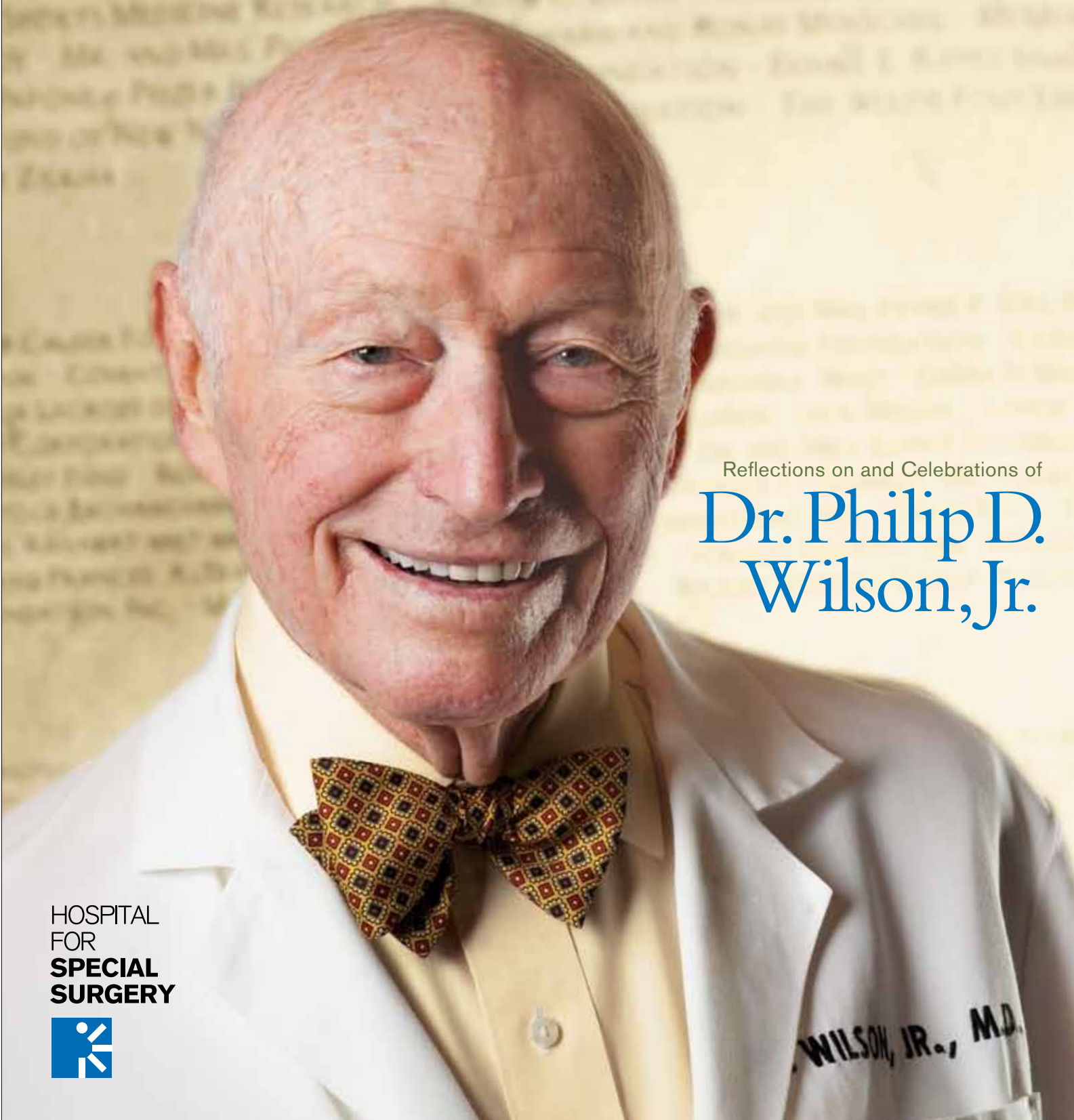


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Photos at right (from top to bottom):

Detail in newly renovated hospital lobby

Donald S. Broas, Vice President and Executive Director and Philip D. Wilson, Jr. MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, were instrumental in hospital expansion projects in the 1980s.

View of Caspary Estate

Daniel S. Rich, MD at AAOS Alumni Reception

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FROM THE SURGEON-IN-CHIEF

The number of surgeries per year continues to grow, totaling over 26,600 in 2008 with patient volume growing by 13% over the previous year.

As we enter the last quarter of 2009, there are several exciting developments to note. Extensive work on the Hospital lobby was recently completed, creating a more spacious, welcoming and comfortable environment for our patients and visitors. Phase II of our major facility expansion plan received necessary approvals and construction began in August to add three additional floors atop the main hospital building. The multi-year project will result in four additional operating rooms, 26 inpatient beds, doctor offices, an expanded pharmacy and a pediatric rehabilitation area. These improvements are vital since the Hospital is currently at 94% capacity. The number of surgeries per year continues to grow, totaling over 26,600 in 2008 with patient volume growing by 13% over the previous year.

Our financial foundation remains strong, despite the many challenges of the current economic climate. We continue to invest in our valued personnel. HSS now employs over 2,870 full time staff members, and has 275 active medical staff. In addition, in an era where the National Institutes of Health (NIH) had less funding to provide for research, HSS increased its federal grant portfolio by 14.6 percent from 2007 to 2008. Total active awards for 2008 summed \$32.7 million, an increase of 14.2 percent (or \$4.1 million) over the previous year.

Initiatives in graduate medical education are extensive and ever-expanding. In July, eight new residents commenced their orthopaedic training. These physicians were accepted out of a pool of over 500 outstanding applicants. GME programs are experiencing a 35% increase in fellows over the past five years. ACGME accreditation for three non-orthopaedic surgery fellowships in pathology, neurology, radiology and imaging are well underway.



The new Center for Hip Pain and Preservation, directed by Bryan Kelly, MD and Douglas Padgett, MD, was established as a multi-disciplinary approach involving surgeons from both the Adult Reconstruction and Joint Replacement Division and the Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service. It also combines radiologists, physiatrists, physical therapists and clinical researchers into a single Center, resulting in a tremendous resource for all ages for the care and treatment of hip pain and joint preservation. A unique opportunity of the Center will result in the ability to follow a younger patient population and determine if interventions done earlier in life impact and influence the development of future degenerative problems.



THOMAS P. SCULCO, MD
Surgeon-In-Chief

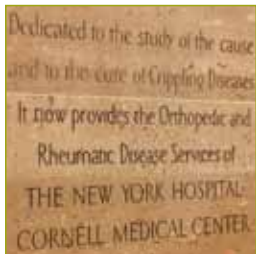
Another new important initiative is our Arthroplasty Registry, a collaboration with Weill Cornell Medical College, funded by a large scale, multi-year grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The establishment of a Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics (CERT) will study total joint replacements and address questions about outcomes, variations and economic impacts. The program has exceeded enrollment targets with over 15,000 patients registered to date. It is expected that by the end of the five-year grant, enrollment could reach 20,000. This will make the registry one of the largest joint replacement registries in the world.

We regret to report that we recently lost two of the youngest members of our alumni family, Lance Peters, MD (1999 resident/2001 fellow) and Andrew Swanson, MD (2005 resident). They will be sorely missed by colleagues, patients and families.

Lastly, please plan to attend our upcoming *91st Annual Alumni Meeting* on November 12-14, 2009. Visit www.hss.edu/alumni for additional details and to register online. Come and connect with old friends, classmates and mentors. See you in November.



Renovated Lobby Makes its *Debut*



Lobby renovations that started in April 2008 were completed this summer. The new design, the first since 1955, creates a welcoming entry for our patients and visitors. The front glass wall was extended towards the driveway, which enlarged visitor seating areas. The space was further enhanced by attractive accent lighting, colored woods and new ceiling panels.

The donor wall is positioned just to the right of the entry. In addition, there is a patient transport waiting area and a large coffee kiosk. Be sure to walk through the new space when you attend the Alumni Meeting.

Annual Alumni Cocktail Reception @ Rockefeller University, Weiss Café

Dedicated to Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD

Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 6-8 pm

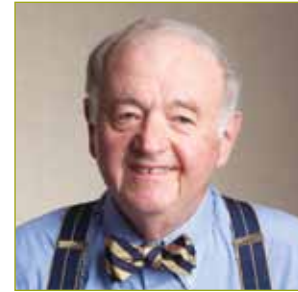
At the opening reception, the HSS Alumni Association will celebrate Dr. Wilson's upcoming 90th birthday, his leadership and lifelong commitment to HSS.

91st Annual Alumni Meeting @ HSS Richard L. Menschel Education Conference Center

November 12-14, 2009

The Annual Alumni Meeting will begin with a pre-conference seminar Thursday afternoon, followed by two days of lectures, debates, symposia and Saturday afternoon concurrent sessions. It is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with old friends, classmates and mentors. Register online at www.hss.edu/cme.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS



DAVID B. LEVINE, MD
Director, Alumni Affairs
Director, Archives

As the HSS Alumni Association continues to grow, so does your *Alumni News*, as you will find with this issue. *Alumni News* Editor Marcia Ennis and the Editorial Committee (see the inside front cover) are continually working on a broader and more informative publication with diverse photos of HSS alumni events. To help you visualize who's who in our alumni organization, I have included an Alumni Association Table of Organization.

