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Dear Members of the Philadelphia Orthopedic Society,

It is my great honor and privilege to welcome you to another exciting year with the Philadelphia Orthopedic Society. As President, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this remarkable community of surgeons who are dedicated to education and advancing orthopedic care throughout our region. I would like to take a moment to thank Dr. Surena Namdari for his service as our president this past year, leading this historic organization through another tremendous year of education, collaboration, and mentorship. It has been an honor to work with him for close to a decade on the board of our society. I have big shoes to fill this year!

Our Society has long been a forum for professional collaboration, lifelong learning, and mentorship. I want to congratulate Dr. Daniel Davis on an exception educational program last year from thought leaders around our country. This year, Dr. Theresa Pazionis, has put together another outstanding educational program from world renown researchers, lecturers, and surgeons from across the country. Our academic year will commence with Dr. Andrew Hecht, Chief of Spine Surgery at Mount Sinai, who will speak about "The Athlete's Spine: Evaluation, Treatment, and Return to Play." I hope to see you there.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new members, especially our new intern residents. We are delighted to have you join our community and look forward to your contributions. To our longstanding members, thank you for your continued dedication and support, which have helped make the Philadelphia Orthopedic Society a vibrant and respected organization.

I am excited about what we will learn together in the coming year and look forward to connecting with many of you at our upcoming events.

Thank you for your commitment to our profession, our patients, and our Society.

Warm regards,

Katie

Catherine Fedorka, MD, FAAOS
President

The Archive Library is OPEN!

In September 2023, the Society began recording our guest lectures. Those lectures are available for viewing in a member-only section of the Society's website. The 2025-26 lectures have been uploaded to the website. Members in good standing and Emeritus Members may request a link to the Archives Library by emailing Teri Wiseley at admin@phillyortho.org.

PROGRAM CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2026–2027 lecture series of the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society. It has been a privilege to organize this year's program, and I would like to thank our Executive Board, committee members, and invited faculty for helping bring together an outstanding lineup of speakers. This year, we are excited to present another exceptional series of lectures featuring nationally recognized leaders whose expertise spans sports medicine, spine surgery, trauma, innovation, and orthopaedic education.

We are pleased to begin the academic year with Andrew Hecht, MD, Chief of Spine Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital, who will present **The Athlete's Spine: Evaluation, Treatment, and Return to Play**, sharing his expertise on the care of athletes across all levels of competition. In October, Paul Cagle, Jr., MD, of Mount Sinai West will discuss **Innovations in Shoulder Arthroscopy: Emerging Techniques and Technology**, highlighting advances that continue to expand the capabilities of minimally invasive shoulder surgery.

Our Howard H. Steele Lecture in November will feature Rick Fessler, MD, PhD, Professor at the University of Chicago, presenting **Intellectual Property: From Innovation to Commercialization**, offering valuable insight into translating novel ideas into meaningful advances in patient care and technology. In December, we will continue one of our Society's proudest traditions with the **15th Annual John McPhilemy Lecture**, featuring a distinguished speaker to be announced.

Following the winter recess, David Gendelberg, MD, and Ashraf El Naga, MD, from UCSF will present **Contemporary Approaches to Pelvic Trauma: Surgical Strategies and Decision Making**, reviewing current principles and evolving techniques in the treatment of complex pelvic injuries. We will conclude the lecture series with Alexander L. Neuwirth, MD, of Columbia University Medical Center, whose presentation, **Advancing Orthopaedic Residency Education: Modern Strategies for Training Excellence**, will explore innovative approaches to preparing the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons.

As always, we will conclude the academic year with the Snyder-Gregg Resident Bowl, celebrating the knowledge, camaraderie, and excellence of our orthopaedic residents.

On behalf of the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society, thank you for your continued support and engagement. We look forward to another outstanding year of education, collaboration, and professional growth, and we hope to see you throughout the lecture series.

