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## From the Office of Alumni Affairs Celebrating Milestones

**Message from Jose A. Rodriguez, MD**

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It is the graduation season for our residents and fellows, with new residencies and fellowships set to begin. Education is a core component of what we all do, whether it be training future leaders, educating colleagues, or quenching our thirst for knowledge and self-improvement. This issue highlights a long-standing initiative that HSS has been part of for 30 years: the American Austrian Foundation-Open Medical Institute Bone and Joint Surgery program. Over 40 HSS medical staff and alums have participated in this unique international effort over the years, many returning for multiple sessions, introducing a unique immersion-style program to young surgeons who can bring their findings back to their home institutions.

I extend appreciation to our new 2024 Class Representatives, who have volunteered to be a link between the Alumni Association and their classmates, to inform them of upcoming events and other benefits. Their efforts keep us connected.

In these pages, we also examine the Adopt-a-Book program, which is near and dear to my heart, being the old book lover that I am. Some books in our medical library collection could use a little love—not a big lift, but certainly a token of appreciation for those who have gone before us.

We also look back at our 106th annual meeting honorees. Their collective journey and accomplishments are truly inspiring. Speaking of celebrations, I hope many of you will return home for our 107th Alumni Association Annual Meeting on November 7th. Save the date, as we have a thought-provoking academic meeting in store, capped by our annual cocktail reception at the Asia Society on Park Avenue.

I look forward to seeing you there.

## Join us at the HSS Alumni Association Meeting Reception.

Following the annual meeting, the cocktail reception will be held from 6 to 8 pm at the Asia Society. [Celebrate our Honorees & Reunion Classes of 1985, 1995, 2005 & 2015!](#)



Jose A. Rodriguez, MD, and Douglas E. Padgett, MD, celebrate the Association during the 106th meeting reception at The Explorers Club.



The O'Farrell family has some photo booth fun during the 106th Alumni Association Annual Meeting Reception.

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# HSS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2025  
7:00 AM–5:15 PM  
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any questions.



## Preliminary Agenda Highlights

- Presidential Address and Alumni Association Business Meeting
- Class Reunion Presentations from Residency Classes of 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015
- Symposia: Wearable Technology & Resident Selection/Evaluation
- Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- Distinguished Awards and Lectures
- The Coley Historical Society Lecture



Charles Anderson “Andy” Engh, Jr., MD, Matthew S. Austin, MD, Scott D. Boden, MD, Wael K. Barsoum, MD, and Douglas E. Padgett, MD, participated in a panel discussion on the Business of Orthopaedics at the 106th Annual Alumni Association Meeting.

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can’t attend in person.

## Honored Guest Faculty



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Faculty and Fellows at the Bone and Joint Surgery Seminar in Salzburg in January 2025. Inset photo (left to right): The first seminar in 1994 with Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD, Harry Hirz, MD, Ulrich Dorn, MD, Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Frank Genelin, MD, Thomas L. Wickiewicz, MD, David L. Helfet, MD, and Stephen Burke, MD.

## The Hills Are Alive with the Sound of Learning

### Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the American Austrian Foundation-Open Medical Institute Bone and Joint Surgery Seminars

The city of Salzburg, Austria is known for many things, but especially two: It is the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the setting of the movie *The Sound of Music*. Music aficionados also flock to Salzburg for its annual Easter Festival and the summer Salzburg Festival. But for many faculty at Hospital for Special Surgery, Salzburg conjures a different trove of memories. That's because it is the setting for the annual American Austrian Foundation-Open Medical Institute (AAF-OMI) Salzburg Medical Seminar on Bone and Joint Surgery. This year was a cause for celebration: the program marked its 30th anniversary.

The weeklong immersive seminars were created to bring state-of-the-art medical knowledge to physicians from former Eastern Bloc countries and have expanded to include surgeons from other medically challenged nations. Since its inception, the Bone and Joint Surgery seminar has enhanced the knowledge of nearly 1,000 young orthopaedic surgeons from Albania to Zambia, and more than 43 HSS faculty members have participated by giving lectures and leading hands-on workshops.

The 2025 seminar included 33 orthopaedic surgeons from 22 countries. The program supports the education mission of HSS by providing fellows with knowledge they can take back home

and implement in their own countries. "The philosophy is that we're teaching surgeons skillsets that they'll have for the rest of their lives. There's a big push for these fellows to stay in their home countries so they can deliver amazing care to their patients," explained **Mathias P. Bostrom, MD** (Resident 1995, Fellow 1996), Associate Surgeon-in-Chief at HSS, who has participated as a faculty member for the seminar 17 times since 2000.

He had co-led the program with the late **Russell Windsor, MD** (Fellow 1993), whose participation in the seminar began in 1997 and who co-directed the seminar 13 times before his unexpected death in 2022. Dr. Bostrom now alternates

co-directing the program with **Daniel W. Green, MD** (Resident 1996), Chief of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Service at HSS, who has participated since 2002.

### Narrowing the Knowledge Gap

The AAF is a non-governmental organization established in 1984 to fortify the relationship between the United States and Austria through exchanges in medicine, science, communications, and the arts. The seminars began in 1993 as the Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminars, a collaboration between Weill Cornell Medicine and AAF, and were established by Austrian urologist **Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD**, Associate Dean for International

Medicine and Distance Learning at Weill Cornell Medicine and Medical Director of the AAF. Austria was considered a bridge between the East and West, a place where physicians from diverse national backgrounds could come together.

Over the years, AAF-OMI seminars have also addressed many other medical specialties, such as cardiology, infectious disease, neurology, psychology, OB/GYN, pediatrics, and oncology, to name just a few. Since 1993, the OMI has awarded more than 29,000 fellowships to physicians from 138 countries.

The first Bone and Joint Surgery seminar took place in 1994 and was directed by **Thomas P. Sculco, MD** (Resident 1974), HSS Surgeon-in-Chief Emeritus, collaborating with Austrian orthopaedic surgeon **Ulrich Dorn, MD**. “Wolfgang thought the American medical education system was strong because it was very Socratic and case-based,” Dr. Sculco recalled. “The Iron Curtain had come down, and it became apparent that a lot of countries — such as Bulgaria, Romania, and the Czech Republic — had not had much exposure to Western technology.”

“When the Iron Curtain fell, many in western Europe realized how badly medicine had fallen behind in Eastern Bloc countries,” Dr. Bostrom added. “Wolfgang and others were seeing it on the ground and wanted to do something.”

Dr. Sculco, a classical music fan and self-described “groupie” for the Vienna Philharmonic, has traveled to Austria annually. At a pivotal dinner in 1993, he met with Dr. Aulitzky; **Antonio Gotto, Jr., MD**, former Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine; and Clemens Hellsberg, then Vice Chair of the Vienna Philharmonic, and the idea of a weeklong seminar in orthopaedics was born. In recognition of his pivotal role, Dr. Sculco received the Austrian Cross of Honor, First Class, for Science and Art in 2013, and he became the first American to be elected as an honorary member of the Austrian Orthopedic Society.

“One of our missions at HSS is to support underserved orthopaedic surgeons and their patients, and this is one way to do

it. It has a substantial impact on young surgeons who are at the beginning of their careers,” he said.