The *91st Annual Meeting*, November 12th-14th, will honor Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr. on his approaching 90th birthday and his lifelong commitment to HSS. A recent interview of Dr. Wilson by Martha O'Brasky, MPA, Administrative Director of Alumni Affairs, can be found on page 6. We thought alumni would like to hear from our residents (Patrick Jost, MD, PGY 4 and Michael Cross, MD, PGY 4) about current activities at the Caspary Estate, in upstate New York, and a brief historical review of Alfred and Margaret Caspary by Andrew A. Sama, MD, Associate Director of the HSS Archives.

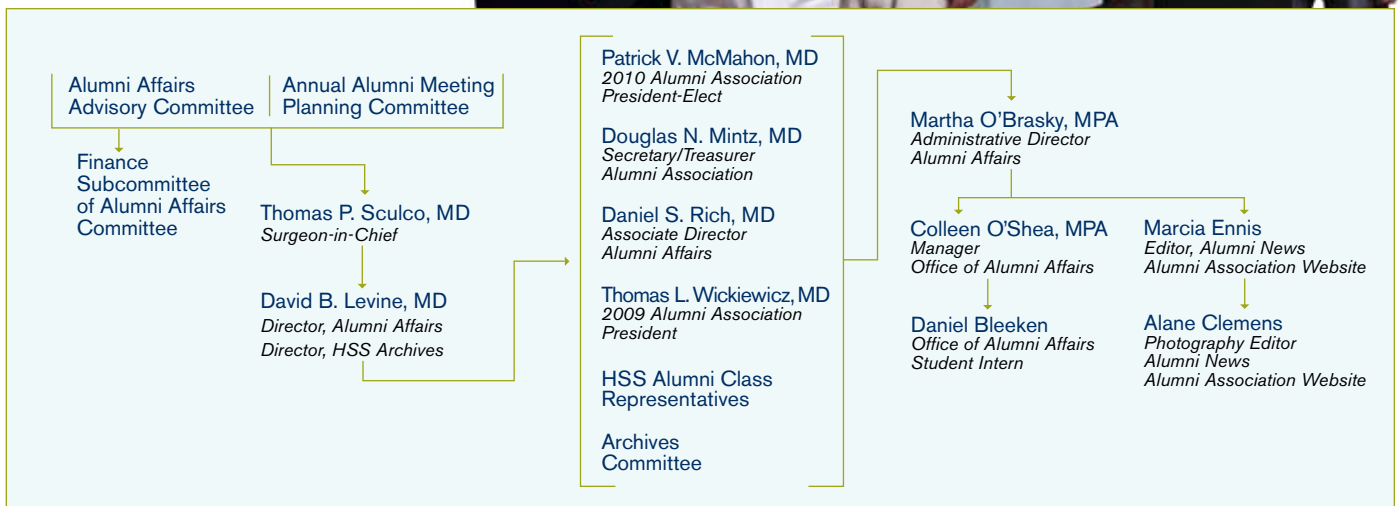
The article on page 20, by Anil S. Ranawat, MD, illustrates the broad scope of the work of our HSS volunteers.

Some other Alumni Association initiatives include:

- Class Representatives Program
 - Georgette "Gigi" Viellion, RN, Orthopaedic Nursing Education Endowed Award
 - Alumni Database and research projects
 - HSS Alumni Directory Website update
- Victor M. Goldberg, MD will receive our 6th Distinguished Alumni Award, see page 5.

President Thomas L. Wickiewicz, MD and Secretary/Treasurer Douglas N. Mintz, MD will officiate at the 91st Business Meeting, where alumni activities will be discussed in more detail. Please make sure you attend and feel free to add your comments, suggestions and questions. Only with such input will your association become even more educational and stimulating.

Pictured below from left to right: Douglas N. Mintz, MD, Daniel S. Rich, MD, Thomas P. Sculco, MD, David B. Levine, MD, Martha O'Brasky, MPA, Marcia Ennis, Colleen O'Shea, MPA, Alane Clemens





DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD 2009

COLLEEN O'SHEA, MPA | *Manager, Alumni Affairs, Education Division*

VICTOR M. GOLDBERG, MD

Victor M. Goldberg, MD (1971) was raised in Brooklyn and always knew that he wanted to help people. During his adolescence, Victor bonded with a pediatrician who quickly became his mentor and helped to shape his career goals and decision to go into medicine. He attended New York University and graduated from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center in 1964. He began an internship in surgery at the University Hospitals of Cleveland (Western Reserve University) in 1964 and completed his surgical residency and fellowship in 1966.

Early on, Dr. Goldberg envisioned pursuing a career in neurosurgery but had very little knowledge about orthopaedics. While in Cleveland he quickly became fascinated with putting people back together. After one month on his orthopaedic rotation, Dr. Goldberg knew he had found his calling. At the suggestion of a mentor, and with a desire to return to New York, he applied to Hospital for Special Surgery and began his orthopaedic surgical residency in 1968.

Dr. Goldberg reflects back on his years at HSS fondly. Commuting from New Jersey during his residency, he considered his peers and the staff as family. He remembers when there were only four operating rooms and approximately two dozen attendings. Even though the hospital has grown tremendously over the years, there is still a special feeling of home when he visits. He thinks it's remarkable how HSS has remained focused on quality care and innovation.

Returning to Ohio and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals of Cleveland in 1972, Dr. Goldberg quickly began building an impressive reputation in the orthopaedic field and demonstrated early his leadership skills. He served as the Head, Orthopaedic Section of Rheumatological Surgery from 1972-1989 as well as Chair, Department of Orthopaedics from 1989-2002. Other influential positions he held included Director, Musculoskeletal Institute, 1991-2002; Medical Director, University Faculty Practice Association, 1994-2002; and Director, Musculoskeletal Research, The Research Institute, 2002-2003.

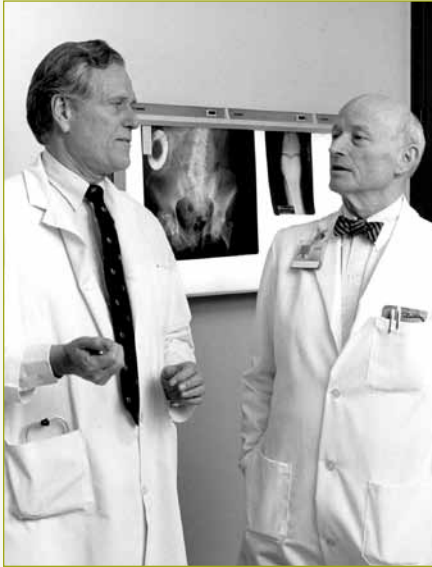
Due to his tremendous contributions and influence in orthopaedics, throughout his career Dr. Goldberg has been recognized for his numerous achievements. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons presented him with the prestigious Kappa Delta Award, Excellence for Research in Orthopaedic Surgery, in 1985, 1992 and 2003. He also had the privilege of serving as President, Cleveland Rheumatism Society, 1979-1982; President, Orthopaedic Research Society, 1987-1988;

President, Hospital for Special Surgery Alumni Association, 1988-1989; and President, Knee Society, 1996-1997. He served as Vice Chair, Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation Board of Trustees, 1999-2002 and Chair, 2003-2005. Dr. Goldberg received the Otto Aufranc Award from the Hip Society for Outstanding Research in 2006 and the ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award in 2008.

Although he has accomplished all of his goals in medicine, Dr. Goldberg continues to serve as Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery and Attending, Orthopaedist at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals of Cleveland. Outside of medicine his priority is to enjoy life and spend time with his wife, three children and grandchildren.

Former Distinguished Alumnus Awardees:
Charles L. Christian, MD (2004)
David B. Levine, MD (2005)
Allan E. Inglis, MD (2006)
Chitranjan S. Ranawat, MD (2007)
Clifford W. Colwell, Jr., MD (2008)

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Dr. Charles L. Christian and Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr. discuss a patient in the 1980s.

“The ability to be a great surgeon, educator and leader summarizes what he symbolizes to me. I will always ask myself in tough situations not only, ‘what would my father do’, but ‘what would Dr. Wilson do?’

He always did ‘the right thing.’”

*William F. Donaldson, III, MD
Class of '85, Fellow '86*

Reflections on and Celebrations of

DR. PHILIP

MARTHA O'BRASKY, MPA | Assistant Vice President, Education & Academic Affairs | Administrative

Physician, Educator, Leader, Mentor and Friend

I had the distinct privilege to spend time with Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr. in preparation for this piece to discover what you all already know about him, his passion for HSS, orthopaedics, medicine, patient care, research, education and training, family and friends. Dr. Wilson retraced his memory from his teen years traveling from Boston to Manhattan with his family while his father was exploring prospective residence prior to joining the medical staff in 1934. At that time the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled was situated in Tudor City on the north side of the east end of 42nd Street which then had trolley cars which turned end for end between Second and Third Avenues.

Several years later in 1943, when he was a student doing a six-week elective from Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons, he had his first real working introduction to the Hospital.

While he was at P & S, Dr. Wilson was inducted into the army student training program at the rank of Private First Class. When he graduated from Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons he became a civilian again, and spent 18 months in a general surgery internship and first-year residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

In September 1946, he was called to service and spent most of his time at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, working on their orthopaedic service for the next two years.

He returned to HSS as a resident in April 1948 for a two-year residency program. At that time there was very little trauma in the HSS program.

Therefore, Dr. Wilson traveled across the country to the University of California at San Francisco where he spent a year continuing his orthopaedic training as well as a biomechanics fellowship under Dr. Verne Inman.

Dr. Wilson was appointed to the HSS Staff on August 1, 1951.

In 1966, Dr. Wilson visited

Professor John Charnley at Wrightington Hospital, Lancashire, UK to learn about a new total hip replacement procedure that was being developed. The next year, he introduced the operative procedure at HSS.

