



# Letter from the Program Director

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The University of Pennsylvania orthopaedic surgery residency program continues to be one of the top programs in the nation. The program's reputation has grown to the point where we receive over 800 applications to our program yearly. This year our program was more competitive than ever. The selection committee comprised numerous individuals who spent hours devising a scored ranking

system that was an outstanding selection tool; this ranking methodology is in the process of publication. We are fortunate that we have matched some of the top candidates in the entire country.

The new interns starting in 2013 will be Keith P. Connelly (University of Central Florida), Cody D. Hill (Baylor College of Medicine), James M. Friedman (Duke University), Daniel P. Lim (Keck School of Medicine/University of Southern California), Joshua C. Rozelle (Drexel University), Joshua T. Steere (Stritch School of Medicine/Loyola University Chicago), Chia H. Wu (Perelman School of Medicine/University of Pennsylvania), and Zachary R. Zimmer (Stony Brook University). These are all exceptional individuals who are extraordinarily talented and diverse, and they will continue to strengthen the residency program.

We are pleased to inform that our outgoing senior residents have, again, done exceptionally well in the fellowship match, with many matching their first choices in their respective subspecialties. Eileen Crawford will be doing sports medicine at the University of Michigan; Andre (Nic) Gay will be doing foot and ankle at Oakland Bone and Joint Specialists; Jason Hsu will be doing shoulder and elbow at Washington University in St. Louis; Tae Won B. Kim will be doing orthopaedic oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York; Amun Makani will be doing sports medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital; Min Jung Park will be doing hand surgery at Stanford University; Amy Sewick will be doing sports medicine at University of California-Los Angeles; and Roshan Shah will be doing total joint replacement at Rush University in Chicago. Although this has become routine that our graduating residents attend some of the finest and most sought-after fellowships in the country,

we congratulate them, wish them well, and hope that they will continue to be part of the Penn Orthopaedics family.

The accomplishments of our current residents have been unprecedented. Numerous peer-reviewed journal publications as well as local, national, and international meeting presentations have brought the banner of Penn Orthopaedics to the forefront. We can be proud of all of the scholarly activity at the University of Pennsylvania, which has truly become a leader in academic orthopaedic surgery.

Although it is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to our graduating residents, we have no doubts that they will all be extraordinary leaders in the field of orthopaedic surgery. This year we were again led by two exceptionally gifted, talented, and energetic academic chief residents. Dr. Eileen Crawford and Dr. Jason Hsu have inspired the entire orthopaedic residency to become extraordinarily well-organized and efficient. Under their leadership, numerous improvements have been implemented, including the development of a strong and balanced two-year core curriculum. This will serve to enhance the educational opportunities given to the residents and enhance their core orthopaedic knowledge. Additionally, the day-to-day management of resident assignments could not be accomplished without the stellar efforts of these two dedicated individuals. The academic chief residents for next year, Dr. Mara Schenker and Dr. Chancellor Gray, have already begun the transition and have shown extraordinary leadership skills. Finally, the entire faculty at the University of Pennsylvania continues to give selflessly and teach at a level that is the envy of orthopaedic residency programs throughout the country. Under the strong leadership of our chairman, Dr. L. Scott Levin, the faculty are amongst the most dedicated and approachable in the country. It is an absolutely wonderful mix of academic, clinical, and social interaction to which any program could aspire.

The next year will be as challenging as ever, as additional rules and regulations from our University and the government continue to shape the training and development of our residents. However, the strength, diversity, and dedication of Penn Orthopaedics should not only be able to weather these transitions, but continue to be a national leader in education.

Again, it has been my great pleasure to be associated with this program and I truly cherish the relationships that it has fostered throughout these years.