Thank you to everyone who has reached out and updated your contact information with us. As we continue to compile information, the enthusiasm that UCI orthopaedic alumni have for re-connecting with each other, and for supporting the program, is clearly evident.

We are excited to be re-initiating the alumni gathering at AAOS 2019 in Las Vegas, NV and encourage you to stop by and join us; details are listed at the end of the newsletter.

In addition, this year’s Graduation Symposium in May is shaping up to be a phenomenal program. Our distinguished guest will be Dr. William Maloney, chairman at Stanford University.

We thank you for your support and are always open to suggestions that you may have for the Alumni Association as we move forward.

John Scolaro, MD, MA

The Two Reasons I’ve been a Volunteer UCI Attending for 30 Years: The Past and the Future

Arthur Kreitenberg, MD, FACS
UCI Orthopaedics – Class of 1988

“I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and the most from my students” - Talmud

Anzel, Kahn, McMaster, Weinert, Rosenfeld, Hoffer, Bielen, Green, Prietto(s), and several others are the giants who shaped me and so many of my contemporaries into the Orthopods we are today. These professionals took time away from their private practices, their families and their hobbies to volunteer to teach at UCI’s Orthopedic Program even before the Tower was the “new building”. They selflessly shared their skill, wisdom and experience because they believed in us, they believed in UCI and they believed in the future of the profession they love.

I have taken trauma call at UCI for 30 years. I still bitch and moan to my wife (same one) climbing out of bed to help rod that Harley pilot who had a couple too many, but when I quit, I’ll miss it terribly. We should never forget the honor and responsibility society has entrusted to us and the debt we all owe UCI Ortho for training us to meet that challenge.

There is nothing more gratifying than being stopped by a former resident at an Academy meeting and hearing about how well they’re doing, both professionally and personally. They invariably express gratitude for their years at UCI. I now know they have that backward; it is the teacher who has the student to thank.

I can fix a hip and help one patient, but I can teach how to fix a hip and help hundreds.
**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**Terry Peabody, MD**

**Years at UCI:**
- 1977-1990: Undergraduate, Medical School, Orthopaedic Residency
- 1991-1993: Faculty

**Fellowship:** University of Chicago – Orthopaedic Oncology

**Current practice:** Northwestern University – Chicago, IL

**Favorite attending:**
- Dr. Hoffer – “you will be amazed at how well they do”
- Dr Perry at Rancho

**Best residency memory:**
- Art Kreitenberg trying to burn down the call room with candles.
- Dr. Anzel caught speeding - the policeman called the operating room to verify he had an emergency and the chief resident denied anything was going on - classic.
- Generosity of Peter Matsuura - best resident partner ever.

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**Gregory Lopez, MD**

**Years at UCI:** 2010-2015 – Orthopaedic Residency

**Fellowship:** Rush University – Orthopaedic Spine

**Current practice:** Rush University – Chicago, IL - Spine

**Favorite attending:** Bhatia/Tynan

**Best residency memory:**
- There were so many wonderful memories from residency, but my favorite overall experience is tied to the trauma service...the daily grind of stabilizing polytraumatized patients to fixing their surgical issues has shaped residents year to year. Surgically it was demanding, but wonderful to be a part of helping patients from the moment they hit the hospital door to discharge. The real experience was working closely as a team to keep the service running smoothly. The icing on the cake was when you earned a, “Good job today Boss,” from Dr. Tynan.
NEW FACULTY

The department recently added two new faculty members. Dr. Russell Stitzlein and Dr. Dean Wang started clinical practice at UCI this past fall and head up the Orthopaedic Oncology and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine divisions, respectively.

Russell Stitzlein, MD

**Undergraduate:** Miami University (OH)

**Medical School:** Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine

**Residency:** University of Pennsylvania

**Fellowship:** MD Anderson – Musculoskeletal Oncology

**Clinical interest(s):** Orthopaedic Oncology, Pelvic & Extremity Sarcomas, Limb Salvage, Metastatic Bone Disease, Hip & Knee Arthroplasty

**Why UCI:** Ideal opportunity from a professional and family standpoint. Opportunity to be the only academic orthopaedic oncologist in Orange County and treat both adults and children through a collaboration with CHOC.

Dean Wang, MD

**Undergraduate:** Duke University

**Medical School:** Case Western Reserve University - Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine

**Residency:** UCLA

**Fellowship:** HSS – Sports Medicine

**Clinical interest(s):** Sports medicine and joint preservation, including cartilage restoration and arthroscopic hip preservation surgery

**Why UCI:** Opportunity to work with current faculty and build a sports medicine program at UCI.
IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Dr. Ranjan Gupta – Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Chief, Shoulder Service – on being awarded the 2019 American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons Charles S. Neer Award in basic science. The project is entitled: Analysis Of Human Muscles Of The Shoulder & Upper Extremity A Temporal Profile Of Human Motor Endplate Degradation. Co-authors: Justin Chan BA, Jennifer Uong, Winnie Palispis MD, Oswald Stewart PhD, Thay Q Lee, PhD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AAOS 2019 Annual Meeting
March 12–16, Las Vegas, Nevada

University of California, Irvine
William McMaster Alumni Association Reception
Friday, March 15, 2019
6:00pm-8:00pm
Caesars Palace, Sicily Room
3570 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Las Vegas, NV 89109

2019 Graduate Research Forum
Contemporary Perspectives in Joint Replacement
May 31, 2019
Hyatt Huntington Beach – Huntington Ballroom

Distinguished Guest: Dr. William J Maloney, MD - Boswell Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Stanford University School of Medicine, past president of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

CME: 6.5 AMA PRA Category I credits

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