

Letter from the Residency Director

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I would like to be the first to congratulate our graduating class of 2016 on successfully completing 5 years of orthopaedic training here at The University of New Mexico. Drs. Luke W. Bulthuis, Judd R. Fitzgerald, Michael J. “Mischa” Hopson, Heather M. Menzer, and Reilly R. Kuehn have faced the many challenges of residency with resiliency.

During the journey from wide-eyed intern to seasoned chief resident, each displayed characteristics of toughness, humor, and an intellectual curiosity. These five graduates have the promise of a fulfilling career waiting to be taken on in the same way.

Every year, as we interview prospective residents, we look for individuals that fit into our group. We hope to train young surgeons with diverse interests and personalities, who share the common goals of learning our craft, learning to learn, and learning to do this with an eye on enjoying the moment as often as possible. This year, we have the pleasure of welcoming another outstanding class of incoming residents. Drs. Amber Price (Creighton University), Jory Wasserburger (University of Washington), Jordan Polander (Louisiana State University in Shreveport), Matthew Wharton (University of Arizona), and Scott Plaster (University of Oklahoma) will begin their training with us this summer, and we all look forward to witnessing their growth as physicians of our team during the next 5 years.

It is always such a pleasure to witness the maturation of talented physicians, and I am grateful for what I have learned from the members of our graduating class. It is an honor to call them graduates, colleagues, and peers. Congratulations to you all for a job very well done.

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