

Letter from the Editors

Dear Colleagues,

This year marks the fourth installment of the Duke Orthopaedic Journal. This has been a year of reflection for the editorial board. As the journal matures, we must decide if the Journal should be a memoir of the past academic year supplemented by scientific articles or a PubMed-indexed journal, produced by the residents and faculty of Duke Orthopaedics. We hope that the Journal will soon be referenced on research databases, but we do not want to change the Journal's identity as a unique publication updating readers on the year's highlights and accomplishments within Duke Orthopaedics. In doing so, we continue to build upon the vision and dedication of the Journal's founders: Dr Selene Parekh, Dr Will Eward and Dr Stephanie Mayer to expand the scope, visibility and credibility of the Journal within the scientific community.

We worked with our publisher to create a more efficient, user-friendly electronic submission and editing interface. This has undoubtedly made for a more enjoyable experience for both authors and editors. For the fourth consecutive year, a copy of this edition has been sent to every orthopaedic chairman and program director in the country to add to their libraries. We continue to provide copies to every resident applicant who interviews at Duke. This broad distribution serves as a springboard for the Journal to receive contributions from a wider base in the future, putting us on par with other highly recognized institutional journals.

None of this would be possible without the guidance and support of Dr Selene Parekh, our faculty advisor. We are grateful for his commitment to the Journal as well as to our development as reviewers, editors and members of the academic community.

We hope that this edition of the Journal reminds us all of what makes the Duke family so special: excellent patient care, high-caliber scientific research, great friendships and a commitment to excellence that never wavers.

Sincerely,

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