

Letter from the Editors

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We are delighted to present this year's issue of the UPOJ (University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal). It is an honor for both of us to take part in such a longstanding tradition, dating back to 1986 under the leadership of Dr. Carl Brighton. We feel privileged to take part in the growth of both the orthopaedics and medical field and feel proud to share our department's achievements with the world. This year's issue is dedicated to one of the hardest workers and most affable members within our department, Dr. Craig Israelite, former Program Director, Co-Director of the Knee Service, Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and outstanding Arthroplasty surgeon. Dr. Israelite knows how to make a work day enjoyable and bring smiles to both his patients and his residents. He has contributed so much to the development of this program and he is an invaluable member of the team here at Penn.

This year has not been without its challenges. With COVID-19, faculty and residents alike have had to make many adjustments both inside and outside the hospital. Part of this year's issue is to give a "behind the scenes" look at the changes and adjustments we made as part of this global pandemic. In addition, our faculty and residents led the charge in taking care of complex and very ill patients during the pandemic. Changes our program instituted consisted of virtual conferences, lectures, and meetings in addition to scheduling changes and policies implemented to maintain the safety of patients and providers.

We are truly proud of Dr. Kristy Weber, the first female AAOS president, for leading the orthopedists across the nation during this difficult time. She has truly made an impact both at our institution and across the nation. In addition, Dr. Levin has demonstrated his excellent leadership for our program allowing us to hold our heads high and be proud of the program we call home.

This year's issue would not have been possible without Dr. Levin, our sponsors, and mentors. We are excited to share this year's issue online as well through <http://upoj.org> and with our online subscriber database. We hope you enjoy this year's issue and thank you again for allowing us to take part in this endeavor.

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