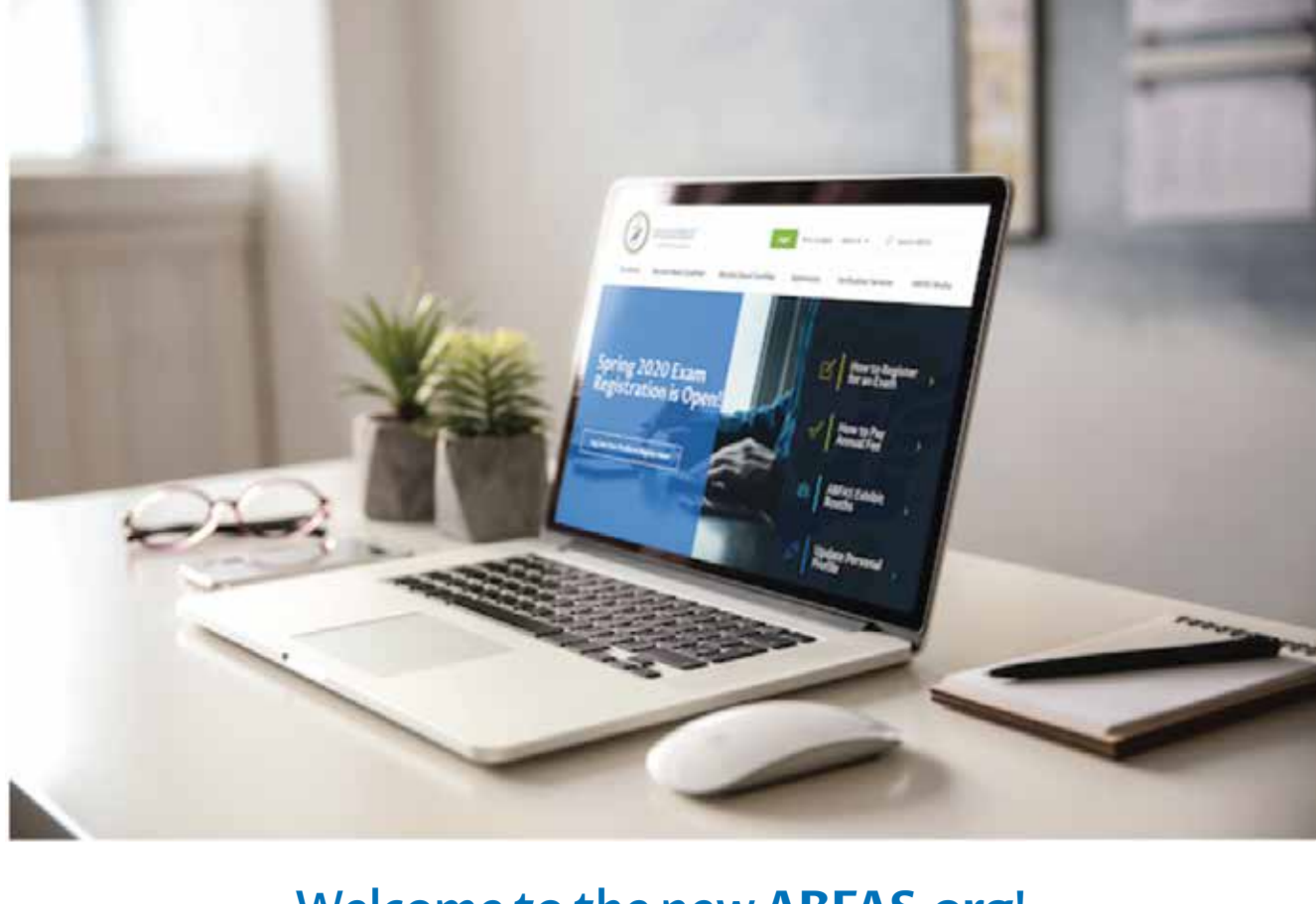


ABFAS NEWSLETTER

for Residents

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Welcome to the new ABFAS.org!

This week, we launched a new ABFAS.org! We hope this platform provides you with all the information you need to assist you on your path from Resident to an ABFAS Board Certified Diplomate.

On this new platform, you will find details on:

- The In-training Examination (ITE)
- 2020 certification process changes
- How best to prepare for your ITE, including tips and techniques on the didactic and CBPS examinations
- Exam dates and deadlines
- How to schedule your ITE
- Resident newsletters
- Podcasts, and more!

