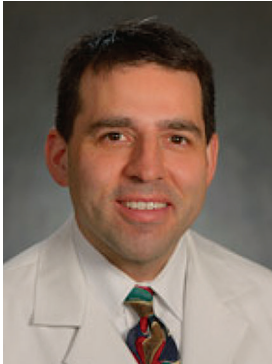




# Letter from the Program Director

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The past year has slowly brought a return to some normalcy in the residency program. As the COVID-19 pandemic has ebbed, there have been more opportunities for in-person educational opportunities, operating room and clinic volumes are returning to pre-pandemic levels allowing more clinical education time as well. It has been a pleasure working this

year's Academic Chief Residents; George Fryhofer, Ryan DeAngelis and Greg Minutillo. Under their leadership, we have seen enhancements to the educational program, our visiting professor program, and more time in the human tissue lab doing hands-on learning. In-person off-campus journal clubs have continued which build not only knowledge but camaraderie between residents and faculty.

Through the enormous efforts of Kathleen Collins, MD PGY3 and Ryan DeAngelis, we have been able to get most residents caught up with AO courses both basic and advanced to help with their core orthopaedic trauma knowledge and skills after these courses were interrupted by COVID. We have also seen residents return to various meetings to present their research in person.

Under the leadership of Cara Cipriano, MD, the medical student experience continues to improve and receive high marks. Revamping of the Ortho 200 series where Penn medical students get their first taste of orthopaedics has sparked great interest in further exploration of our specialty. Improvements to the sub-internship experience led to a large increase in the number of visiting students to our program. The diversity scholarships sponsored by our department's Culture Committee also enhanced the sub-internship experience. The quality of these visiting students is exemplified by our excellent match this year with 4 of our 8 incoming interns having rotated with us and all of them being stellar students.

We have several new faculty who are already making an educational splash with our residents including Emmanuel Gibon, MD, PhD, and Timothy Costales, MD in Adult Reconstruction and Lorraine Boakye, MD in Foot and Ankle. Dr. Boakye and Costales will be supervising the

intern skills month going forward and we look forward to the consistency and enhancements that they will bring to this experience.

From an administrative perspective, we sadly bid farewell to Shannon Savelloni this fall as she moved on to new opportunities. Shannon was an outstanding program coordinator who put her heart and soul into the program and she will be missed. She certainly taught me an enormous amount. On a positive note, we did welcome a new addition to the team. Abbi Goldman came to us from the Infectious Disease department and will be serving as a second program coordinator along the Angela Nieves who continues to skillfully manage the intricacies of running a large residency program. Abbi will be primarily responsible for the various fellowship programs and will assist Angela with residency program needs.

As always, the achievements of the program are only possible with the contributions of our amazing attending faculty who take their time and effort to support resident and student education. Another thank you to our Associate Program Director, Stephen Liu, whose hard work is indispensable to our success. The continued steadfast support of our Chair, L. Scott Levin MD is crucial to our success and we are lucky to have him for at least another year.

I again send out a huge thank you to our outgoing Academic Chief Residents mentioned above and congratulate them while looking forward to working with the incoming Academic Chiefs, Lucas Myerson, Kelsey Young, and Steven Zhang. Lastly, congratulations to all our graduating PGY5s who are headed to great fellowships.

We wake up every morning looking for ways to continue to improve the educational mission at Penn Orthopaedics and if you want to support this mission, please donate to the Penn Orthopaedic Education Fund. All donations directly benefit the residents and support everything from educational resources, resident instructional courses, and academic travel to the occasional resident happy hour that helps boost morale. Please contact Allyse Orsini at [aorsini@upenn.edu](mailto:aorsini@upenn.edu) or 267-788-0975. Also check out our Instagram page at Penn.Ortho!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy and productive 2023-4 Academic year!