Several faculty members from HSS and Weill Cornell Medicine are invited each year to join Austrian surgeons to present lectures and conduct workshops for 30 to 40 young English-speaking surgeons. The fellows are primarily from Central and Eastern Europe; others now hail from Africa, Asia, the former Soviet Union, Mexico, and nations in transition. An HSS orthopaedic surgeon co-directs the seminar with an Austrian surgeon. The Austrian co-director for the past several years has been **Reinhard Windhager, MD**, from Medical University of Vienna. The seminar is offered pro bono and is funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, The Open Society Foundations, and corporate and individual donors.

The first seminars were held at Schloss Leopoldskron, the building whose backyard and lakefront grounds were featured heavily in *The Sound of Music*. The AAF purchased Schloss Arenberg, a state-of-the-art cultural and scientific center within walking distance of downtown Salzburg, in 2001, making it its permanent home and moving the seminars there in 2005.

### Living and Learning Orthopaedics Together

At Schloss Arenberg, all seminar faculty and fellows spend a full week living, learning, and dining together. “The fellows were hungry for knowledge and we would teach them all day,” said Dr. Sculco. “We’d have dinner with them afterward and there would be more conversations. We worked very hard and it was very successful.”

“We had our meals with them and immersed ourselves into their world for five days,” added HSS sports medicine surgeon **Thomas L. Wickiewicz, MD** (Fellow 1978, Resident 1981), who served as a seminar faculty member four times between 1994 and 1998.

There are five to eight hours of lectures each day as well as hands-on workshops, some of which feature new equipment brought by orthopaedic device manufacturers. In its earliest days, the majority of the fellows had practices focusing on musculoskeletal trauma, so most of the lectures centered on that topic.

Since then, topics have expanded to include total joint replacement, spine surgery, and sports medicine. “Over the past 20 years, the knowledge gap has continued to narrow,” said Dr. Green, who



Mathias P. Bostrom, MD, teaches international fellows at the AAF-OMI Bone and Joint Surgery Seminar.





Claire Eliasberg, MD, demonstrates during a session.

has lectured on topics such as pediatric fractures and knee injuries. Faculty for the 2025 seminar specialized in sports medicine, knee and shoulder surgery, complex spine surgery, musculoskeletal infections, adult reconstruction, bone healing, orthopaedic oncology, and foot surgery.

"It's so exciting to see bright-eyed young physicians with whom we have a global common interest. While multiple languages are spoken at this seminar, orthopaedic surgery is a universal language that we all share," explained HSS hand and upper extremity surgeon **Lana Kang, MD** (Fellow 2005). She has participated in the AAF-OMI seminar eight times between 2007 and 2021, lecturing on topics such as hand and distal radius fractures, carpometacarpal arthritis, compression neuropathies, and elbow contractures.

### Getting By with Less

As is the case for physicians who travel abroad on medical missions, the AAF-OMI seminar can be an eye-opening opportunity for HSS faculty to see how surgeons from other countries practice their craft with fewer or different resources.

"We'd show them MRI slides, and some of them didn't even have an MRI in their

country, let alone in their hospital," Dr. Wickiewicz noted. "These were smart people who just didn't have the resources we had to work with. They couldn't comprehend the amount of work we would do in one day. The lectures we gave could be life-changing for a young orthopaedist."

Dr. Sculco recalled their different approaches to the repair of hip fractures. "They were frustrated. Their biggest complaints had to do with the lack of money in their medical systems," he noted. "They were using the Austin Moore prosthesis for hip fractures, which we used in the 1950s and 1960s before hip replacements and hadn't used for 25 to 30 years. Some were more entrepreneurial than others, eager to start their own clinics."

HSS sports medicine surgeon **Anne M. Kelly, MD**, lectured on ACL reconstruction and arthroscopic shoulder surgery at the 2006, 2016, and 2022 seminars. She recalls two doctors from the former Soviet Georgia and from Slovakia who asked her to stay late to teach them in the lab. There was also a woman from Mongolia who was the only physician in a 400-square-mile radius and another from Ingushetia. "Many of them did not have access to the kinds of resources we have," said Dr. Kelly. "It was helpful for them to see the progression of care in our

country, and how it could work for them if they could get their hands on these devices."

She added that fellows would often ask if the new tools they were learning about were disposable or reusable — and if they were disposable, how disposable. Could they maybe get two or three uses out of something? "They may use less equipment than we use or less pricey devices and do it the old-fashioned way, which for them had always worked fine," Dr. Kelly mentioned. "Everyone was excited to be together, with them not only learning from us, but us learning from them. Their enthusiasm was contagious."

### HSS Faculty Both Give and Receive

The HSS faculty who are invited each year to participate in the seminar report benefiting as much from the experience as the fellows they teach. Being together in one building for a week in a foreign country forges lasting bonds between surgeons who may not have the chance to work together often back in New York City. "The fact that we live, eat, and sleep in the same place, somewhat like a dorm setting, enables us to get to know each other better personally and professionally in a way that is not possible at a hectic national orthopaedic conference or during our regular work schedules back home in New York," said Dr. Kang.

The experience can also make an HSS surgeon better appreciate the resources and systems they have back in the United States. "It is a very worthwhile venture, and I think people are very appreciative of it — both on the side of who gets to teach and who gets to be invited as a student," said Dr. Kelly.

"This program is a great opportunity for us to share the HSS approach on how we take care of our patients and to compare it with that of surgeons from other countries," Dr. Green added. "HSS faculty have the ability to engage young orthopaedic surgeons from around the world in a well-organized, supportive environment."

Being an AAF-OMI faculty member also fortifies teaching skills. "I was exposed



## The AAF-OMI Bone and Joint Surgery Seminars

to so many fascinating backgrounds from surgeons who came from a plethora of countries. The environment is informal enough that attendees feel comfortable asking tough questions,” said HSS spine surgeon **Francis C. Lovecchio, MD** (Resident 2021, Fellow 2022), who taught fellows about cervical myelopathy and other spine-related topics at the 2025 seminar. “I don’t think many conferences have such an engaged audience. The knowledge exchange is truly extraordinary and the participants are not afraid to challenge you, which makes it a learning opportunity for all involved.”

“Although designed for us to share knowledge with the fellows, I found that their questions made me take a critical look at my own work,” added **Aleksey Dvorzhinskiy, MD, MSc** (Resident 2021), a trauma surgeon at HSS who lectured at the 2023 and 2025 seminars. In 2025, he addressed topics such as fracture healing biomechanics and elbow trauma and presented a two-hour trauma case conference. “Both sides gain insights into improving their practice, and everyone benefits.”

For sports medicine surgeon **Claire D. Eliasberg, MD** (Resident 2022, Fellow 2023), participating in the 2025 seminar provided a meaningful opportunity to give back. “The chance to teach orthopaedic techniques to residents from developing countries while also learning from their experiences and perspectives was incredibly appealing,” she explained. “The program’s mission of global education and collaboration really resonated with me.”

“For faculty, this program is an incredibly fulfilling experience,” she continued. “It’s not just about teaching — it’s about connecting with passionate young surgeons from around the world and gaining insights into how orthopaedics is practiced globally. It’s a great reminder of the global nature of our field and the importance of ongoing collaboration.”

