

## AAC Lands in "Music City"

This February 8th-10th in Nashville, Tennessee, APMSA will be hosting the first ever Academic & Athletic Conference (AAC). The AAC is a 3 day-long conference that encompasses academics as well as a basketball tournament.

This year's conference is the first time where there will be a whole day dedicated towards academics. Several podiatric physicians will speak on a number of issues that podiatrists face on a day-to-day basis. Speakers include past APMA president, Dr. Ira Kraus, Dr. Tyson Green DPM and Dr. Timothy Ford DPM, as well as first year podiatry resident Dr. Billy McGlone. APMSA is also fortunate enough to have DPMs from Vanderbilt Ortho Group speaking to the students as well.

Following the academic session, the basketball competition will begin. Students from all 9 schools are invited to participate in the basketball games. This student-led academic conference is a great way to bring podiatric students together from all over the country to a centralized location to network as well as participate in an athletic event. This year, APMSA has teamed up with Vanderbilt University to host the AAC. The games will be played at the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center.

The individuals who are participating in the AAC will also be able to meet up with the APMSA House of Delegates, who will be in their House of Delegates sessions nearby. The days will be full of academic adventures and friendly completion. At the end of the day, there will be some free time for the students to explore downtown Nashville.

We caught up with Nashville native, Natalie Splicer, a second-year podiatry student at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, and asked about the best places to visit or eat while visiting Nashville. Ms. Splicer provided us with an extensive list of must-see things to do or see while down in the city.

So whether you're coming down for the academic events, to compete in the basketball games, to cheer on your schools, or simply planning to visit Nashville one day, be sure to take along the below list of things you cannot miss when you visit the "Music City."

### **Best Places to Visit in Nashville:**

*\*Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum*

*\*Grand Ole Opry/Opryland Hotel*

*\*Ryman Auditorium*

*\*The Parthenon at Centennial Park*

*\*Nelson's Green Brier Distillery*

*\*Tootsie's Orchid Lounge*

*\*Johnny Cash Museum*

*\*Broadway - will find almost every bar in Nashville there and some neat shops!*

*\*John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge* - if anyone is looking for a great view of the Nashville skyline!

*\*Bridgestone Arena* - if the Nashville Predators are playing that week, catching one of their games would be a blast!

*\*Topgolf* - for all the golf lovers

#### **Places to Eat:**

*\*Puckett's Grocery and Restaurant*

*\*Hattie B's Hot Chicken* or *Prince's Hot Chicken* - if you're looking for your Nashville Hot Chicken fix!

*\*Fin and Pearl* - for seafood lovers

*\*Rolf and Daughters*

*\*Loveless Cafe*

*\*The Pharmacy Burger Parlor and Beer Garden*

*\*Butcher and Bee*

*\*Whiskey Kitchen*

*\*Kayne Prime Steakhouse*

*\*Acme Feed and Seed*

*\*Monell's Dining and Catering*

*\*House of Cards* - there's a dress code, reservations necessary, and a magician performs while you eat if you're looking for a fancy and entertaining dinner experience!

#### **Breakfast/Brunch Spots:**

*\*Biscuit Love*

*\*Saint Añejo*

*\*Sky Blue Cafe*

*\*Milk and Honey*

*\*Pancake Pantry*

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