

# Meet Our Core Faculty

## Saint Joseph Podiatric Surgical Residency



### Brett D. Sachs, DPM, FACFAS

Program Director (2020 – Present)

Temple University DPM, Resident Alumni (2001)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Board of Directors, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons

Assistant Clinical Professor, School of Podiatric Medicine, U. of Texas Rio Grande Valley Faculty

Vice President, Highlands Foot & Ankle Institute

Section Editor, Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery

Faculty, AO North America

Past Director, Colorado Podiatry Board

Past President, Colorado Foot & Ankle Society



### Kevin Blue, DPM, FACFAS

Assistant Program Director, Externship Director

Samuel Merritt University DPM, Resident Alumni (2013)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

President/Co- Founder, Essential Strides

Highlands Foot & Ankle Institute Board Member

President, Colorado Foot & Ankle Society

Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons



### Jeremy C. Christensen, DPM, FACFAS

Core Faculty & Program Residency Review Committee

Samuel Merritt DPM, Resident Alumni (2008)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Director of the Podiatry service at the Salud Clinic, Commerce City

Essential Strides Mission Trip Attending Volunteer

Denver Wound Healing Center Staff Attending

Fluent in Spanish



### Thomas Savage, DPM, FACFAS

Core Faculty, Residency Fair Director, Residency Review Committee &

Residency Selection Committee

Barry University DPM, Resident Alumni (1995)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Residency Clinic Supervisor

Metropolitan Foot & Ankle Specialist Owner

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**Alan Ng, DPM, FACFAS**

Attending & Residency Review Committee

Dr. William M. Scholl DPM, Harris County Podiatric Surgical Residency

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Immediate Past President, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons

Past President, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery

Fellowship Director, Rocky Mountain Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Fellowship

President, Greater Texas Education Foundation

Fellowship Trained Foot and Ankle Surgeon-Harris County/ West Houston Foot and Ankle Reconstructive Fellowship



**Dustin Kruse, DPM, MA, FACFAS**

Attending, Residency Review Committee, Residency Selection Committee

Kent University DPM, Resident Alumni (2011)

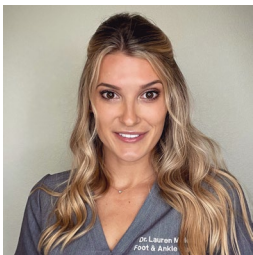
Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

President, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery

President, Highlands Foot & Ankle Institute

Essential Strides Mission Trip Attending Volunteer

Past President, CO Foot and Ankle Society



**Lauren Molchan, DPM, FACFAS**

Attending, Journal Club Director, Residency Review Committee, Residency Selection Committee

Western University DPM, Resident Alumni (2021)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

President/Co- Founder, Essential Strides

Board Director, Colorado Podiatric Medicine Association

Highlands Foot & Ankle Institute Board Member



**Ronnie Pollard, DPM, FACFAS**

Attending, Research Director & Residency Review Committee

Midwestern University DPM, Resident Alumni (2014)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Owner/Founder, Elevation Foot & Ankle Care

Essential Strides Mission Trip Attending Volunteer

Ken Suarez Research Excellence Award

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**Keith Naftulin, DPM, FACFAS**

Attending & Residency Review Committee

Temple University DPM, Resident Alumni (1995)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Colorado Foot and Ankle Society

American Podiatric Medical Association



**Hani Saaed, DPM, FACFAS**

Attending & Residency Review Committee

Samuel Merritt DPM (Summa Cum Laude), Resident Alumni (2003)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Past President, Colorado State Podiatry Board



**Phillip Savage, DPM, FACFAS**

Attending & Residency Review Committee

Temple University DPM, Resident Alumni (2019)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Metropolitan Foot and Ankle Specialists



**Varun Chopra, DPM, FACFAS**

Attending & Residency Review Committee

Samuel Merritt University DPM, Resident Alumni (2018)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

2026 Best Podiatrist by the Best of Mile High Awards

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### Kira Cramer, DPM

Attending & Residency Review Committee

Western University DPM, Resident Alumni (2024)

Board Qualified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Editor-in-Chief, *Extremitas Journal of Lower Limb Medicine*

Past President, American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine



### Steven R. Cooperman, DPM, MBA, FACFAS

Attending, Cadaver Labs & Residency Review Committee

Western University DPM (Valedictorian), Resident Alumni (2023)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Fellowship, The Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Center (OFAC)

Editorial Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery: Techniques, Reports, and Cases



### Shani Maguire

Program Manager

Masters, Information Systems, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

BA, Marketing, Providence College, Rhode Island

# Former Program Directors

## Saint Joseph Podiatric Surgical Residency



### Paul Stone, DPM, FACFAS

Past Residency Director (2010-2020)

Dr. William M. Scholl DPM, Resident Alumni (1984)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

President & CEO, Rocky Mountain Foot & Ankle Center

Highlands Foot & Ankle Institution Board Member

Past President, Colorado Foot and Ankle Society



### Matthew Paden, DPM, FACFAS

Past Residency Director (2004-2010)

Samuel Merritt University DPM, Resident Alumni (1993)

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

President & CEO, Rocky Mountain Foot & Ankle Center

Highlands Foot & Ankle Institute Board Member

Past President, Colorado Foot and Ankle Society



### Jack McGarry, DPM, FACFAS

Past Residency Director (1992-2004)

Temple University DPM

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Past President, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery

Established Foot Specialist Associates, 1987



### Ronald Edelman, DPM

Past Residency Director (1986-1992)

Temple University DPM

Board Certified, Foot and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

# Founding Program Director

## Saint Joseph Podiatric Surgical Residency



### John Buckholz, DPM, FACS

Founder of our program (1976-1986)

Dr. Buckholz developed the “Highlands Hospital” podiatric surgery program in 1976

First graduating class of our residency was under his leadership

Regarded as one of the founders of modern podiatric medicine and surgery

Introduced European internal fixation techniques and principles of fracture repair to his residents and students

Residency Director, Saint Joseph Hospital, Philadelphia

Residency Director, Saint John’s Hospital, Detroit

Professor of Podiatric Surgery, Academic Dean/Vice President of Clinical Education, Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine

First Director of the International Podiatric–Orthopedic surgical residents’ exchange program with Germany

President/Founder, Scilectics, LLC, a company dedicated to residency education