## The Importance of Connecting with the World

In an age when online educational programs are now available at our fingertips around the clock, the AAF-OMI Bone and Joint Surgery seminar provides even more value through the in-person teaching it offers. “When you connect online, you can lose some interpersonal relationships. You may lose attention span and some of the connectivity between the learner and the teacher,” said Dr. Sculco. “When you’re in a room with an instructor and you have a question, you’re more likely to raise the question than if you are on a Zoom meeting. And walking down a hallway after a session, you may have another opportunity to speak with the instructor.”

The leadership and participation of HSS is a testament to the commitment of the Hospital to advancing orthopaedic care not only within our walls, but throughout the world — even in countries where an HSS surgeon may not step foot. “I think it’s important for HSS alumni to realize that not only is HSS a powerhouse on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, but we are also extending ourselves internationally,” Dr. Sculco added.

One-on-one relationships forged in Salzburg sometimes lead to surgeons coming to New York to visit HSS in person. Dr. Kang recalled one participant coming to HSS to do a rotation as an international guest. “I was so happy she could witness what Hospital for Special Surgery is like in ‘real life’ as opposed to HSS in a PowerPoint slide,” she noted. “When she arrived in the United States, our conversations picked up right where we had left off in Europe.”

“I’m an unapologetic globalist. I think it’s important for our alumni to know that HSS remains engaged in the world and continues to do altruistic things in various ways,” concluded Dr. Bostrom. “The large number of HSS practitioners participating as faculty in these seminars ultimately heightens the level of orthopaedic care around the world.” ■

With appreciation to Stephanie Faschang, Executive Director, Salzburg Stiftung der American Austrian Foundation, for her assistance with this article.

HSS Faculty & Alumni	Seminars Taught
Edward A. Athanasian, MD	1
Walter H.O. Bohné, MD	3
Joseph Borelli Jr., MD	1
Mathias P. Bostrom, MD	17
Robert L. Buly, MD	1
Stephen W. Burke, MD	1
Charles N. Cornell, MD	1
Joshua S. Dines, MD	3
Mark C. Drakos, MD	1
Aleksey Dvorzhinskiy, MD	2
Claire D. Eliasberg, MD	1
Scott J. Ellis, MD	4
James C. Farmer, MD	7
Stephen Fealy, MD	1
Andreas Gomoll, MD	1
Daniel W. Green, MD	9
John H. Healy, MD	2
David L. Helfet, MD	2
Jensen Henry, MD	1
Thomas Heyse, MD	6
Lana Kang, MD	8
Anne M. Kelly, MD	3
David S. Levine, MD	5
Julie T. Lin, MD	1
Francis C. Lovecchio, MD	1
John D. McGillivray, MD	1
Robert G. Marx, MD	1
David J. Mayman, MD	6
Moirá M. McCarthy, MD	1
Hollis G. Potter, MD	1
Bernard A. Rawlins, MD	4
William M. Ricci, MD	2
Thomas P. Sculco, MD	4
Alana C. Serota, MD	1
Beth E. Shubin Stein, MD	1
Stephanie Swensen Buza, MD	1
Andrew J. Weiland, MD	2
David S. Wellman, MD	3
Thomas L. Wickiewicz, MD	4
Riley J. Williams III, MD	1
Russell E. Windsor, MD	13
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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING



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**A:** Dermot O'Farrell, MCh, FRCSI, FRCSOrth, with his daughters, Sarah, Emma, and Caroline, his son, Andrew, and wife, Julie  
**B:** Robert G. Marx, MD, Friedrich Boettner, MD, Eileen O'Holleran, Jim O'Holleran, MD **C:** Matthew M. Roberts, MD, Ericka von Kaeppler, MD, Taylor Cogsil, MD **D:** Full house at the 106th Alumni Association Annual Meeting in the Richard L. Menschel Conference Center **E:** Sunita S. Dhawlikar, MD, Jose A. Rodriguez, MD, Sripad H. Dhawlikar, MD



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## The 106th Alumni Association Annual Meeting



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**F:** Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Domenick J. Sisto, MD, Laura Kondra Sisto **G:** Joel M. Press, MD, and Louis S. Bridges Jr., MD  
**H:** Caroline Rossi, Olatunde Badejo, MD, Rajiv Reddy, MD **I:** Luis Colon, MD, Stephane Owusu-Sarpong, MD, Andrew Hecht, MD, Sheeraz Qureshi, MD, MBA, Farah Musharbash, MD, Quante Singleton, MD **J:** Desiree Carrino, John A. Carrino, MD, MPH, Melissa Elliott **K:** Douglas E. Padgett, MD, John T. Braun, MD, Todd J. Albert, MD **L:** Douglas E. Padgett, MD, Christopher M. Brusalis, MD, Jose A. Rodriguez, MD **M:** Thomas P. Sculco, MD, David B. Levine, MD



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## The 106th Alumni Association Annual Meeting



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**A:** Registrants and Continuing Education Staff at the start of the meeting **B:** Scott D. Boden, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief Pro-Tempore **C:** Attendees of the Orthopaedic Trauma Breakout Session **D:** John C. Edwards, MD, John T. Braun, MD, G. Hadley Callaway, MD, Andrew V. Slucky, MD **E:** David B. Levine, MD, and Doreen L. Johnson, MSN, RN, ONC, present the Coley Historical Society Annual Lecture **F:** Alumni fill the room during a morning session.



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# INTRODUCING THE 2024 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS



At the 106th Alumni Association Annual Meeting last fall, five distinguished orthopaedic surgeons were honored. Meet them as they speak about their careers and what their experience at HSS has meant to them.

## **Russell F. Warren, MD**

Resident 1973

HSS Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon

Surgeon-in-Chief Emeritus

Honor: Distinguished Alumnus Award



Most orthopaedic and sports medicine physicians know that Russell Warren is internationally renowned for his sports medicine expertise. They know him as an exemplary shoulder surgeon who co-developed the most widely used shoulder replacement system in the world. They know he's trained hundreds of residents and fellows. But what many may not know is that

Russell Warren, who played football for Columbia College, once played professional football himself.

"I got drafted by the Jets but signed with the Giants," Dr. Warren recalled. "I was there about a week before I got cut." He subsequently played football for the Providence Steamrollers before going to medical school at SUNY Upstate Medical University, where he earned his medical degree in 1966. Those experiences would herald a career that later included serving three decades as team physician for the Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

**"HSS has been a great place for me and my family. Knowing all of you has been a big part of my life."**

—Russell F. Warren, MD

Dr. Warren completed his general surgery residency at St. Luke's Hospital, followed by a two-year deployment to Vietnam as Lt. Commander for the U.S. Navy. He received the U.S. Navy Medal of Commendation in 1969. He came to HSS to pursue his

orthopaedic surgery residency, followed by a shoulder surgery fellowship at Columbia under Charles S. Neer II, MD.

After three years in private practice in Virginia, Dr. Warren returned to the academic environment of HSS that he had been missing. Working with the late John Marshall, MD, who founded the HSS Sports Medicine Service, he expanded his expertise in knee surgery and sports medicine. After Dr. Marshall died in a plane crash enroute to the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, where he was to serve as team physician for the U.S. Olympic Ski Team, Dr. Warren became Chief of the Sports Medicine Service.

