

Duke Resident Awards

The chief resident class annually selects a third-year resident who they feel best exemplifies the qualities embodied by William Ogden, Jr. In June 2017, Beau Kildow was awarded this special honor. Beau Kildow attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, where he played football. His football career did not end here, and he went on to play two years in the arena football league for The Omaha Beef. He continued his education at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine where he excelled. He continued his professional journey by becoming an integral part of The Duke Orthopaedic Residency family. Beau is an exceptional leader and has a constant drive to teach his fellow residents. He possesses the intangibles that were important to Ogden and necessary to excel in orthopedic residency, including passion, teamwork, work ethic, integrity, and professionalism. Beau is pursuing a career in adult joint reconstruction and is attending joints fellowship at OrthoCarolina.

Every year, the junior residents vote to select a graduating chief resident who contributed the most to their early orthopedic and medical education. In June 2017, the vote resulted in a tie between two residents, and the Johan Harrelson Teaching Award was awarded to Mitchell "Mitch" Klement and Vasili Karas. Mitch attended Marquette University for his undergraduate degree and Georgetown University for his medical school education. Vasili Karas attended University of Notre Dame for his undergraduate degree, and Rush for his medical school education. Both of these outstanding students chose to pursue their orthopedic residency training at Duke University, strengthening the legacy of Duke Orthopaedics. Mitch and Vasili possessed the qualities necessary to excel in Duke Orthopaedics, such as a passion for teamwork, unrelenting work ethic, integrity, and professionalism. Their coresidents benefited daily from Mitch's and Vasili's enthusiasm for residency education and teaching. Mitch is completing his fellowship in joint reconstruction at the Rothman Institute in Philadelphia, and Vasili is completing his fellowship in joint reconstruction at Rush in Chicago. We all look forward to the accomplishments these two individuals will make in the field of orthopedics in the years to come.