

# Letter from the Faculty Advisor

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It gives me great pleasure to present you the 6th issue of The Duke Orthopaedic Journal (DOJ). I have taken over as faculty advisor as Selene Parekh, has stepped down. Over the last 5 years, the editors along with Selene have invested their passion and hard work into this journal, and I am eager to help build upon their success.

The journal continues to grow yearly, and it is not different from years past that the editors Vasilias Karas, Lindsay Kleeman, Alexander Lampley, and Andrew Matson have worked diligently since the fall to prepare this journal for publication. They have worked on fundraising, solicitation of high-quality publications, generating rich specialty articles from different authors, and improving prospects for future publications. They have embraced the challenge of increasing the number of quality scientific articles in order to meet criteria for PubMed indexing while still maintaining the special interest articles that make the journal unique for the Duke Orthopaedic community. The goal of PubMed indexing remains as a vision for our future, and I think you will see that their dedication to this goal will be evident in the outstanding publication this year.

I also hope that as you read through the journal you will appreciate the great effort put forth by our editors. Through their efforts over the last year, they have learned about the challenges and intricacies of publishing a medical journal.

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 orthopaedic 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 Orthopaedics and the extraordinary people in our department.

Through this journal, we hope you will continue to be an active member of the Duke Orthopaedic 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 read through the pages of the 6th issue of the DOJ, please consider contributing to the success of future volumes of this publication. In order to make the journal more robust, we have set forth a goal of improving contributions in each successive issue, and we rely on your support.

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



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