In the decades to follow, he and his HSS colleagues advanced arthroscopic surgery for the treatment of shoulder injuries and ACL tears, developed the Biomet Comprehensive Shoulder system in collaboration with **David M. Dines, MD**, conducted pioneering soft tissue research, and published more than 500 papers. As Surgeon-in-Chief of HSS from 1993 to 2003, Dr. Warren's leadership led to more than a tripling of the caseload — from 6,000 to 20,000 — and the establishment of the Women's Sports Medicine Center with **Jo A. Hannafin, MD, PhD**, and **Lisa R. Callahan, MD**, the Physiatry Service with



Russell F. Warren received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Douglas E. Padgett, MD (left), and Jose A. Rodriguez, MD

## 2024 Alumni Award Recipients (continued)

**Gregory E. Lutz, MD**, and the Primary Sports Medicine Service with **Brian C. Halpern, MD**. Dr. Warren has especially enjoyed training orthopaedic and sports medicine residents and fellows. As team physician for the Giants, he established a program where two fellows each season alternated weeks being on the field with the team so they could expand their knowledge of the care of professional athletes.

Dr. Warren maintains that at HSS, trainees can become who they want to be. "Write down your own questions and gradually see which ones you want to try to get an answer to," he said. "I've told residents and fellows that when they come to HSS, this place will help them be as good as they want to be."

**Dermot O'Farrell, MCh, FRCSI, FRCSOrth**  
Fellow 1997 and 1998  
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Croom Orthopaedic Hospital and University Hospital Limerick, Ireland  
Honor: Pier Giorgio Marchetti, MD, International Award



Established in 2010, this award recognizes outstanding lifetime achievement in orthopaedic surgery by an international fellow who trained at HSS. Dr. O'Farrell is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at Croom Orthopaedic Hospital and University Hospital Limerick in Ireland. He completed three fellowships during his training, including a hand surgery fellowship at Duke University. He

came to HSS in 1997, where he spent six months as a spine surgery fellow, followed by a one-year fellowship in shoulder and knee surgery.

At the time of his training, Ireland was experiencing a shortage of orthopaedic surgeons. "My training at HSS was the best preparation anyone could have," Dr. O'Farrell explained. "I was able to bring these procedures home to Ireland, where they were not being done routinely."

**"The people I worked with at HSS are not just colleagues, but lifelong friends."**

—Dermot O'Farrell, MCh, FRCSI, FRCSOrth

His career has been enormously gratifying. "I get tremendous satisfaction seeing a young person go back to playing their favorite sport and older folks go back to doing their normal daily activities in a pain-free manner," he said. "I feel humbled because it's such a privilege for me to operate on them and improve their quality of life."



Dermot O'Farrell, MCh, FRCSI, FRCSOrth receives the Pier Giorgio Marchetti, MD, Award from Douglas E. Padgett, MD and Jose A. Rodriguez, MD

In addition to caring for patients, Dr. O'Farrell has been involved in orthopaedic research and the teaching of medical students, residents, and junior colleagues. He has also chaired orthopaedic meetings in Ireland, such as the Irish Orthopaedic Association.

Dr. O'Farrell's family — including his wife, Julie, his son, his three daughters and their partners, and one grandchild — accompanied him to the awards ceremony at HSS. "We had four children under the age of 7 when we were living in Manhattan during my fellowship," he remembered. "So we have a special affinity for this city."

He encourages trainees to learn new procedures so they can build a practice, keep up with the latest medical and surgical technologies, and always bear in mind that the patient and their dignity come first. Along the educational journey, however, it's important to remember one's family members. "The job is so all-consuming that we can sometimes forget we really need to spend quality time with our loved ones," said Dr. O'Farrell.



Dr. O'Farrell's family joined him at the November meeting to celebrate his award.



## 2024 Alumni Award Recipients (continued)

### William Fred Hess, MD

Emeritus Chief of Spine Surgery, Janet Weiss Children's Hospital, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA

Honor: Andrew N. Swanson, MD, Memorial Spine Award



Established in 2009, this award honors the memory of Andrew Swanson, MD, a spine surgeon who had been a resident at HSS (2005) and participated in regular humanitarian work before his death in 2009 in a mountain climbing accident. It is awarded to an HSS alumnus who has excelled in spine education, research, practice, or humanitarian efforts.

This year's recipient, Dr. Hess, did not train at HSS but joined HSS alumni in humanitarian work — particularly missions with Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD, former Chief of the HSS Scoliosis Service, at the FOCOS Orthopaedic Hospital in Accra, Ghana starting in 2002. Dr. Hess and his family members also participated in Families for Missions and other humanitarian trips which took him to countries such as Haiti, Jamaica, Ecuador, and Barbados.

Dr. Hess received his medical degree from the University of South Florida in Tampa, where he also completed his general surgery internship and orthopaedic surgery residency. He then completed the Rae R. Jacobs Spine Fellowship at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He has had a distinguished career treating adults and children with all types of spine disorders — including spine trauma, scoliosis, kyphosis, tumors, and post-traumatic deformities — and has performed complex reconstructive spine procedures.

**"As you're going through your residency, find something that you trust that directs you where to go and what you want to do."**

—William Fred Hess, MD

"The blessings that we have and the way we apply our trade and learn to take care of people has a long-lasting legacy for our patients," Dr. Hess told the audience at the annual meeting. "It's even more important when you can do that for people who would never have the opportunity to provide the care we're able to provide. That's the beauty of being in missions."

### Christopher M. Brusalis, MD

Resident 2022

HSS Sports Medicine Surgeon

Honor: Lance Peters, MD, Memorial Biomechanics Award



This award was established by the Residency Class of 1999 and recognizes a current or recent HSS-trained researcher for an outstanding published paper in biomechanics research. Dr. Lance Peters completed his residency at HSS in 1999 and a fellowship in 2001. The award was created in recognition of his extensive involvement in biomechanics during his orthopaedic training. Dr. Brusalis received this award for his paper

"Medial Meniscus Posterior Root Tears Lead to Changes in Joint Contact Mechanisms at Low Flexion Angles During Simulated Gait," which was published in the *American Journal of Sports Medicine* in January 2024.

He earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, followed by an orthopaedic residency at HSS in 2022, a sports medicine fellowship at Rush University, and the North American Traveling Fellowship. "Our treatments, both nonsurgical and surgical, are quite successful at returning patients to the activities that give their life meaning," said Dr. Brusalis. "I especially love when I treat one family member, who then refers their spouse, parent, or grandparent to me. It's a truly rewarding way to practice medicine."

**"No institution is as well-suited as HSS to simultaneously treat patients and study contemporary interventions to improve them for future patients."**

—Christopher M. Brusalis, MD

In his study, Dr. Brusalis and his colleagues studied the impact of meniscal root tears on knee function during a normal gait. They tested cadaveric knees using state-of-the-art biomechanical sensors and reported that meniscal root tears increase knee loading throughout much of the gait cycle.

"This study reflects the collaboration of an interdisciplinary team of surgeons and biomechanical engineers at HSS," he explained. "Our findings have implications for both the treatment and post-surgical rehabilitation of patients with meniscal root injuries."