“The national and international prominence that he helped create here (at HSS) is a fitting legacy to both Dr. Wilson and his father.”

*John P. Lyden, MD,
Class of '72; Fellow '73*



Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD, President of the AAOS in 1972, shown here with John J. Hinchey, MD, President of the AAOS in 1971.

D. WILSON, JR.

Director, Alumni Affairs

In 1972, Dr. Wilson began his tenure as the eighth HSS Surgeon-in-Chief, and during that same year was also elected President of the AAOS. He recalls that this made it “a big year - very busy, a lot of traveling. These were very exciting times.” During his SIC tenure, he held the dual role of Director of Resident Training. He states, “Essentially you could organize it any way you want. Often, when the administrative responsibilities required additional support, Ramsay Straub continued to run the residency training program. When I became SIC, I made the decisions and such, but he and I functioned as a team.”

When we discussed his father, it was evident that Dr. Wilson's love and admiration for him is where his devotion to medicine began. Dr. Wilson shared that he came from a close family that included an older brother and younger sister. “I remember that I idolized my father. I remember in Boston, when we were driving back from the country on Sunday afternoon and he'd want to see patients, I'd go up with him as he'd make his rounds, and my mother and siblings stayed in the car waiting for us. It was a close relationship and I really admired him very much. We worked together when I came back and joined the staff. When he died in 1969, we had had about 18 years together, graduating responsibilities over time from Sr. to Jr.”

When asked what keeps him motivated to come back to HSS and continue to be so engaged, it's clear that HSS is part of his family and his life. He enjoys the hospital and his ability to continue to contribute.

Over the years, much has been written and documented about Dr. Wilson and his accomplishments, but perhaps Dr. David B. Levine summed it up best at his 50-year tribute dinner: “the many qualities that Dr. Wilson embodies have helped to transform Special Surgery from an institution of local recognition to one of international acclaim. During his 17-year tenure he developed a robust research department that brought together

“For me, he defines the excellence of Hospital for Special Surgery. He leads by example with his integrity, professionalism and surgical skillfulness. He is an inspiration.”

*Paul M. Pellicci, MD
Class of '80*

engineers and orthopaedic surgeons and ushered biomechanics into the

computer age. He fostered innovation in graduate medical education that culminated in the graduation of 146 residents and 181 fellows during the two decades that he was surgeon-in-chief.

As many of his trainees have attested, he developed into a role model for young, aspiring orthopaedic surgeons and his colleagues, because they saw in him such attributes as

leadership, stamina, preciseness, vision, humor, dedication, compassion and understanding.” Now, as Dr. Wilson prepares to celebrate his 90th birthday, we once again pay tribute to a special individual, a healer of disease, an educator and innovator of new techniques, a leader in orthopaedics, a mentor and friend.



“His example in technical skills as well as ethical principles were ideals I emulated throughout my professional life.”

Don Stahl, MD, Class of '66

Past and Present Investing in the Alumni of the Future

UPDATE ON ALUMNI A

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DOUGLAS N. MINTZ, MD | Secretary/Treasurer, Alumni Association

The Alumni Association would like to thank our alumni for their support during a year filled with both challenges and opportunities. The current economic climate has significantly affected many institutions' finances. Declining endowments and operating funds have highlighted the need for continued alumni giving to support initiatives of interest to alumni. We are grateful for our alumni's support during these difficult times and appreciate that our graduates continue to recognize the role that HSS has played in their education and careers.



HSS will continue to require outside funding in order to support a variety of academic and alumni-related initiatives. The recently created HSS Alumni Association Fund offers a way for alumni to donate funds for specific purposes.

In June 2009, The Finance Advisory Subcommittee of the Alumni Affairs Advisory Committee was established to advise on strategic use of Alumni Association funds, as well as identify additional funding sources for alumni activities. The goal of this oversight committee is to ensure specificity, accountability and transparency for all alumni financial accounts and to formulate recommendations for future alumni initiatives.

This subcommittee will meet bi-annually and provide an update to the Alumni Affairs Advisory Committee, which in turn will provide updates to the Association at the *Annual Alumni Meeting*. The current funds dedicated to Alumni Affairs activities include:

▪ **The Alumni Association President Fund:**

Initiated in 2007 by Dr. Gary Gartsman (2005-2006 Alumni Association President), to provide travel and lodging for external Alumni Association Presidents to attend the Annual Alumni Meeting.

▪ **HSS Archives Committee Fund:**

Established in January 2003 to support archives activities and projects.

▪ **The Alumni Dues Fund:**

Initiated in 1986 to support alumni communications, dues solicitation, website updates, the *Annual Alumni Meeting* and the Annual Alumni Cocktail Reception at the AAOS Meeting.

▪ **The Georgette "Gigi" Viellion, RN, Endowed Orthopaedic Nursing Education Scholarship Fund:**

Established in 2008 to honor Gigi Viellion and provide a financial scholarship for one nurse to attend the AAOS and/or AAON Meeting or similar professional forum on an annual basis.

▪ **HSS Alumni Association Fund:**

Initiated in 2009 to give alumni the opportunity to make contributions to a particular area that represents their interests.

We are very proud of the strong alumni support we have received this year. In addition to contributing to annual dues, 25 alumni have also given generously to fund identified HSS institutional programs that foster education and training for HSS residents, fellows, nursing, medical staff, the HSS Archives Committee Fund and the HSS Alumni Association President's Fund.

The HSS Alumni Association Fund appeal launched in January 2009 has generated contributions from 13 alumni. Based on donors' preferences and the Subcommittee's recommendations, funds received to date have been allocated to a variety of initiatives that include:

- International Learning and Training Center/Bioskills Education Laboratory (BSEL)
- The Leon Root, MD Pediatric Outreach Program (POP)
- HSS Alumni Association Fund
- HSS Archives Committee Fund
- The Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD Education and Research Fund



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We also want to thank and acknowledge Dr. Gary Gartsman for initiating and continuing to support the HSS Alumni Association President's Fund.

And finally, thanks to the following alumni who have contributed to the Georgette "Gigi" Viellion, RN, Orthopaedic Nursing Education Endowed Scholarship fund that will award its first scholarship recipient at the November *Alumni Meeting*:

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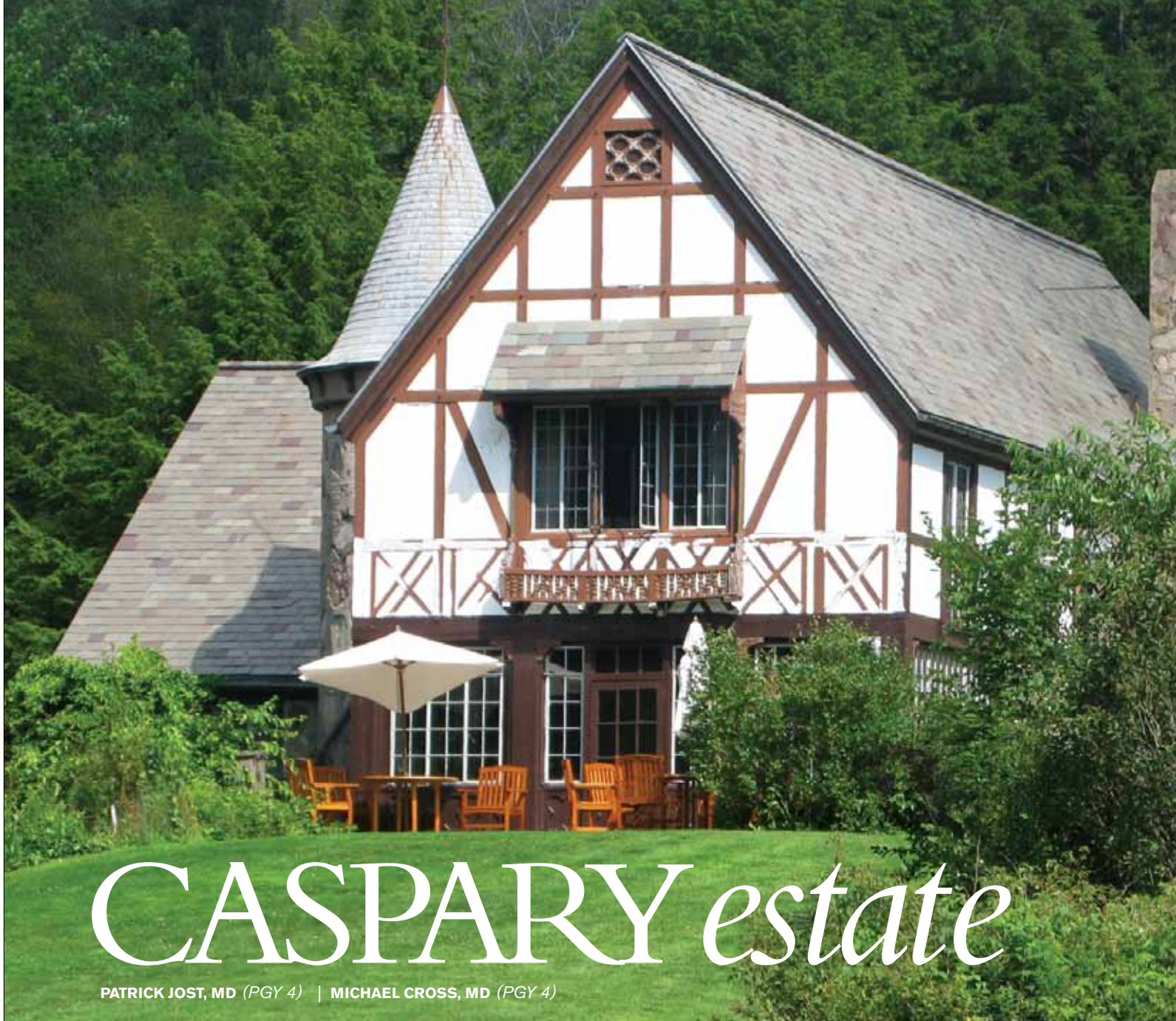
The Association is working with the Alumni Affairs Advisory Committee to enhance alumni communications, our annual meeting and social events to maintain and strengthen the Association and our ties with one another. We appreciate your continued support and feedback as we strive to meet the needs of our alumni and welcome recommendations for new fund initiatives that foster our association.

