Greetings from the Department of Plastic Surgery – I’m hoping to send a yearly newsletter to remain connected and share the growth and accomplishments of the department.

Two key items illustrate the recent growth of the department. First, the resident program will expand to a three-year model beginning with the match year of 2013. This expansion will offer additional in-depth training and research opportunities for fellows. Secondly, the Craniofacial Treatment Center will be moving to a new location with expanded clinical space – a necessary move that will meet the high demand for care while improving the patient experience.

Our faculty has also been active outside Vanderbilt, serving in leadership positions with various professional organizations. Dr. Kevin Kelly is currently President of American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (ASMS). Dr. Jason Wendel is a member-elect of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons (AAPS) 2009 class, and will be formally inducted next year. Finally, I am delighted to serve as President of the Southern Medical Association, and will be inducted this December. These appointments convey the strength of Vanderbilt’s department and help us evaluate and improve our care as we learn from our national peers.

I look forward to hearing from alumni and friends of the department – please send me your news and notes at bruce.shack@vanderbilt.edu. – Dr. Shack

Recent contributions to this endowment continue to provide support for Plastic Surgery while honoring Dr. Lynch and his legacy at Vanderbilt. Thank you to the following alumni volunteers who have been instrumental in reaching out to their fellow alumni and garnering support for the fund: Dr. Ed Withers, Dr. Glenn Buckspan, Dr. Joe DeLozier, Dr. David Liland, and Dr. Tom Gallaher – your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Currently, the J.B. Lynch endowment stands at approximately $525,000, with $190,000 in gifts and income in the already established endowment, $160,000 in pledges, and $175,000 promised from the Department of Plastic Surgery.

Please be on the lookout for separate mailings regarding the renewed effort to generate support for a Chair in honor of Dr. Lynch. Donna Dant, Associate Director of Development, serves as the contact person for the J.B. Lynch Endowment; she can be reached by phone (615-322-6274) or by email (donna.dant@vanderbilt.edu).
Chief Residents Embark

Our program strength provides coveted opportunities for our residents.

- **Renee Burke, M.D.**, began a Craniofacial Surgery Fellowship in Miami, Florida.
- **William Epps, M.D.**, entered private practice in Bowie, Maryland.
- **Melissa Poh, M.D.**, began a Plastic Surgery Fellowship in Houston, Texas.

Resident Match

With over 160 applications for our resident positions, competition is intense. Those residents beginning July of 2009 are:

- **Joseph A. Greco III, M.D.**, began a Plastic Surgery fellowship after completing a General Surgery Residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- **Ashit Patel, M.D.**, began a Plastic Surgery fellowship after completing a General Surgery Residency at Caritas St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Boston.
- **Nicholas A. Tarola, M.D.**, began a Plastic Surgery fellowship after completing a General Surgery Residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Conference Presentations

2009 ASPS Annual Meeting, Seattle

- **Michael Cash, M.D.**, a General Surgery resident, will be presenting at the upcoming American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) meeting in October.

2009 SESPRS Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico

- **James Appel, M.D.**, came in second place in the resident competition. His presentation was entitled *Association between Preoperative Measurements and Resection Weight in Patients Undergoing Reduction Mammaplasty*. The study assessed the correlation between breast measurements and resection weight in women undergoing breast reduction surgery.
- **Melissa Poh, M.D.**, delivered a poster presentation entitled *Acellular Dermal Matrix versus Traditional Serratus Anterior Flap in Tissue Expander/Implant Breast Reconstruction*. Poh also co-authored an article, *Beckwith-Wiedemann Syndrome and Juvenile Fibroadenoma: A Case Report*, which was accepted for publication by the *Annals of Plastic Surgery* in May, 2009.

2009 Alumni Events

- **American Society of Plastic Surgeons 2009 Conference**
  - J.B. Lynch Society Dinner
  - Saturday, October 24 from 6 – 8:00 p.m., Sheraton Seattle Hotel

- **Charles T. Thuss Lectureship**
  - 208 Light Hall, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
  - Watch for save-the-date notice