## 2024 Alumni Award Recipients [\(continued\)](#)

### Matthew M. Roberts, MD

Resident 2002

Chief Emeritus, HSS Foot and Ankle Service

Honor: 2024 Alumni Association President



Dr. Roberts was in college when he began thinking about medical school. He spent a summer volunteering in a Bronx hospital emergency department and felt inspired to follow medicine as a path. After graduating from Rice University, he earned a medical degree at the University of Texas in Houston and completed an orthopaedic residency at HSS in 2002. Dr. Roberts then spent a

year in Seattle pursuing a fellowship in foot and ankle surgery at Harborview Medical Center. A specialty in foot and ankle surgery appealed to him for its need and complexity. "You can treat a wide range of problems — sports, reconstruction, trauma, older people, younger people — and offer a diverse set of solutions," he noted.

In his practice, Dr. Roberts offers his expertise in Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, bunions, foot deformities, and trauma. Leading HSS' Foot and Ankle Service from 2013 to 2024 into one of the best in the country and educating residents have been highlights of his work. "I have gotten to know a great group of people and hopefully positively influenced their experience here," Dr. Roberts said. He estimates having trained more than 200 residency graduates over the past 22 years, and in 2019, was honored to receive the Nancy Kane Bischoff Award for Resident Mentorship from HSS' graduating residents. During the past few years, with the support of the Foot and Ankle Service, Dr. Roberts and his wife, Ann, began a new tradition welcoming residents and fellows to the Hudson Valley for a Saturday afternoon of apple picking, lunch, and fall foliage — just one small way to encourage them to remember work-life balance. "Much like my mentors at HSS did for me," he recalled.

As President of the HSS Alumni Association, Dr. Roberts welcomed the 2024 Annual Meeting attendees and encouraged alumni to visit. "The residencies and fellowships are strong," he said. "We hope that you stay in touch, come back, and pay us a visit." ■

**"The place that you remember is evolving, but our core values are the same."**

—Matthew M. Roberts, MD

## Welcome Our 2024 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

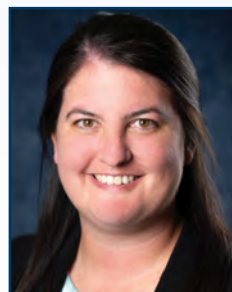
The **Class Representative Initiative** is a network of HSS alumni who act as liaisons between the Office of Alumni Affairs and their peers. The HSS Education Institute and Office of Alumni Affairs partner with Class Reps throughout the year to provide updates about career and personal milestones and inform their peers of upcoming Alumni Association programs and events.

We recognize our newest class, and welcome members of the **Class of 2024** to connect with them.



### Nicole Angelo, DO, MS

Physiatry Class Rep  
HSS Westchester  
White Plains, NY



### Allison L. Boden, MD

Foot and Ankle Class Rep  
University of Louisville  
Department of Orthopedic  
Surgery  
Louisville, KY





**Kevin J. DiSilvestro, MD**

Spine Class Rep  
St. Vincent Hospital  
Worcester, MA



**Ayoosh Pareek, MD**

Sports Medicine Class Rep  
HSS Sports Medicine  
Institute  
New York, NY



**Mackenzie Grasso, MD**

Hand and Upper  
Extremity Class Rep  
University of Miami,  
Orthopaedic Trauma Fellow  
Miami, FL  
*Starting Practice in September:*  
Grady Memorial Hospital Emory  
School of Medicine  
Atlanta, GA



**Victor Qi, MD**

Anesthesiology Class Rep  
Saint Louis, MO  
Washington University



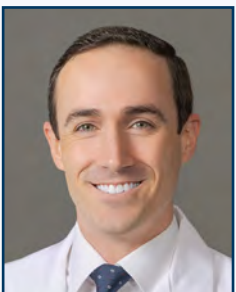
**Zenas Igbinoba, MD**

Radiology Class Rep  
HSS  
New York, NY



**Ryan Thacher, MD**

2024 Resident Class Rep  
HSS Sports Medicine  
Fellowship  
New York, NY



**Drake G. LeBrun, MD, MPH**

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Remember that you can use the Alumni directory at [hss.edu/alumni](https://hss.edu/alumni) to connect with colleagues across the globe.

It features a searchable map and allows you to find alumni by name, city, state, country and specialty—within a radius of a specific address or city. Contact [alumni@hss.edu](mailto:alumni@hss.edu) if you need the password. ■



# 106<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES | November 1, 2024 | 7:00 – 7:30 am ET

### *Surgeon-in-Chief Report*

**Douglas E. Padgett,  
MD**

- Reviewed Medical Leadership Transitions
- Reviewed Current State HSS Academics
- Bike HSS – Fundraising Initiative – \$2.7 million raised in 2024
- Alumni Association Networking Events held at: AOSSM, AOFAS, ASSH, and AAHKS Meetings
- HSS Presents Podcast Network Conversations Continue
- Reviewed and Approved Bylaws Updates (see below)
- Welcomed 61st Surgeon-in-Chief Pro-Tempore, Scott D. Boden, MD

**Review and Approve Bylaws Updates** | The “new approved definition” updates were approved during the business meeting. A motion by Douglas E. Padgett, MD, was seconded by Jose A. Rodriguez, MD and Todd J. Albert, MD, approved by majority vote, and passed.

	Previous Definition	New Approved Definition
<b>Honorary Members</b>	No specifics as to who constitutes this membership group	Specify that “The Surgeon-in-Chief Pro-Tempore, Physician-in-Chief Pro-Tempore, and the Chief Scientific Officer Pro-Tempore elected at each annual meeting shall be deemed Honorary Members.” Leave category somewhat open ended for flexibility.
<b>Emeritus Status</b>	Members who have reached the age of 60 and retired from the practice of medicine or research <b>may request</b> Emeritus Status	Members who have reached the age of 65 and retired from the practice of medicine or research <b>automatically granted</b> Emeritus Status
<b>Committee Structure</b>	Subcommittees include Nominating Committee, Alumni Meeting Planning Committee, Alumni Affairs Planning Committee, Finance Subcommittee, and Alumni News Editorial Committee	Maintain the Nominating Committee; Alumni Affairs Committee will conduct the affairs previously undertaken by the Alumni Meeting Planning, Finance Subcommittee, and <i>Alumni News</i> Editorial Committees
<b>Role of the Secretary/ Treasurer in Funds Oversight</b>	Secretary/Treasurer makes a full report in writing at the Annual Meeting	Secretary/Treasurer makes a full report in writing at the Annual Meeting, as well as Annual Financial Report to the Alumni Affairs Committee
<b>Update Nomenclature</b>	Education Division, Manager Alumni Affairs, Mention of to-be-eliminated Subcommittees	Education Institute, Office of Education Development & Alumni Affairs, remove mention of to-be-eliminated subcommittees



## Alumni Association Reports

### *HSS President and Chief Executive Officer Report*

**Bryan T. Kelly, MD, MBA**

- Provided overview of Strategic Priorities
- 2025 Accolades – US News and World Report, Newsweek, and Healthgrades
- Executive Leadership Updates
- Announced HSS Institute for Movement and Longevity – upcoming 80,000 sq ft facility on 80th Street
- Shared observations and opportunities (Profitability, Shift to Outpatient, Consolidation, New Market Entrants)
- Introduced Transform for Tomorrow Initiative