Alumni can pay dues online by going to

www.hss.edu/alumni-dues.asp

To support the HSS Alumni Association Fund, gifts can be made online at www.hss.edu/gift-making.asp or checks can be made payable to the HSS Alumni Association Fund. If you would like more information regarding initiatives of the Education Division, contact Martha O'Brasky, MPA, Administrative Director, Alumni Affairs at 212.606.1922 or email at obraskym@hss.edu.





CASPARY *estate*

PATRICK JOST, MD (PGY 4) | MICHAEL CROSS, MD (PGY 4)

A WELCOME TRADITION

The Caspary Estate, set amidst the picturesque Catskill Mountains in DeBruce, New York has become one of the many special traditions at HSS. Alfred H. Caspary (1877-1955), of the investment firm A.H. Caspary & Co., left his Normandy style fishing lodge to Hospital for Special Surgery out of gratitude to Dr. Philip D. Wilson, for use by the residents, fellows, attendings, and management. Whether one stays at the Main House, the Guest House, or the Canfield Cottage, he or she feels special to be part of such a great institution as Hospital for Special Surgery.

The architectural details, innumerable woodcarvings and old world craftsmanship of the Main House are fantastic. Hours could be spent just taking in all the details. These elements are continued in the Guest House, with its cozy sitting room and welcoming fireplace. Finally, the rustic Canfield Cottage offers summertime retreat from the warm mountain air, while its massive hearth provides welcome warmth for chilly evenings.

The Caspary Estate is a place to escape from the bustle of the city and instead focus on what is truly important: friends and family. Whether it's used for family reunions, a getaway for friends, as a first time experience in the country, or an escape for new families, it unfailingly provides fond memories for all of its guests. In addition to your own family and friends, when you are there, you realize what a special family you have at Hospital for Special Surgery. Alfred Caspary and his wife, Margaret M. Caspary, have given a gift to the hospital that will be cherished for many generations, and one that makes all of its guests proud to be at HSS.

A Portrait of THE CASPARYS

ANDREW A. SAMA, MD

Alfred H. Caspary was the son of Waldemar and Amelia Caspary of New York. Waldemar Caspary emigrated from Berlin and became a well-known importer of German Cloaks in the 1800's. Amelia was the daughter of Ike Hexter, a hotel maven in New York. Waldemar and Amelia married and had three children, Howard, Alfred and Alice.

Alfred was born in 1877 and by the age of 21 had become a member of the New York Stock Exchange. He started the successful brokerage firm of A.H. Caspary & Co. Alfred married Margaret and lived in a townhouse on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. They had no children, but bred and raised several dogs. They wintered at their plantation house, Bonnie Doone, in South Carolina from November through May each year. The Casparys also built a beautiful Normandy style fishing lodge in the Catskill Mountains for weekend retreats. Alfred amassed one of the most important stamp collections in the world and one of the most notable collections of Chinese porcelain. Margaret passed away in 1953 and Alfred in 1955.

The Casparys were noted philanthropists. Margaret was the Director of the New York Women's League for Animals and donated millions of dollars to help build the Animal Hospital and Research Center on East 63rd Street between 1955 and 1961.

They also contributed greatly to hospitals and academic institutions including Hospital for Special Surgery, The Rockefeller University, the Animal Research Center and the Fitkin Memorial Hospital in Asbury Park, NJ. In 1954, Alfred Caspary donated \$1 million to build the Margaret M. Caspary Clinic in the new Hospital for Special Surgery location, which was being built on East 70th Street. Another \$500,000 was dedicated to clinic operations, \$500,000 for education and research, \$0.2 million for air conditioning of three floors of the hospital and \$1.5 million to build the research building. Their total contribution was \$3.5 million, equivalent to about \$40 million in today's dollars.

In addition to their incredible generosity for the care of thousands of patients, in 1955, the Casparys provided a very personal gift to the orthopaedic surgery residents of Hospital for Special Surgery when they donated their Normandy style fishing lodge in the Catskill Mountains to the Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled. This beautiful estate has been and continues to be a special place of respite in the lives of the residents, fellows and attending surgeons at HSS.



Photos above (from top to bottom):

Blake Osbahr, son of Dr. Daryl Osbahr (PGY 5) and Mrs. Anne Blythe Osbahr, visits Caspary for the first time.

Dr. Curtis Mina (PGY 3) spends a well-deserved break in the Catskills.

The family of Dr. Richard King enjoys the pool at one of their summer Caspary visits.

Alfred and Margaret Caspary on the lawn of their Catskills retreat.



HSS Alumni RECEPTION @ AAOS

HSS Reception at AAOS

Colleagues, mentors, family and friends gathered at The Bellagio Hotel on the Las Vegas strip on February 27, 2009 for the HSS Cocktail Reception at the AAOS Annual Meeting. A feeling of excitement was felt as the premier leaders in orthopaedics mingled and reconnected. Over 250 alumni, both familiar and new, assembled to gain and share knowledge. It was truly a magical evening of reflection and discussion of future collaborative endeavors. A great time was had by all!



A: Charles Msika, MD, Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Lou Shapiro, Joy Pritchard, Rowland Pritchard, MD, Andrea Baldini, MD, Michael Soudry, MD **B:** Christopher Good, MD, Wakenda Tyler, MD, Scott Ellis, MD, Matthew Griffith, MD **C:** Takis Koulouvaris, MD, PhD, Sanjay Gupta, MD **D:** Chris Kepler, MD, Cassie Gyuricza, MD **E:** Daniel Dethmers, MD, Norman A. Johanson, MD, Dominick Sisto, MD **F:** William Robertson, MD, Lawrence V.

Gullotta, MD **G:** Robert Klapper, MD, Chitranjan S. Ranawat, MD, Amar S. Ranawat, MD **H:** Thomas Wickiewicz, MD, Michael Errico, MD **I:** Michael Shindle, MD, Lisa Shindle, NP, Carolyn Hettrich, MD **J:** Hilda Boachie and Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD **K:** Katherine Vadasdi, MD, Anna Miller, MD **L:** Robert Cameron, MD, Clifford Colwell, MD, Harriet Goldberg, Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Victor M. Goldberg, MD **M:** Prouskesh (Bruce) Ebrahimpour, MD,

Jonathan Lee, MD, Kristofer Jones, MD, Christopher Dy, MD, Kalesha Hack, Sebastian Rodriguez-Elizalde, MD, Mathias P. Bostrom, MD **N:** G. Dean MacEwen, MD, Lynn MacEwen, Gregory Kinnett, MD **O:** Harry Bade, MD, Dirk Duggan, MD, Scott A. Rodeo, MD, Robert Atkinson, MD **P:** Andres Mella, Claudio Mella, MD, Monica Soto-Reyes, Clemente Ibarra, MD, Ilsa Klinghoffer, MPA



INTRODUCING OUR HSS CLASS

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The Class Representative Program was created by the Alumni Association as a network, to help maintain lasting relationships among HSS graduates. Each representative will act as "the voice" that binds the class together. The goal of the initiative is to foster alumni networks and promote HSS pride.

These representatives have volunteered to assist in establishing a successful Alumni Association and build the reputation of HSS. By actively participating in programs and events, consistently updating peers and developing new Alumni Association strategies, the representatives will broaden and sustain friendships among alumni and stimulate interest within the hospital, U.S. and abroad.

We are excited as the Class Representative Program builds a successful HSS alumni network that will help shape the future of HSS and increase the visibility of our Alumni Association. As you are introduced to our current Class Representatives through the profiles below, we hope you are inspired to become actively engaged in our new initiative. If you are interested in becoming a Class Representative, please contact Colleen O'Shea, MPA at 212.606.1823 or osheac@hss.edu.

ROBERT ATKINSON, MD

Resident Class of 1982

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Since leaving HSS with the Class of 1982, I had the good fortune to complete a hand surgery fellowship with Dr. Richard Smith at MGH. In 1983, I moved to Honolulu to practice hand, upper extremity and orthopaedic surgery with Orthopedic Associates of Hawaii. Marriage to Debby, a writer, was followed by the births of our two sons, Egen, now 21, and Andrew, 19. I received board certification and a certificate of added qualification in hand surgery. I have been involved in resident education at the University of Hawaii, where we train two orthopaedic residents per year. In 2003, I became Program Director and Chief of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Hawaii. Current professional interests include hand and upper extremity surgery and joint arthroplasty.

When not working, I enjoy swimming, surfing, scuba diving, occasional golf and reading historical novels. Special thanks to Dr. Wilson and all my HSS professors. Additional thanks to all the HSS "Argonauts", led by Dr. Merrill Ritter, for all the good fellowship and friendships. I follow the changes and progress at HSS with great interest. My best wishes and Aloha to all the HSS family.