Sincerely,

Theresa J.C. Pazionis, MD, MA, FRCSC FAAOS

Program Chair
Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The 14th Annual Richard H. Rothman, MD Lecture
Monday, September 14, 2026

6:00 p.m. Buffet
7:00 p.m. Program

THE PYRAMID CLUB
52nd Floor, 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia

Cervical Spine Injuries and Return to Play: State of the Art 2026

Andrew Hecht, MD
Chief Spine Surgery Mount Sinai Health System
Professor Orthopaedic and Neurosurgery

Price: $65 for Members and Emeritus Members
$90 for Non-members

Please register online at www.phillyortho.org

— Residents may register through their Program Coordinators —

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

2026-2027 MEETING SCHEDULE

September 14, 2026
14th Annual Richard H. Rothman, MD Lecture

Cervical Spine Injuries and Return to Play: State of the Art 2026

Andrew Hecht, MD

Chief Spine Surgery Mount Sinai Health System

Professor Orthopaedic and Neurosurgery

October 12, 2026
19th Annual Parviz Kambin Lecture

Innovations in Shoulder Arthroscopy: Emerging Techniques and Technology

Paul Cagle, Jr., MD

Associate Professor of Orthopaedic, Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, Mount Sinai West

November 9, 2026
26th Annual Howard A. Steele Lecture

Intellectual Property: From Innovation to Commercialization

Rick Fessler, MD, PhD

Professor, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

December 14, 2026
14th Annual John McPhilemy Lecture

Braidy Shambaugh, DO

Brown University Health Orthopedics Institute

February 8, 2027
13th Annual Richard H. Rothman Lecture

Contemporary Approaches to Pelvic Trauma: Surgical Strategies and Decision-Making

David Gendelberg, MD & Ashraf El Naga, MD

UCSF Trauma & Problem Fractures

April 14 2027
24th Annual Steinberg-Lotke Lecture

Advancing Orthopaedic Residency Education: Modern Strategies for Training Excellence

Alexander L. Neuwirth, MD

Associate Professor, Columbia University Medical Center

May 10, 2027
27th Annual Synder-Gregg Resident Bowl

Resident Bowl Highlights

Drs Gutowski and Levicoff with Bowl Winner, Andrew Lowery, MD

Dr. Nina Gutowski moderates the Bowl

Resident Bowl Highlights

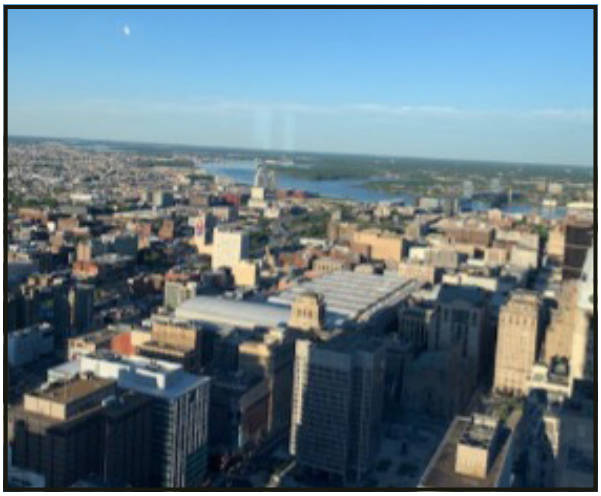
The Bowl Contestants: Neil Kelly, MD (Cooper), Duncan VanNest, MD (Einstein), Tyler Henry, MD (Jefferson), Nicholas Bennett, DO (PCOM), Lisa Friedman, MD (Penn), Andrew Lowery, MD (Temple)

Dr Barry Snyder recalls Dr Gregg

Resident Bowl Highlights

Slanga Award Winner
Drs Fedorka and Bijan Dehghani

We had a full house!



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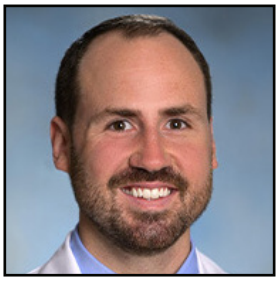

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