### *Alumni Association President Report*

**Matthew M. Roberts, MD**

- Reviewed Alumni Membership Benefits
- 2024 Alumni Dues Roster – “Thank you” to the 300+ who paid their dues
- Join us in San Diego at the AAOS Alumni Reception – Thursday, March 13, 2025 – Top of the Market
- Save the Date for the 107th Annual Alumni Association Meeting – Friday, November 7, 2025
- Shared In Memoriam – Wendall “Bill” Adams, Jr., MD; William J. Bruton, MD; Harris Allen Freed, MD; Paul F. Lachiewicz, MD; Emerald S. K. Lin, MD; Gregory E. Lutz, MD; G. Dean MacEwen, MD; Howard Anthony Rose, MD; Paul M. Pellicci, MD; James P. Smith, MD
- Reminder of 2025 Alumni Association President – **David C. Markel, MD**
- Announced 2026 Alumni Association President – **David M. Dines, MD**
- Dr. Roberts made a call for volunteers to join him on the 2027 Nominating Committee: **Dr. Jo A. Hannafin** and **Dr. Andrew Sama** were selected

### *Alumni Association Financial Report*

**Jose A. Rodriguez, MD**  
(Reporting for Michael C. Fu, MD, MHS)

- Reviewed Direct Income and Operating Expenses
- Reviewed Alumni Association Specific Purpose Funds
- Provided year over year dues summary 2023→2024
- 2024 Dues to Date: 380 payments compared to 372 payments in 2023 Dues
- Alumni Fund & Philanthropy, Why Give?
- Investing in the ongoing education and training of future leaders
  - Supports education initiatives like SLTC and SLTC Visiting Alumni Program, Library and Archives,
  - Social engagements (like the Resident BBQ at 310)
- 2023 Alumni Donations include \$47,794 to the following funds:
  - Alumni Association General Fund
  - Kim Barrett Memorial Library
  - Lance Peters, MD
  - Gigi Viellion Nursing Scholarship Fund
- Presented the Adopt-A-Book Program:  
There are still historic books that are available for adoption; books that are adopted will have a name plate with the donor’s name on the inside cover



# Awards & Accolades

## Residents



Thomas P. Sculco, MD, accepting recognition for his work in diversity at the 2025 American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Meeting in San Diego, CA in March.

**Thomas P. Sculco, MD** (Resident 1974), was presented with the AAOS 2025 Diversity Award in recognition of his work to establish lasting infrastructures that have enhanced diversity among orthopaedic surgeons.

**David M. Dines, MD** (Resident 1979), was named a 2025 Healthcare Hero by *Long Island Business News*. In 2024, he earned a lifetime achievement award from the Middle Atlantic Shoulder and Elbow Society.



David M. Dines, MD

**Dennis Sullivan, MD** (Resident 1985, Fellow 1982), has been recognized by USA Hockey with the Dr. Alan Ashare Excellence in Safety Award for 25 years of serving U.S. hockey players. It honors individuals who positively impact the

safety of the game and go above and beyond to make hockey a safer game for all participants. He has been the team physician for the U.S. Under-17 Select Team 23 times at the Under-17 Five Nations Tournament. Dr. Sullivan has also worked for U.S. teams at the Hlinka Gretzky Cup, Deutschland Cup and the IIHF Men's World Championship among other events. He currently specializes in knee and shoulder surgery at Central Maine Healthcare.

**Brian J. Cole, MD, MBA** (Resident 1996), was selected by the AAOS and OREF as the winner of the OREF Clinical Research Award. The submitted paper was "Optimizing Patient Outcomes Following Osteochondral Allograft Transplantation The Impact of 25 Years of Translational and Clinical Research" along with authors Adam Yanke, MD, PhD, Jorge Chahla, MD, Rachael Frank, MD, Ron Gilat, MD and Susan Chubinskaya, PhD.

**Riley J. Williams III, MD** (Resident 1997, Fellow 1998), has been named Chief of the Sports Medicine Institute at HSS. His appointment began in March 2025, he succeeds **Andrew J. Pearle, MD** (Resident 2004, Fellow 2005), who led the institute since 2019.

**Bryan T. Kelly, MD, MBA** (Resident 2001, Fellow 2003), was named among the 2024 Power Players in Healthcare list by

@PoliticsNYnews and @amNewYork and one of New York's 2025 Trailblazers in Healthcare by @CityandStateNY.

**James E. Voos, MD** (Resident 2009, Fellow 2010), was unanimously elected President of the NFL Physicians Society (NFLPS). Dr. Voos has served as Head Team Physician for the Cleveland Browns since 2014.

**Peter J. Millet, MD** (Resident 2000), was recently appointed to the Board of Overseers for Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Foundation Board of Trustees. Additionally, he has been recognized as the top world expert in rotator cuff as quantified by Expertscape.

**Anna M. Miller, MD** (Resident 2010), has been named Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

**Claire D. Eliasberg, MD** (Resident 2022, Fellow 2023), received the 2024 New Investigator Grant from the OREF. Dr. Eliasberg also received the Clinician-Scientist Award for the Tendon Section at the 2025 Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) Annual Meeting.



Leigh Ann Curl, MD (Fellow 1995), was honored with the Outstanding NFL Head Team Physician at PFATs this spring. Pictured here is Dr. Curl with an impressive number of NFL team physicians with ties to HSS!



## Awards & Accolades (continued)

### Fellows

**Jane E. Salmon, MD** (Fellow 1983) was appointed as Treasurer by the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) during ACR Convergence 2024.

**Leigh Ann Curl, MD** (Fellow 1995) was recognized as an outstanding NFL head team physician with the prestigious Jerry "Hawk" Rhea Award by the Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society (PFATS) at the NFLPS Annual Scientific Meeting and Symposium during the NFL Scouting Combine. The award is given annually to the NFL team physician who has made the greatest contributions to both the NFL and the profession of athletic training. Dr. Curl is recognized for her decades of dedicated service to NFL players, serving as the Head Team Orthopaedist for the Baltimore Ravens since 1998. She was previously the President of the NFLPS.



Michael L. Parks, MD, will assume the presidency of the AAOS Board of Directors in 2027.

**Michael L. Parks, MD** (Fellow 1997) was named second vice president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Directors.

**Enrique Goytizolo, MD** (Fellow 1998), **Danielle Ludwin, MD** (Fellow 2007), and **Rana Movahedi, MD**, (Fellow 2008) were recognized as ASRA Pain Medicine Spotlight Members in 2024.

**Timothy B. Niewold, MD, FAACR** (Fellow 2007) has been named amongst the recipients of the @LupusResearch Translational Bridge Awards.

**Xinning "Tiger" Li, MD** (Fellow 2012), and **Miho Tanaka, MD** (Fellow 2012), are



The Class of 2024 Regional Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine Fellows Graduation Dinner

participating in the AOA-American British Canadian (ABC) Traveling Fellowship in May and June in the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand.

**Michael P. Ast, MD** (Fellow 2013) is newly elected to The Knee Society.

**Brian P. Chalmers, MD** (Fellow 2020), received the 2024 Career Development Grant from the OREF.

**Stephen C. Haskins, MD** (Fellow 2013) has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine (ASRA).

**Stephanie Cheng, MD** (Fellow 2014) has been promoted to Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology, Weill Cornell Medicine. In addition, Dr. Cheng received the 2025 Excellence in Education Award at the 50th Annual ASRA Meeting in May.