Our new website will be completed in two phases. This phase, our public site, launches while we work on the personal profile site, which will debut later this year. At that time, you will find a whole new platform for easier exam registration, exam preparation access, and other exciting features.

We want to hear what you think! We have installed a tool for you to provide real-time feedback. Simply click the "Send Feedback" thumbnail in the lower right-hand side of your screen, and give us your thoughts.

We hope you enjoy the new ABFAS.org!

Prepare for Your Part I Examinations

The Spring Part I examinations take place next week. Whether you are preparing for the Part I examinations this spring, or your first Part I examinations next fall, the new ABFAS.org has pages dedicated to help you best prepare for exam day.

Didactic Exam Preparation

The Part I Board Qualification exam consists of two formats, the Computer-Based Patient Simulator (CBPS) and the didactic computer-adaptive (CAT) or multiple-choice exams.

What is computer-adaptive? As you answer each question, the computer assesses your response and selects the next question based on whether you answered the previous question correctly. The questions become progressively more or less difficult as the examination establishes your level of knowledge.

[Our Part I Didactic Exam Preparation page](#) provides you with pointers on exam subject matter and exam structure. It also includes links and information on the didactic practice exam, along with other materials on how to navigate the exam, and how the examination questions are produced. Every candidate should go through all these materials at least once before exam day.

CBPS Exam Preparation

ABFAS also provides preparation tools for candidates enrolled in CBPS exams. Every candidate should use these tools and take the CBPS practice exam at least once before the qualification examinations.

Our [Part I CBPS Preparation page](#) provides you with information on exam subject matter and exam structure. There are also pointers on how to approach the CBPS exam, how to earn score points, and common mistakes to avoid. There are links to the CBPS practice exam and the exam answer key. You will also find two videos that will help every candidate with navigating the CBPS exam.

What to Expect on Exam Day

ABFAS outlines everything you need to prepare for your exam at Pearson VUE. Important information on identification requirements, security, emergencies, and security can all be found of the [What to Expect on Exam Day page](#).



The 2020 Stone Award Recipients

ABFAS President Keith L. Jacobson presented the 2020 Stone Award winners during our 46th Annual Meeting this February.

The Stone Awards, focusing on outstanding professional conduct, are named in honor of Michael Stone DPM. Dr. Stone served ABFAS in many roles, including president in 2002-3. He left a legacy of commitment to elevating the standard and quality of foot and ankle science and education. With his outstanding devotion to his patients, he was the embodiment of professional conduct, respect, and ethics in surgical medicine.

The Stone Awards recognize a graduating senior from each of the nine podiatry colleges or schools who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism, deportment, and ethics in the student's own interactions with peers, patients, professors, and staff.

ABFAS is proud to congratulate (left to right) **Ryan Stone** (Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine) **Emily Sun Shibata** (Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine), **Matthew E. Greenblatt** (Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University), **Edee Renier** (Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery), **Natasha Bhagat** (Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine), **Karla De La Mata** (New York College of Podiatric Medicine), **Andrea Batra** (Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine), **Amanda Chao** (Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine), and **Rabeea Abbas** (California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University).

Join us!

Later this year, ABFAS will be attending even more conferences. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for more information about these programs.

We hope to see you at the following conferences:

[Midwest Podiatry Conference](#)

April 29 – May 2, 2020

Hyatt Regency Chicago

Chicago, IL

[The Western Foot and Ankle Conference](#)

June 25 – 28, 2020

Disneyland Hotel and Convention Center

Anaheim, CA

[APMA- The National](#)

July 23 – 25, 2020

Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center

Boston, MA

[TPMA Southwest Foot and Ankle Conference](#)

September 24 – 26, 2020

Irving Convention Center

Irving, TX

[American Society of Podiatric Surgeons \(ASPS\)](#)

October 9 – 10, 2020

New Orleans, LA



Shayan Alamgir, PGY 3, and Neal Patel, PGY 3, during clinic at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, IL. Residency Director, Luke Kavatch, DPM.

Help Us Become #footfirst This Spring

ABFAS wants to highlight DPMs from across the country on our new site, social media channels, and newsletters.

Send in your photos of residents studying, performing cases, interacting with feet, performing on feet, or even just hanging out with other residents.

Send your best photos to footfirst@abfas.org. We will select a monthly winner with the best photo who will receive a great ABFAS prize and recognition on our Facebook page. You can also share your photos using #footfirstABFAS.

Safe Sender

ABFAS would like all communication to find its way to your inbox. Please add info@abfas.org, updates@abfas.org, and scheduling@abfas.org to your safe sender list to ensure that all of our emails arrive in your inbox and not in "spam".

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