

# Letter from Faculty Advisor

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It once again gives me great pleasure to present to you the 8th edition of the Duke Orthopaedic Journal (DOJ). Duke Orthopedic Surgery continues to grow and flourish with significant growth into the Triangle area with expansion into Apex, Raleigh, North Raleigh, and Wake. Duke Orthopedics, in conjunction with the Department of Physical Therapy and School of Nursing, has broken ground on a new building on campus. This building will be home for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Division along with administration of Graduate Medical Education offices for the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and the School of Nursing's PhD program, Center for Nursing Research, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and Office of Student Services.

Duke Orthopedic residency program continues to work and develop the competency-based curriculum. Sam Adams MD was named Associate Program Director and works in conjunction with Brian Brigman MD, Program Director and Ben Alman MD, as well as all faculty, to continue to refine the curriculum and develop a program that will produce the highest quality residents. The goals of the new competency-based educational curriculum include ensuring the mastery of general orthopedic core competencies and providing opportunities for advanced training through a selective curriculum tailored to individual interests during the final two years of residency.

The Journal continues to grow and thrive under the great efforts of the editors: Sean Ryan MD, Brian Dial MD, and Evan Guerrero. They have learned the intricacies of putting a journal together: Planning, attracting high-quality articles, editing, advertising, meeting timelines, and after continued discussions, the editors have decided to once again prepare the Journal for getting submitted to PubMed.

I also hope that as you read through the Journal you will notice the great efforts put forth by the residents. They have spent many hours over the last year outside of work to make sure the tradition of DOJ continues. I think you will see that their dedication will show through in another outstanding publication this year.

The DOJ reflects who we are, where we came from, and where we are going as a department. Through this Journal, we continue 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 significant orthopedic events and meetings that have taken place in Durham this year and highlight some of our success internationally. Finally, we have given you a snapshot of the spirit of Duke Orthopedics and the extraordinary people in our department.

Through this Journal, we hope you will continue to be an active member of the Duke Orthopedic Family, fortifying old bonds and building new ones as time passes. You will see through the Journal the tremendous amount of effort put forth to care for and serve our patient population. You will understand the dedication put forth in regard to education, research, patient care, and training.

Also, as you go through the pages of the 8th issue, I once again ask you to consider contributing to the future success of this publication. This continues to be a goal of the Journal, which is to have the highest quality papers being placed in it.

I look forward to guiding this Journal to greater success in the future and remember, We are Duke Orthopedics: A strong family with a rich tradition that I am proud to be a part of.

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