**Laura Moore, MD, PhD** (Fellow 2023), is a New Investigator Grant recipient from OREF 2025.

**Mark Amirtharaj, MD** (Fellow 2025), and **Antonio Cusano, MD** (Fellow 2024), were selected as the highest ranked research presentations in knee and shoulder, respectively, at the West Point Fellows' Day Research Symposium in June 2024.

### HSS Staff

**S. Louis Bridges Jr., MD**, was recognized as Master of the American College of Rheumatology at the annual meeting in November 2024. Dr. Bridges was also selected as the new editor-in-chief of *Arthritis & Rheumatology*.

**Laura Robbins, DSW**, was presented with the Hospital for Special Surgery 2024 Wholeness of Life Award honoring her dedication to whole-person care.



Henry S. King, RN, ONC, was presented the Gigi Viellion Nursing Education Scholarship Award by (left to right) Peter D. Fabricant, MD, MPH, Laura Robbins, DSW, Martha O'Brasky-Crawley, MPA, and Brandon Schneider, MS.

On February 25, 2025 the **Georgette "Gigi" Viellion, RN, ONC, Orthopaedic Nursing Education Scholarship Award** was presented to **Henry S. King, RN, ONC**, for his significant contributions to the HSS community. This award, from the HSS Alumni Association, celebrates the life and legacy of one of the most highly regarded orthopaedic nurse leaders and her dedication to the education and the advancement of nursing practice. Henry used the award to attend the 45th Annual Congress of the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON) in May 2025, and is excited to share the information learned with fellow nursing staff members.

# Class Notes

## Residents/Fellows

Father/son duo and HSS alumni **Mark F. Sherman, MD** (Fellow 1980) and **Seth L. Sherman, MD** (Resident 2010) had the adventure of a lifetime fly fishing for trout in New Zealand in January 2025



Drs. Mark and Seth Sherman display a prize catch during their recent trip to New Zealand.

**Shevaun Doyle, MD** (Resident 1997) and **Jessica Heyer, MD** (HSS Faculty) hosted an interactive workshop in January with the Perry Initiative to inspire and encourage high school girls to pursue careers in orthopaedic surgery and engineering.

Any other Alumni working with the Perry Initiative at their institution? We'd love to hear from you, please reach out to [alumni@hss.edu](mailto:alumni@hss.edu).



PGY-3 Resident Taylor Cogsil, MD, conducts a demonstration during a Perry Initiative program session.

**Troy Amen, MD, MBA** (PGY-5) held a session in January of the Hope Medical Scholars, a nonprofit he founded during his years at Harvard Medical School and has brought to HSS during his residency. The program offers transformative opportunities for students from West Side Chicago. 16 high school students attended the latest session, with outstanding support from the HSS Surgical Learning and Training Center staff and residents **Lina Ibrahim, MD, MSc** (PGY-4), and **Samuel Boas, MD** (PGY-3).



This is the 8th year that the Hope Medical Scholars Program has been offered to high school students from Chicago, where Dr. Amen previously taught.

## HSS Faculty

On November 7, 2024, HSS Sports Medicine hosted the **inaugural Thomas L. Wickiewicz Lectureship** to honor the incredible legacy of Dr. Wickiewicz, who has dedicated his career to advancing the field through innovative research and mentoring the next generation of orthopedic leaders. The event featured Dr. Armando Vidal of The Steadman Clinic (Denver, CO) as the guest lecturer, who delivered an engaging talk on "Knee Osteotomies—Where We Were and Where We Are Going."



HSS Team Physicians for the New York Liberty

New York Liberty team physicians **Gabriella E. Ode, MD** (Fellow 2019), **Benedict Nwachukwu, MD, MBA** (Resident 2018), **James N. Robinson, MD** (HSS Faculty), **Ashley V. Austin, MD** (HSS Faculty), **Anne Holland Johnson, MD**, (Resident 2006, Fellow 2007) and **Riley J. Williams III, MD** (Resident 1997, Fellow 1998), supported the WNBA team on their way to winning their first championship in franchise history, and the first New York basketball championship in 15 years. They wish the team good luck with the 2025 season and their quest for a repeat!



## Keep us informed. What's New?

Let your fellow alumni know about recent career accomplishments, awards, research, publications, family milestones, and volunteer/humanitarian projects. We would like to share your updates in an upcoming issue of the *HSS Alumni News* magazine. Send your updates to [alumni@hss.edu](mailto:alumni@hss.edu).



# HSS Alumni gather at **NATIONAL MEETINGS**



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**AOSSM DENVER** JULY 2024



**AOFAS VANCOUVER** SEPTEMBER 2024



**ASSH MINNEAPOLIS** SEPTEMBER 2024

# A PROMISE OF WORLD-LEADING EXCELLENCE



The HSS 'blue box'. It's more than a logo. It represents a promise of world-leading excellence we make to the patients and communities we serve every day, and to each other. It represents the institution that provided superior education and training that shaped our orthopaedic careers. The institution that offered mentorship, camaraderie, and inspiration.

As the new Secretary/Treasurer for the Alumni Association, I was curious about what it takes to sustain our esteemed network of colleagues, mentors, leaders, and friends – the network that sustains our connection to HSS.

## What I found out might surprise you.

Of course, the day-to-day operations of the Alumni Association, not to mention the various social engagements throughout the year, our CME-accredited annual meeting, the production and distribution of Alumni News, among other benefits require people, time, and resources.

What I did not realize until becoming Secretary/Treasurer is just what an enormous undertaking all of this is: upwards of **\$500,000 per year**. What's more, the Alumni Association is nearly **100% externally funded** via Alumni Dues and donations to the Alumni Association General Fund and other specific purpose funds.

\$500,000 is a lofty number – but with more than 2,000 active Alumni it's certainly not out of reach.

**Please join me in donating to the Alumni Association today and give the gift of excellence.**

Thank you for your generosity and continued support,



Michael C. Fu, MD, MHS  
Secretary/Treasurer  
HSS Alumni Association

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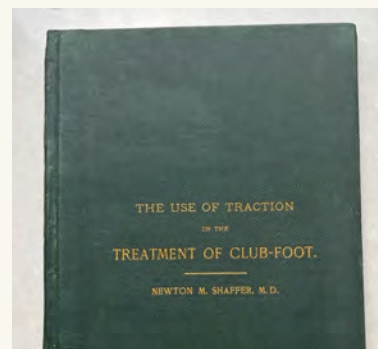
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Adult Reconstruction and Joint  
Replacement

**Matthew G. Bertram, MD**  
Attending Anesthesiologist  
Anesthesiology

**Lan Zhou**  
Neurologist-in-Chief  
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Jonathan Sobel Department  
of Neurology

### MAY 2024

**Elizabeth M. Manejias, MD**  
Attending Physiatrist  
Physiatry  
Fellow 2008, HSS Staff  
2008-2021

### JUNE 2024

**Nicholas A. Davis, MD**  
Attending Anesthesiologist  
Anesthesiology

**Richard S. Kijowski, MD**  
Attending Radiologist  
Radiology

### JULY 2024

**Dylan F. Bennett, MD**  
Attending Physician  
Primary Sports Medicine  
Fellow 2023

**Elaine A. Cong, MD**  
Attending Physician  
Endocrinology

**Diego Jaramillo, MD**  
Attending Radiologist  
Director, Pediatric Imaging  
Radiology

### AUGUST 2024

**Melody Hrubes, MD, FACS**  
Attending Physiatrist  
Medical Director, Performing Arts  
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Physiatry