THOMAS NORDSTROM, MD

Resident Class of 1983

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Since coming to central New Jersey in 1983, I have been involved in various levels of medical care for competitive athletics including high school football, basketball, lacrosse and other sports. I participated as a volunteer physician in the summer Olympic games in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996 and was the Team Physician at the Lake Placid Olympic training center in the summer of 2000. Currently, I am the Chairman of the Division of Orthopaedics at Somerset Medical Center and am involved in many local, state and national medical societies.

DOMENICK J. SISTO, MD

Resident Class of 1984

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I am in private practice in Southern California specializing in knee and shoulder surgery. I am the Sports Medicine Fellowship Director at the Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute and I have trained over 25 fellows since the inception of the fellowship program 18 years ago. I have been married to Laura for 31 years and we have three children, Michael (24), Nikki (21) and Marco (19). We are lucky enough to live in Malibu and Mammoth Lakes. We ocean kayak and swim in the summer and ski regularly in the winter.

ROBERT KLAPPER, MD

Resident Class of 1988

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I was fortunate to speak at our 20th reunion last year on Michelangelo and the relationship between sculpting in stone and surgery in bone. To share my passion of sculpting and surgery with the likes of Drs. Ranawat, Salavati, Sculco, Wilson, etc. was such a thrill, but one thing was missing...the rest of my class. This year I have been able to reach out to my classmates and what a fabulous response it has been! I'm thrilled to hear the voices of Sam Snyder, Alan Inglis and Nick Scaglione and their excitement to relive the greatest four years of our training. The only difference is for some, our hair is missing and even what's left is now gray. I look forward to my role as class representative, keeping everyone in touch and coming back to HSS in November to reconnect with both my classmates and mentors.

KEVIN BONNER, MD

Resident Class of 1998

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After leaving HSS, I continued on to Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia as the Academic Director for the residency program and Chief of the Sports Medicine Service. I was the Team Physician for the U.S. Navy Seals at Portsmouth Naval. I left the Navy in 2002 as a lieutenant commander and joined Dr. Louis Jordan, a fellow alumnus from HSS, in Virginia Beach.

I have been in practice with the Jordan-Young Institute in Virginia Beach since 2002. I am also an Associate Professor at Eastern Virginia Medical School. I participate in various research endeavors. Currently, I practice sports medicine, specifically knee and shoulder surgery. I live in Virginia Beach with my wife, Cathy, and our three children. My biggest hobby is going to my childrens' sporting events and playing with them.

REPRESENTATIVES

CHRISTOPHER J. WAHL, MD

Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service Fellow, Class of 2002
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I am a long-time Colorado native who attended the University of Colorado at Boulder. I completed my medical school and residency training at Yale University. After that, I spent an exceptional and pivotal fellowship year at HSS. After HSS, I spent three months in Augsburg, Germany and Zurich, Switzerland as an AO trauma fellow, then returned briefly to practice in New Haven, Connecticut. In 2004, I was delighted to be recruited back into academics at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Currently, I am Assistant Professor and Team Surgeon for the UW Huskies athletic teams, and also at the UW Medical Center Sports Medicine Clinic and Harborview Medical Center. My clinical research efforts are devoted largely to the care of multiple-ligament knee injuries and knee dislocations, as well as shoulder instability. Outside of the clinic, OR and sidelines, I enjoy sailing, cycling, and generally skulking around with my 4½-year old triplets Charlie, Tess, and Reebie.

ANDREW BRIEF, MD

Foot and Ankle Fellow, Class of 2006
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I am employed by North Jersey Orthopaedic Specialists with offices in Englewood, Teaneck and Closter, NJ. I am focusing principally on foot and ankle reconstruction, with a particular interest in Osteochondritis dissecans, avascular necrosis and bone healing strategies involving autologous stem cells and platelet rich plasma. I am happily married to Jessica, and have two children, Jordana and Samson.

JD RUDZKI, MD

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I am enjoying practice in Washington, DC as a member of the clinical faculty at GW. My wife and I recently had our third child, Lucy, and it's been great to see fellow

alumni at the Academy and AOSSM meetings. Our class keeps in fairly close touch and hopes to schedule a reunion with classmate Fintan Shannon in Galway, Ireland next year.

WAKENDA TYLER, MD

Resident Class of 2007

I just completed my fellowship training at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in orthopaedic oncology. The fellowship was a two year fellowship, with one year of clinically based training and one year of basic science research training. My research year was spent working with Dr. Steven Goldring in the Osteolysis Research Laboratory at HSS, looking at the cellular and molecular characterization of giant cell tumor of bone. In September, I started at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York as an Assistant Professor and Attending Physician in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. I will continue with both my research and academic teaching interests. I am also currently a candidate member of the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society and the AAOS.

From a personal standpoint, I have continued to maintain close ties with my immediate family and close friends from New York City, as well as those around the world. Throughout this past year, I have made a strong effort to enjoy the rich culture and diversity of activities that a city like New York has to offer.

ASHEESH BEDI, MD

Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service Fellow, Class of 2009
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I am a two-year fellow for the Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service at HSS and completed the clinician-scientist program. During my time here, I participated in the care of the New Jersey Nets and Iona College with Dr. Riley Williams, as well as the care of the New York Mets with Drs. Andrew Pearle, Struan Coleman and David Altchek. I have accepted a staff position at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan and will be joining the Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery Service.

CHRISTOPHER COOK, MD

Anesthesiology Fellow, Class of 2009

I am originally from Oklahoma City and currently hang my hat in Texas where I've joined Anesthesia Associates of Beaumont. I completed my Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and received my Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Oklahoma State University in Tulsa. After completing my transitional internship at Saint Anthony Hospital, I started an anesthesiology residency at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston where I served as one of the Chief Residents. I completed a term as President of the American Society of Anesthesiologists Resident Component in October 2008. I look back at my Regional Anesthesia Fellowship at HSS as one of the most pivotal and enjoyable years of my medical career.

LARRY GULOTTA, MD

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I am originally from South Holland, IL, a south suburb of Chicago. I went to Johns Hopkins University where I played football and majored in biology. I went to Harvard Medical School, followed by residency at HSS. During my residency, I spent one year doing research in the biology of rotator cuff healing. I am staying at HSS this year for a fellowship in Sports Medicine/Shoulder Surgery. After the fellowship, I am planning to spend 6-9 months traveling Europe to gain additional experience with complex open shoulder surgery, before joining the staff at HSS. My wife, Megan, and I have two sons, Larry (L.J.), who is 3 ½, and Dillon, who turned one in August.

CLASS *Mates*

Profile of HSS Alum Professor Alberto Ponte, MD DAVID B. LEVINE, MD (1964)

Alberto and I almost go back to the time when he was a fellow at HSS (1958) and a bone tumor fellow with Dr. Kenneth Francis at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in 1959. (I didn't arrive at HSS until 1961).

An internationally renowned spine surgeon, Alberto began his medical school training in Torino, Italy. He did his orthopaedic training in Florence, Italy and later worked five years in many orthopaedic hospitals throughout Europe. He subsequently spent three years in the United States, working as a fellow in New York, and during this time visited a number of scoliosis experts, including Dr. Joseph Risser, Dr. John Moe and Dr. Walter Blount. His experiences at HSS with Dr. John Cobb were very memorable. He especially treasured being a fellow with Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr. as well as knowing Dr. Leon Root, Dr. Harlan Amstutz, Dr. Paul Harvey and Dr. Peter Marchisello. He first met Dr. Eduardo Salvati in Florence, Italy and has continued a close relationship with him.



David B. Levine, MD and
Alberto Ponte, MD, April 2009

Alberto became one of the earliest members of the Scoliosis Research Society in 1968, and has been awarded a number of honors throughout Europe and the United States.

Having moved back to New York in 1992, where he and his wife Ellen spent eight months of the year, they eventually settled in Monaco while Alberto established an office in Rome where he now sees his patients.

This past April, my wife Janet and I were hosted by Ellen and Alberto at their home in Monte Carlo. We then motored to Torino for a VIP tour. It was obvious Alberto was very proud of his Torino origins and opened the past and present of this wonderful city to us.

Residency Class of 1984

CHARLES N. CORNELL, MD, ON
ROB MERKOW, MD

For many of us, it seems like just yesterday that we learned of the plane crash that took the life of Rob Merkow, MD. Rob graduated with the residency class of 1984 and then completed the Littler Hand Fellowship at Roosevelt Hospital. He and his wife, Maggie, lived at 310 East 71st Street with their children Sarah, who was born in 1981, and Carla, who was born in 1985. After completing his hand fellowship Rob, Maggie and the kids moved to Minneapolis, where Rob joined the Faculty at the University of Minnesota and the staff of Hennepin County Medical Center. As part of his responsibilities at Hennepin County, Rob flew to remote clinics in Northern Minnesota to provide consultations. In November 1988, the plane he flew on was caught in a sudden storm and crashed, resulting in the tragic deaths of Rob and the entire team onboard the plane.



Sarah and Kate reunited at the wedding

Those of us close to Rob were crushed by his loss. At Special Surgery, as a resident, Rob was a charismatic leader. His knowledge of orthopaedics, surgical skill and personal creativity were captivating. Priscilla and I still feel lucky to have become close friends with Rob and Maggie. Sarah and our daughter, Kate, have remained close friends to this day. After Rob's death, Maggie raised the girls as a single mom in Long Lake, Minnesota. Maggie devoted herself to painting and has become a renowned artist in the Twin Cities. Sarah became an accomplished alpine ski racer and graduated from Bates College. She has since completed her masters in nutritional science. Carla has pursued her gift and passion for music. She is a professional percussionist and music teacher in Minneapolis.

