



Greetings Fellow Alumni!

I would like to start this quarterly communication by giving all of you an FYI; after 34 years of practice, I have made the decision to slow down...just slow down, not retire, and will be taking a little more time off during the 2024-2025 academic year. With that, I would like to invite you to my upcoming Grand Rounds lecture on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, from 7:00am–9:00am EDT. This will be in an in-person lecture; however, we will be offering a virtual option as well. If you will be in Pittsburgh during this time, I would love to see you. This will take place at UPMC Mercy Hospital (1400 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219). The topic will be “*Creating Giant Shoulders to Stand On,*” a 34-year perspective. Many of you will be featured. This is my way of giving thanks to all of those that made this time at Pitt so incredibly special for me. I look forward to having you participate. A formal announcement with additional details is forthcoming.

This time of year is always exciting for us because we spend time interviewing and carefully selecting the next generation of great Pitt Plastic Surgery residents. As you will see in this quarter’s *Resident’s Corner*, we had an outstanding match for the integrated residency program. We got our top choices, and we are thrilled with them, and they are thrilled with us!

I would like to announce that Samantha Mahlia (R5) got her first choice for an aesthetic fellowship working with our outstanding alum and world-famous rhinoplasty surgeon, Jay Calvert, in his aesthetic fellowship program. Also, extremely proud to announce that Michael Marallo (R5) will be our second competency-based graduate and will be completing his last year as a fellow in our combined Pitt Plastic Surgery/Orthopaedic Surgery hand fellowship program. Kudos to these outstanding young surgeons, they are extraordinary.

Additionally, our own Andrea Moreira has been selected as a Plastic Surgery Foundation (PSF) Visiting Professor for the 2024-2025 academic year. An incredible accomplishment making us very proud.

Our Grand Rounds highlights this quarter featured alum Bruce Mast, MD, Maurice J. Jurkiewicz Professor of Plastic Surgery, Vice Chair, Department of Surgery, University of Florida College of Medicine, who lectured on *Evidence Based Aesthetic Surgery*. As well as Chad Gordon, MD, Director, Neuroplastic and Reconstructive Surgery and Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Johns Hopkins Medicine, lectured on *The Art and Science of Neuroplastic Surgery*.

Please keep in mind, the CME program is still being offered to participate in our weekly Grand Rounds and select lectures. We are always looking for new members.

Spotlight on Alumni! In this quarter we feature William H. Dascombe, Graduating Class of 1994.

1) What are you doing now?

I graduated from Pitt Plastic Surgery in 1994 and I have been in private practice in Savannah, Georgia for 30 years. I work with two incredible Pitt Plastic Surgery grads, Rich Greco, and John Paletta. My other partners were trained by Bruce Mast, who trained with me at Pitt and one other partner. I hope to work at least another 10 years.

2) Can you tell us a William Futrell story from residency?

Dr. Scott Andochick, a fellow resident at the time, and I had a 110 pound woman who had massive weight loss and a ptotic “skin only” breast with a nipple to sternal notch distance of probably around 30 centimeters. She only wanted a breast lift and no implant. We had a tough time during the case with multiple “tailor-tacking” trials before making the final incisions. (You all remember: Measure twice. Cut once.) We finally did the procedure; the patient was happy with the results and Dr. Futrell called us into his office a few months later. He said that we billed the patient around \$3,000 and we used over \$6,000 just for suture (repeatedly tailor-tacking the breast until we were satisfied). I still owe Dr. Futrell a fine dinner for the economic misfortune that I bestowed upon the Division of Plastic Surgery at Pitt for that case!

3) Is there a Pitt Resident story that stands out?

At the 1994 annual Robert H. Ivy Pennsylvania Plastic Surgery Society Meeting/Surgery Resident paper competition, all of us were “trapped” by a blizzard for a couple of days at the Hotel Hershey, a beautiful 5-star resort. We had a great time as residents and faculty relaxing and enjoying each other’s company outside of the operating room.

4) What does your Pitt Plastic Surgery education mean to you?

I did not deserve to be around such talented, motivated, and brilliant surgeons! I was always challenged to be my very best. I feel fortunate the Dr. Futrell and the other members of the faculty gave me the chance to be a resident at Pitt.

5) If you could have dinner with anyone past or present, who would it be?

Marcus Aurelius. He was the Roman Emperor from 161-180. I would thank him for his principles of leadership and living. They have served me well in surgery and life.



~ The Dascombe Family ~

As always, we want to hear from you. Let us know about your milestones, accomplishments, or anything else that you would like to share. Reminder, the fleece campaign is ongoing; for a donation of \$1200, or more, you will receive a personalized fleece jacket.

Be well and please stay in touch! H2P!!!

Fondly,



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