The 2011-2012 academic year has been exciting for Duke Orthopaedics. We have continued to build on the tradition and success of Duke, highlighted by our first year as a Department, the opening of the Page Road clinical care facility, the recognition and honoring of our research staff (especially Farsh Guilak), and the recruitment of many young faculty. This year also marks the second year of the Duke Orthopaedic Journal (DOJ).

The first issue of the DOJ was welcomed with tremendous success. Feedback locally and from across the country praised the format and content of the journal. Most felt that this publication made them feel closer to Duke and in the ‘family’. It is with this gusto, that this year’s editors started the process of organizing the second edition in August of 2011.

The DOJ reflects who we are, where we came from, and where we are going as a Department. Through the journal, we have attempted to capture the clinical, community, and research endeavors of our faculty in Durham, as well as our alumni who practice around the globe. We have tried to recap the significant orthopaedic events and meetings that have taken place in Durham this past year, and highlight some of our successes internationally. Finally, we have given you a snapshot of the spirit of Duke Orthopaedics and the extraordinary people in our Department.

Through this journal, we hope you will continue to be an active member of the Duke Orthopaedic family, fortifying old bonds and establishing new ones. You will see the tremendous quality of work being done to serve our patients. You will understand the dedication of our Department to education, research, training, and patient care.

This second journal involved the efforts of a number of residents and the dedication of the editors Stephanie Mayer, MD, Jonathan Riboh, MD, and Karl Schweitzer Jr, MD. Since the Fall of 2011, this team of residents has worked diligently to put the journal together: soliciting authors for papers, approaching vendors for advertisements, and deciding the layout of this publication. They have learned the process and challenge of bringing a journal to print, while laying the foundation for future issues of the DOJ.

As you read through the pages of this second issue, I hope that all of you will consider contributing to the success of future issues of this publication.

We are Duke Orthopaedics: a strong family, with a rich tradition that I am proud to be part of.

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