It was a special pleasure to learn that Sarah was getting married. The wedding was at their home in Long Lake on June 27th in Maggie's beautiful garden. She married Timothy McGiver of Danvers, Massachusetts. Sarah, now known as Syrah, was given away by her mother and sister. Syrah and Tim will be living in Monterey, California. Tim is a civil engineer. Syrah, a nutritionist, will be working for SeaFoodWatch.org which is an organization dedicated to developing and maintaining sustainable fisheries throughout the world. Priscilla, Kate and I enjoyed being a part of the beautiful wedding ceremony as well as reconnecting with Rob's family and friends.

Surgeons-in-Chief... From Past to Present

DAVID B. LEVINE, MD (1964)

It was a special evening at the Columbus Club in New York on June 2 this year, when the grandsons of Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, 2nd Surgeon-in-Chief (1887-1924) and Dr. William B. Coley, 3rd Surgeon-in-Chief (1925-1933) of The Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled met Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr., 8th Surgeon-in-Chief (1972-1989) and Dr. Thomas P. Sculco, 11th Surgeon-in-Chief (2003 – present) of Hospital for Special Surgery.

Virgil Gibney "Gib" Patterson's maternal grandfather, Dr. Gibney, remade the hospital into a truly surgical facility when he assumed the SIC role in 1887. Gib, who is retired in Southport, CT, visited the HSS Archives this year and recalled a few memories of his grandfather.



Seated Left to Right: Gibney Patterson, Bradley L. Coley, Jr., Janet Levine, Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD, Panda Coley Standing Left to Right: David B. Levine, MD, Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Cynthia Sculco

Bradley "Pete" L. Coley, Jr. and I have become very special friends partly due to our HSS Alum Henry Sprague, MD (a resident with me at HSS). Pete, who is not a physician, is gifted with great insight into the orthopaedic world. He especially admired his aunt, Helen Coley Nauts (daughter of Dr. William Bradley Coley), who pursued her father's research in a cancer vaccine. In 1953, 17 years after Coley's death, she founded the Cancer Research Institute in New York where a William B. Coley Scientific Award is given out annually. Some of you may remember Pete's father, Dr. Bradley L. Coley, who was the 2nd Chief of the Bone Tumor Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center as well as an Attending at the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled and an associate of Dr. Norman Higginbotham.

Volunteer Surgeon's Program in Costa Rica

MIKE ERRICO, MD (1972)

Health Volunteers Overseas (formerly Orthopedics Overseas) has recently opened a volunteer surgeon's program in Costa Rica and is now attracting volunteers for one week or longer tours. I have been appointed the program director after having done eight volunteer trips down there in the last two years, prior to the official development of the program.

The first volunteer for the program was Bob Atkinson, MD (1982) who is now the Director of the Hand and Upper Extremity Program at University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Bob recently spent a one-week tour doing hand and upper extremity surgery with the Costa Rican surgeons, cases that included a pollicization of the thumb, a vascularized bone graft for a

nonunion of the navicular bone, an arthroplasty of the shoulder and multiple upper extremity arthroscopy cases. He also gave multiple lectures to the residents and attendings on topics such as replantation, arthrogyrosis, shoulder arthroscopy and arthroplasty. Bob was accompanied by his son, Egan, who is a premedical student at Harvard University and became a welcome part of the program, accompanying his father into the operating room and clinics. After an extremely productive and active week, Bob spent a few days surfing in Costa Rica with his son to round out what was a phenomenal experience for him.

The Costa Rican program has been set up with the University of Costa Rica's orthopaedic residency program. It is an orthopaedic program which includes 54 residents that work in a system of 29 hospitals and 250 clinics. The HVO program concentrates on 3-4 of these hospitals which include the major trauma center, the children's hospital, the spine center, and two extremely active local community hospitals.

The medical care is far beyond what one would expect from lesser developed countries and Costa Rica is poised and ready to emerge into the most sophisticated areas of orthopaedic practice.



Bob Atkinson (1982) performing surgery in Costa Rica for Health Volunteers Overseas in June 2009.

The need here is for advancement into the more sophisticated techniques of orthopaedic surgery. They are hungry for contact with academic orthopaedists and to learn advanced surgical techniques.

Costa Rica is a beautiful country with a population of about 4,000,000 people, 96% of whom are literate. It is an American-friendly country. Though the language is Spanish, most people around Costa Rica speak enough English that it is generally not an issue for an American. Costa Rica is also economically and politically stable having had no Army in the last 50 years or so.

In addition, thanks to Dr. Sculco's initiatives in creating international exchange medical programs, an attempt is being made to develop such an exchange program with the University of Costa Rica's orthopaedic program and HSS. This is still in its infancy but could well be productive for everyone.

If anyone would like to explore a fascinating volunteer experience in a foreign country, then consider the HVO program in Costa Rica. You can contact me at any time at merrico@aol.com.

Update

DANIEL J. SOLOMON, MD (2005)

Daniel completed 15 years of Naval Service and joined a private practice group in Marin County, just north of San Francisco. The AAOS Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) appointed Dr. Solomon as the AOSSM Communications Representative. He also joined the editorial board of the *Journal of Arthroscopy* and became the Co-editor of the AOSSM publication *Sports Medicine Update*.

HSS Fellow Alumni ACTIVE AT NATIONAL MEETINGS

MARY HARGETT | *Assitant Director, Anesthesiology*

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF REGIONAL ANESTHESIA AND PAIN MEDICINE NATIONAL MEETING

The American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine's National Meeting was held in Phoenix from April 30-May 3, 2009. Gregory A. Liguori, MD, was this year's Meeting Chair. In his capacity as Chair, Dr. Liguori led the planning committee, who created the curriculum and oversaw all meeting design, organization, and logistics. Several former, current, and future HSS Regional Anesthesia Fellows attended the meeting, as well as several HSS Attending Staff, Administrative Staff, and Research Staff. On Friday evening, a dinner for HSS Staff and Alumni was held at LON's at the Hermosa Inn in Phoenix.

HSS ANESTHESIA FELLOWS (pictured below)

Pictured, standing left to right: Dr. Karlyn Powell 2009-2010 Fellow; Dr. Rana Movahedi 2007-2008 Fellow; Dr. Jonathan Beathe 2007-2008 Fellow (now HSS Attending); Dr. Tyler Phillips 2006-2007 Fellow; Dr. Danielle Ludwin 2006-2007 Fellow; Dr. Michael Ho 2005-2006 Fellow (now HSS Attending); Dr. Dominique Kelly 2005-2006 Fellow; Dr. Kanupriya Kumar 2008-2009 Fellow; Dr. Edward Lin 2008-2009 Fellow; Dr. Lauren Fisher 2007-2008 Fellow; Dr. Daniel Chen 2008-2009 Fellow; Dr. David Kim 2008-2009 Fellow (will be HSS Attending in July)
Kneeling in front: Dr. Eileen Inda 2002-2003 Fellow; Dr. Richard King 1987-1989 Fellow (First HSS Regional Anesthesia Fellow, 18-month Fellowship)

13TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM: CONTROVERSIES AND FUNDAMENTALS IN REGIONAL ANESTHESIA

This HSS continuing medical education activity was held on May 30, 2009 with over 220 in attendance. The symposium, in its 13th year, explored topics such as ideal anesthetics for shoulder surgery and safely minimizing length of stay and at-home catheter programs. Breakout sessions featured ultrasound, basic and advanced blocks workshops and case discussions. Over 35 current, former and future fellows attended this meeting. Please mark your calendars for next year's meeting on May 15, 2010.



National CME Initiative in RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS BEGINS

ROBERT D'ANTUONO, MHA | Director, Professional Education, Education Division

After months of planning and development, the Education and Rheumatology Divisions have embarked on a national continuing medical education initiative for rheumatologists and primary care physicians entitled: *Rheumatoid Arthritis: Early Diagnosis and Optimal Management to Improve Patient Outcomes*. Under the leadership of Laura Robbins, DSW, Vice President for Education and Academic Affairs and Stephen Paget, MD, Physician-in-Chief and Activity Director, the program will schedule 85 live grand round sessions at teaching and community hospitals nationwide. In addition, a series of Internet "E-Journals" will be offered. In total, the activity is expected to train over 5,000 participants in the early diagnosis and effective treatment options for RA, including the most current drug therapies. The initiative is being fully funded via educational grants from commercial sponsors and all sessions are offered free to hospitals and individual participants.

"It's an extraordinary program and a first of its kind at HSS," stated Dr. Paget. "It is very positive for the Alumni Association too. We have successfully recruited 14 HSS rheumatology alumni to serve as expert faculty for the live sessions, and are especially pleased to have our past graduates involved in an educational effort of this scale."

The curriculum for the live sessions was developed by Dr. Paget and members of a planning committee with the assistance of staff from the Network for Continuing Medical Education (NCME), the educational partner for the activity. The E-Journal series hosts a prominent author who discusses a recent peer-reviewed journal article on RA. Both the live and E-Journal series began this past June.

"This national CME initiative is the first of many such projects we are exploring," commented Dr. Robbins. Since being accredited as a national CME provider in December of 2007, we have opened the door to new opportunities and collaborative educational partnerships in professional education. It's an exciting time."

It's an extraordinary program and a first of its kind at HSS.

To register for an upcoming live or E-Journal session, go to the CME Events Calendar on the HSS website at www.hss.edu/cme. For information on how to become a faculty member for the live sessions, contact Robert D'Antuono, MHA, Director of Professional Education at 212.606.1834.