**Zenas O. Igbinoba, MD**  
Attending Radiologist  
Radiology  
Fellow 2024

**Michael J. Kelly, MD**  
Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon  
Spine  
Fellow 2024

**Saritha Kosarussavadi, MD, MS**  
Attending Neurologist  
Neurology

**Sergio A. Munoz-Correa, MD**  
Attending Anesthesiologist  
Anesthesiology

**Amy A. Skaria, MD**  
Attending Physician  
Director, Youth Sports Medicine  
Program  
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**Lauren N. Stafford, MD**  
Attending Anesthesiologist  
Anesthesiology

**Christian R. Tilley, MD**  
Attending Anesthesiologist  
Anesthesiology  
Fellow 2024

### SEPTEMBER 2024

**Nicole M. Angelo, DO, MS**  
Attending Physiatrist  
Physiatry  
Fellow 2024

**Genna Braverman, MD, MS**  
Attending Physician  
Rheumatology  
Fellow 2024

**Kyle W. Morse, MD**  
Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon  
Spine  
Resident 2023

**Brian J. Page, MD**  
Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon  
Trauma  
Fellow 2023 and 2024

**Ayoosh Pareek, MD**  
Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon  
Sports Medicine  
Fellow 2024

**Vikas Shahi, MD**  
Attending Physician  
Primary Sports Medicine

**Matthew E. Sikina, MD**  
Attending Physician  
Primary Sports Medicine

### OCTOBER 2024

**Elizabeth E. Brown, MD**  
Attending Physiatrist  
Physiatry

**Tiana S. Woolridge, MD, MPH**  
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### Paul F. Lachiewicz, MD

**Resident 1982 and Fellow 1983**

It is with heavy hearts that we note the passing on May 5, 2024 of alumnus **Paul F. Lachiewicz, MD**. Dr. Lachiewicz was a consulting professor at Duke Ortho and an attending surgeon at the Durham VA Medical Center, with a career focus on total hip and knee arthroplasty. He was an AOA graduate of Weill Cornell Medical College and completed his residency and fellowship at HSS. Following fellowship, he joined the faculty of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at UNC-Chapel Hill before retiring in 2009 at the rank of Professor.

Dr. Lachiewicz was a member of the Southern Orthopaedic Association since 1985 and served on the Board of Directors as Program Chair and President in 2011. In 2023, he received the SOA L. Andrew Koman, MD, Distinguished Southern Orthopaedist Award at its 40th annual meeting. Dr. Lachiewicz was also an active member of the Knee Society, the International Hip Society, and the Hip Society serving as President in 2014. A prolific researcher and investigator, Dr. Lachiewicz had over 200 scientific papers and book chapters specializing in clinical research on thromboembolism prophylaxis, total hip and knee revision surgery, and peri-operative pain management.

Paul was a vocal and loyal alumnus of HSS. He loved to share his memories of his time in New York and the tremendous impact that HSS had on his career.

The HSS Alumni Association extends deepest condolences to Paul's wife, Dr. Ave Lachiewicz, their five children and many grandchildren, and to all other friends and family.



### Wendall "Bill" William Adams Jr., MD

**Resident 1984**

We are saddened to share that our colleague, **Wendall "Bill" William Adams Jr., MD**, passed peacefully on September 21, 2024, in Gig Harbor, WA. Dr. Adams was born to Wendall and Helene Adams in Cleveland, OH, on September 5, 1949. He received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University, and then served in the Army Reserve, before attending medical school at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Adams undertook residency training at Hospital for Special Surgery, graduating in 1984. He met his wife, Nancy, a floor nurse at HSS, when he was a resident. They fondly remember many good times spent at the Caspary Estate during those years.

He completed a fellowship in orthopaedic trauma at San Francisco General Hospital and practiced orthopaedics and sports medicine at the Rainier Orthopedic Institute in Puyallup, WA. He was a member of the Washington State Medical Association, PCMA, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Adams was a wonderful man who gave much to his family, friends, and community. He was a warm, compassionate person, filled with thoughtfulness and laughter.

We extend condolences to his wife, Nancy Adams, two daughters, Katherine Olshan and Lauren Brazas, and two grandchildren, Arthur Olshan and Ruby Brazas.





### Harris Alan Freed, MD

**Fellow 1988**

**Harris Alan Freed, MD**, died peacefully at home in State College, PA, on April 6, 2024. Born March 20, 1957, in Miami, Florida, he was the oldest son of the late Sanford Freed and the late Marilyn Indgin Freed. He is survived by his wife, Amy Schlein Freed, whom he married on July 4, 2011, and his beloved 'boys', his dogs, Duncan and Hamish.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by five children from his first marriage, Erica, Jeremy, Cameron, Meredith, and Adrienne, and their significant others; six grandchildren; and two brothers, Dr. Mitchell Freed (Holly) of Orlando, FL, and Glenn Freed (Chrislynn) of Glendale, CA. He was also predeceased by his brother, Warren Freed.

Dr. Freed had a passion for sports and more precisely for the Olympic Games all his life. In 1976, he and his three brothers traveled to Montreal to attend the 1976 Games. His enthusiasm for the Olympics would be reignited 20 years later in 1996, when he was chosen as a medical officer for the Olympic Games being held that year in Atlanta. As a radiologist, sports medicine would become the focus of his practice.

In 1979, Dr. Freed graduated from the University of Massachusetts with an undergraduate degree in Kinesiology. He graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine (now Miller School of Medicine), attending on a Board of Trustees Scholarship. Dr. Freed completed his residency in radiology in Canton, Ohio, and a musculoskeletal radiology fellowship at HSS. He practiced radiology at the Cleveland Clinic and later at Meridia Hillcrest Hospital, both in Cleveland, Ohio, for 15 years. Later his career took him back to his native Florida before he accepted his final post in State College, Pennsylvania.

### William J. Bruton, MD

**Resident 1967, Fellow 1968**

**William J. Bruton, MD**, of Concord, NH, and Harwich, MA, previously of Summit, NJ, died unexpectedly in Concord on April 8, 2024.

Dr. Bruton was a member of Concord Orthopaedics, and prior to that the Summit Medical Group, where he served as president and a Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ. He was a graduate of Georgetown Medical School and Georgetown University and trained at HSS and Yale New Haven Medical Center.

Dr. Bruton leaves behind his beloved wife, Barbara, as well as daughter Catherine Bruton Vrontas and her husband Christopher Vrontas of Andover, MA, daughter Susan Bruton Waggoner and her husband David Waggoner of Midway, UT, daughter Elizabeth Bruton Charapp and her husband David Charapp of Boxford, MA, grandchildren Sarah Vrontas, Anna Vrontas, Daniel Charapp, Jake Waggoner, Lauren Waggoner, and William Charapp.

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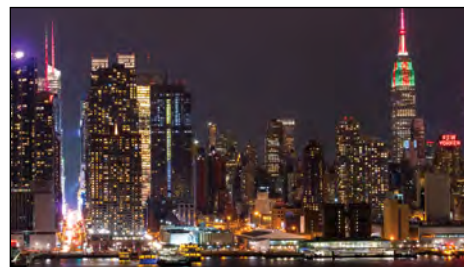
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