Participating Alumni Faculty

Deborah Alpert, MD
Gina DeGuidice, MD
Robert Fafalak, MD
Steven Golomek, MD
Stewart Greisman, MD
Arthur Kavanaugh, MD
Ronen Marmur, MD
Timothy Niewold, MD
Stephen Paget, MD
Efthimiou Petros, MD
Andrew Porges, MD
Sergio Schwartzman, MD
Yusef Yazici, MD
Arthur Yee, MD



The David B. Levine, MD, Honorary Lecture in Spinal Deformity was presented on June 5, 2009. David S. Bradford, MD, Professor and Chair Emeritus, University of California at San Francisco, gave a lecture entitled *Thinking Things Over: Spine Technology in Evolution—Lessons Learned from the Past*. Pictured left to right, Chitranjan S. Ranawat, MD, David S. Bradford, MD, Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD, Leon Root, MD, Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD, David B. Levine, MD and Thomas P. Sculco, MD.

A History of Volunteerism at HSS

ANIL S. RANAWAT, MD

Hospital for Special Surgery has a distinguished history of volunteerism stretching back to its inception in 1863. Allied to its commitment to clinical excellence, innovation and quality of care, the hospital continues to provide unparalleled dedication to its patients and the community.

Today, HSS has more than 270 individuals volunteering over 35,000 hours of service each year led by the Volunteering Opportunities Department. The benevolent beginnings of the hospital, almost 150 years ago, was as a small network of philanthropists working as part of a citywide initiative.

In the 1860's, the city of New York was marked by extremes of wealth and poverty, with many of its 800,000 residents without access to medical care. With the help of several philanthropists, 20 members of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor set up the Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled. Their aim was to make "medical benefits available to the poorest in the community". The 28-bed hospital was organized inside the private residence of Dr. James A. Knight, a general practitioner from Maryland and one of the founding committee members. Under the inspirational tutelage of Dr. Knight, assisted by a largely female cohort of volunteers, the hospital treated and received 824 patients its first year.



Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD and the Germaine B. Wilson Award. It was established in memory of his mother who had served as a long-time HSS volunteer. The award is given annually in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

By the start of World War I, the hospital had become an established center of orthopaedic surgery. The organization began to formalize the volunteer services to serve the community to its full potential by setting up a Volunteer Department and Women's Auxiliary. Volunteers conducted patient home visits, coordinated referrals to other city agencies and accompanied patients on "Fresh Air" outings. As the first war ended, the Depression beset the economy, and World War II excused staff for military service, additional progress at the hospital was halted. The then Surgeon-in-Chief, Dr. Philip D. Wilson, offered his own services in 1941 and obtained resources to operate an orthopaedic hospital in Great

Britain, exemplifying the spirit of volunteerism at HSS.

Since the 1960s, the Volunteer Department has expanded and evolved to serve over 30 different assignment areas throughout the hospital. Volunteers provide the vital communication link between the patient, medical staff and the family atrium, in surgery, nursing and physical and occupational therapy. They provide patients with information and education as part of the Department of Social Work Programs and assist in the maintenance of medical records, patient accounting and the Patient's Library. Volunteers play an integral role in office management in a variety of areas, including events planning and the mailroom. Their efforts over the decades have created a humanitarian power to which generations of patients owe a deep gratitude.

Director Wendy Yondorf and Coordinator Shahan Hafiz, currently lead the Volunteer Department. Assisted by an increasing number of male volunteers and college students, the department is now closely integrated with HSS' Community Service Plan to promote public and patient education and outreach programs.

Whether volunteers are patients who want to 'give back' or students who come to the hospital to gain exposure and experience in medical care, HSS' success remains rooted to Dr. Knight's dedication to the "kindest sympathy and patronage of all classes of citizens".

For those interested in volunteering at HSS, more information is available by visiting www.hss.edu/volunteer-in-newyork-city.asp. Alternatively, you may contact the Volunteer Department by phone – 212.606.1228 or email – hafizs@hss.edu.

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The Andrew Swanson, MD Alumni Spine Award

was developed in 2009 to honor the memory of Dr. Swanson, who demonstrated from his residency days through his brief professional career, a commitment to provide compassionate medical care and services to all he encountered. He participated in humanitarian work on a regular basis, traveling two times a year since graduating from HSS to give pro-bono surgical care to patients in Ghana, Africa. Nominations will be solicited from HSS staff and Alumni recognizing an HSS alumnus who has excelled in spine education, research, practice or humanitarian efforts with one or more of the following attributes: leadership, academia, clinical innovation, humanitarian/societal involvement, and/or research. Recipients will be acknowledged at the *Annual Alumni Meeting* beginning in 2010.

The Swanson family requests that anyone interested in making a donation in honor of Andrew can contact the HSS Alumni Affairs Office to support the FOCOS initiative.*

*The Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine

A TRIBUTE TO ANDREW NICHOLAS SWANSON, MD (RESIDENT 2005)

OHENEBA BOACHIE-ADJEI, MD

Andrew was only 36 when he left us, but he lived the reverse of the number 36 by accomplishing 63 years of living during his life. This he did with great enthusiasm, hope, love, respect for human life and professionalism.

He loved giving back to serve others, and I knew him as a trusted colleague and brother, one who would always find a way to double his output. He volunteered to visit the jungles of Sierra Leone to find the most crippled child afflicted with tuberculosis of the spine who would later benefit from complex spine surgery, thus to be given a new lease on life. All this he did with gladness, joy and selfless dedication, not expecting anything in return. Other FOCOS friends described him with these characterizations embodied in the name SWANSON.



- S – SELFLESS DEDICATION
- W – WILLINGNESS TO HELP
- A – AMBITIOUS AND ASTUTE
- N – NEVER TIRING & NEVER GAVE UP
- S – SUPPORTIVE AND SACRIFICIAL
- O – OFFERED HIMSELF FOR OTHERS' BENEFIT
- N – NEW AND REFRESHING

Andrew touched many lives. His spirit lives on, and the fruits of his labor are evident in our midst and beyond our shores to the remote parts of the world. Now he has climbed the highest mountain, to its peak in Heaven, and he will urge us on to water the seeds he sowed on earth.

Andrew, may your soul rest in peace.

Frank Dixon Conlin, MD (Resident 1955) passed away at the age of 88 at his home in Hilton Head Plantation on July 31, 2009. After completing his residency at HSS he served as Associate Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, and pioneered the use of corticosteroids in treating inflammatory joint disease. Dr. Conlin spent the majority of his career on the staff of of Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and also lectured on foot and ankle surgery at Ramsey County Hospital. He had a lifelong interest in aviation and is survived by his wife and five daughters.

WELCOME CLASS OF 2009 ALUMNI!

Congratulations to our graduating residents. We wish them well as they embark on their post-graduation positions.

Front row, from left: Dr. Edward V. Craig, Dr. Thomas P. Sculco and Dr. Mathias P. Bostrom; second row, from left: Dr. James E. Voos, Dr. R. Frank Henn, III, Dr. Benton E. Heyworth, and Dr. Lawrence V. Gulotta; back row, from left: Dr. Adrian J. Thomas, Dr. Michael K. Shindle, Dr. Christopher J. Mattern and Dr. Joseph U. Barker

2009 GRADUATING RESIDENTS

Joseph U. Barker, MD

Sports Medicine Fellowship
Rush University Medical Center

Lawrence V. Gulotta, MD

Sports Medicine and Shoulder Fellowship
Hospital for Special Surgery

R. Frank Henn, III, MD

Sports Medicine and Shoulder Fellowship
Massachusetts General Hospital

Benton E. Heyworth, MD

Sports Medicine Fellowship
Massachusetts General Hospital
(2009-2010)

Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship
Children's Hospital Boston (2010-2011)

Christopher J. Mattern, MD

Orthopaedic Surgery Medical Group
Westchester

Michael K. Shindle, MD

Sports Medicine and Shoulder Fellowship
Hospital for Special Surgery

Adrian J. Thomas, MD

Spine Fellowship
New England Baptist Hospital

James E. Voos, MD

Sports Medicine and Shoulder Fellowship
Hospital for Special Surgery





2009 GRADUATING FELLOWS

ADULT LIMB LENGTHENING AND DEFORMITY SERVICE

Kashif Ashfaq, MBBS
Raheel Shafi, MD

ADULT RECONSTRUCTION AND JOINT REPLACEMENT DIVISION

Yossef C. Blum, MD
Mark M. Dolan, MD
Matthew S. Hepinstall, MD
Aleksandr I. Khaimov, DO
Aamer Malik, MD
Theodore T. Manson, MD, MS
Daniel S. Markowicz, MD
James A. Ryan, MD
David T. Schroder, MD

FOOT AND ANKLE SERVICE

Irvin C. Oh, MD
Kenneth Park, MD
Adam D. Wagshul, MD

HAND AND UPPER EXTREMITY SERVICE

David M. Gay, MD
A. Ylenia Giuffrida, MD
Jonathan J. S. Lam, MD, PhD

METABOLIC BONE DISEASE/ MUSCULOSKELETAL ONCOLOGY SERVICE

Aasis Unnanuntana, MD

ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA SERVICE

Timothy S. Achor, MD
Jaimo Ahn, MD, PhD
Mark L. Prasarn, MD

PEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICE

Gilbert Chan, MD

SCOLIOSIS/SPINE SERVICE

Marco Ferrone, MD
Alexander P. W. Hughes, MD
Antony Kallur, MBBS
Satyajit V. Marawar, MBBS
Amit K. Sharma, MBBS
Hiroyuki Yoshihara, MB

SPORTS MEDICINE AND SHOULDER SERVICE

Olufemi R. Ayeni, MD
Asheesh Bedi, MD
Patrick M. Birmingham, MD
Edwin R. Cadet, MD
Christopher C. Dodson, MD
Mark C. Drakos, MD
Volker Musahl, MD
Catherine M. Robertson, MD

ANESTHESIOLOGY

Daniel Y. Chen, MD
Christopher R. Cook, DO
Pratima Gondipalli, MD
David Hyung Kim, MD
Kanupriya Kumar, MD
Edward C. Lin, MD
Vrunda H. Pandya, MD

MUSCULOSKELETAL RADIOLOGY

Timothy W. Deyer, MD
Cono W. Gallo, MD
Kevin M. Johnson, MD
Valeriy Kheyfits, MD
Michael H. Ngo, MD

MRI RADIOLOGY

Anuraag Sahai, MD

NEUROLOGY

Reza Zarnegar, DO

PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY

Jennifer L. Belasco, MD

PHYSIATRY

Carroll D. Cooper, MD
Stefan C. Muzin, MD
Kevin I. Pak, MD
Jeffrey Radecki, MD

RHEUMATOLOGY

Neal K. Moskowitz, MD, PhD
Dana E. Orange, MD
Antigoni Triantafyllopoulou, MD

Please Welcome HSS Resident Class of 2014

Curtis M. Henn, MD
Brown Medical School

Mahmoud M. Khair, MD
Case Western Reserve University
School of Medicine

Lauren E. LaMont, MD
New York University School of Medicine

Benjamin F. Ricciardi, MD
Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College
of Cornell University

Patrick C. Schottel, MD
Georgetown University
School of Medicine

Peter K. Sculco, MD
Columbia College of
Physicians and Surgeons

D. Kenneth Weeks, III, MD
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Phillip Williams, MD
Harvard Medical School

AWARDS & Accolades

RESIDENTS

DAVID B. LEVINE, MD (1964), Orthopaedic Surgeon Emeritus, was presented with a Certificate of Special Recognition in appreciation for his collaborative spirit and service to the scoliosis community. The award was presented when New York State Assemblyman Jonathan L. Bing visited HSS in August to present a proclamation for scoliosis awareness.

JOHN P. LYDEN (1972 and FELLOW 1973) received the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from HSS at the 26th Annual Tribute Dinner this past June. He serves on the Orthopaedic Trauma Service at HSS and the Fracture Service at NewYork-Presbyterian. Dr. Lyden has dedicated his professional career to the care of thousands of patients and to the education and surgical training of hundreds of residents and fellows.

MATHIAS P. BOSTROM, MD (1995 and FELLOW 1996) was honored with the Philip D. Wilson, Jr. Teaching Award. This award is presented to the attending physician who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to resident education as deemed by the graduating chief residents.

CHRISTOPHER S. MOW, MD (1991) was appointed Deputy Chief of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Stanford University Medical Center.

ADAM SHAFRITZ, MD (2000) was elected President of the Vermont State Orthopaedic Society in March 2009.

BRYAN T. KELLY, MD (2001 and FELLOW 2003) was awarded the Nancy Kane Bischoff Mentor Award from the graduating residents. This award recognizes the recipient for consistently demonstrating concern for the interests and welfare of the residents and acted as trusted guide and mentor.

ROBERT H. BROPHY, MD (2006 and FELLOW 2007) was chosen to provide medical care for players on the new Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) team, Saint Louis Athletica. A former soccer player and sports medicine specialist, Robert will serve as Head Team Physician.

LAWRENCE V. GULOTTA, MD (2009 and FELLOW 2010) was awarded the Jean C. McDaniel Award for Professionalism, Ethics and Peer Leadership during Graduation. Dr. Gulotta also received the Lewis Clark Wagner Award for Excellence in Orthopaedic Surgery Research for his paper, "Stem Cells Genetically Modified with the Development Gene MT1-MMP Improve Regeneration of the Tendon-to-Bone Insertion Site".

FELLOWS

JOHN J. CALLAGHAN (1984) has been elected as incoming president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons for 2010. He is an orthopaedic surgeon in the Adult Reconstructive and Joint Replacement Surgery Service, the Lawrence & Marilyn Dorr Chair in Hip Surgery & Research and Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Iowa. There will be more information about Dr. Callaghan and his presidency published in the Spring 2010 issue of *Alumni News*.

JO A. HANNAFIN, MD, PHD (1991) is the 2009 recipient of the Orthopaedic Research Society Women's Leadership Forum Award.

HENRY A. BACKE, JR., MD (1993) has been named Vice President of the Eastern Orthopaedic Association (EAO) and will serve as the association's president in 2012. He was also elected to the Medical Executive Board of St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

W. HODGES DAVIS, MD (1993) has been elected to the board of directors of the Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Outreach and Education Fund.

PAUL E. KOVATIS, MD (FELLOW 1996) was listed as Top Orthopaedic Surgeon three years in a row by New Jersey Monthly Magazine. Hackensack University Medical Center established the Paul Kovatis Scholarship which is presented to a medical student interested in surgical subspecialties.

MICHAEL L. PARKS, MD (1997) was elected to the AAOS Board of Directors as the At-Large member. Dr. Parks has been involved at the Academy in the Leader Fellowship Committee and has served on the Board of Councilors.

MICHAEL J. S. VAN STEJIN, MD (1998) was appointed Senior Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon to the Dubai Bone and Joint Center (DBJA), the Middle East's first and only center for musculoskeletal treatment and research.

DORUK ERKAN, MD (2001) received the Division of Rheumatology Award for Teaching Excellence in 2009.

JESSICA BERMAN, MD (2003) received a new three-year Clinical Scholar Educator award from the American College of Rheumatology for "Focusing on Basics: Regional Musculoskeletal Modules."

DAVID J. MAYMAN, MD (2004) received the Richard S. Laskin Young Attending Award during the Resident's Graduation Ceremony. This award is presented to a physician who demonstrated exemplary teaching skills and encouraged residents to strive for excellence in clinical care.

MICHAEL C. HO, MD (2006) was the recipient of the Cornell-NYPH Residents' Choice for HSS Teacher of the Year for 2008-09.

BRIAN FEELEY, MD (2008) was presented the 2009 Young Investigator Grant (YIG) by the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) for his work with computer assisted navigation to evaluate different pediatric ACL reconstruction techniques using a custom pivot shirt apparatus to evaluate the rotational stability of the reconstruction techniques.

RANA MOVAHEDI, MD (2008) a member of the Attending Staff at the University of Southern California was chosen as "Best Attending and Teacher of the Year" in June 2009.

ASHEESH BEDI, MD (2009) was awarded the Philip D. Wilson, Jr. Award for Excellence in Orthopaedic Surgery Research for his paper, "The Effect of Mechanical Loading on Tendon-Bone Healing after ACL Reconstruction."

TIMOTHY WILLIAM DEYER, MD (2009) was the recipient of the Department of Radiology and Imaging Research Award.

DIANA GOLDENBERG, MD (2009) received a new three-year Physician-Scientist Development Award from the American College of Rheumatology to study "Analysis of Vascular Endothelium in SLE Patients."

DAVID HYUNG KIM, MD (2009) received the Attending Anesthesiologist Award for clinical excellence.

EDWARD C. LIN, MD (2009) received the Nigel E. Sharrock, MB Award for academic excellence.

MICHAEL HAILONG NGO, MD (2009) was awarded with the Department of Radiology and Imaging Contribution to the Teaching File Award.

DANA ELIZABETH ORANGE, MD (2009) was presented with the Charles Christian Award for Excellence in Musculoskeletal Research for her paper "Using FK506 Treated Dendritic cells to Modulate Immunologic Outcomes".

KASHIF ASHFAQ, MBBS (2010) was the recipient of the Gavriil Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Limb Lengthening Fellowship.

HSS STAFF

ANSWORTH A. ALLEN, MD received the distinguished Luminary Award from the American Foundations for the University of the West Indies.

ERIC BOGNER, MD received the Attending Mentor Award at the Fellow's graduation in June.

ADELE L. BOSKEY, PHD was elected into the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering's (AIMBE) College of Fellows for her contribution to medical and biological engineering. The College of Fellows represents the top two percent of medical and biological engineers in the field, and is a leader, advocating for public policies facilitating progress in medical and biological engineering research and development to benefit public health.

JORDAN D. METZL, MD received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Missouri for his work in pediatric sports medicine.

ROCK POSITANO, DPM, MSC, MPH has been elected to the New York College of Podiatric Medicine Board of Trustees.

NIGEL E. SHARROCK, MB, CHB was recognized as Teacher of the Year for 2008-09 at the Fellow's graduation ceremony in June.

TIMOTHY WRIGHT, PHD received a five-year renewal of the "Musculoskeletal Training Program" funded by the NIH/ National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. He was also invited to join the faculty for the Inaugural Educational Conference of the International Congress for Joint Reconstruction, held in Orlando, Florida.

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DURING THE 91ST ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING

A Night UNDER THE BRIDGE November 13, 2009

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November 12-14, 2009

Target Audience: HSS Alumni and Staff

Pediatric Orthopaedics for the Primary Care Provider

November 20, 2009

Target Audience: primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, residents and fellows

Symptom Management and the Patient in Pain—Continuing Our Journey—3rd Annual Program on Pain Awareness for the Orthopaedic Patient

November 30, 2009

Target Audience: nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, residents, fellows and medical students

21st Annual Holiday Total Knee Course

December 3-4, 2009

Target Audience: orthopaedic surgeons, orthopaedic residents, fellows and physician assistants

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February 27, 2010

Target Audience: pediatricians, sports medicine physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, athletic trainers, coaches, physical therapists, residents, fellows and students

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April 22-24, 2010

Target Audience: physical therapists, athletic trainers, coaches, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other health care professionals involved in the care of athletes

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May 15, 2010

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