



FUTRELL SOCIETY OF PITT PLASTIC SURGERY NEWSLETTER- FALL 2018

Greetings from the DEPARTMENT OF PLASTIC SURGERY at the University of Pittsburgh!

The annual Futrell Society reception was held on Saturday, September 29th in Chicago at the 2018 American Society of Plastic Surgeons Meeting. It was truly a fantastic event in every way and brought together over 50 PITT Plastic Surgery Alumni that spans a 46-year interval from 1971-2017. In addition, there were more than a dozen current residents and fellows in attendance, many of whom are pictured below with Dr. Futrell.



The atmosphere was truly electric and the energy in the room was palpable to all. Darren Smith, class of 2014, commented how incredible it was to reunite with so many of his colleagues and at the same time was grateful for the opportunity to meet alums whose photos he had only seen displayed on the wall of fame at 6B Scaife Hall.

Lastly, our Chairman **J. Peter Rubin, MD**, Residency Program Director, **Vu T. Nguyen, MD** and I each commented respectively on the state of the department, the residency, and the Alumni Association.

A wonderful evening was had by all in attendance!

Drs. Jerrod Keith (2012), Ken Shestak (1985) & Alexander Rottgers (2014)



A tremendous sense of pride was displayed by everyone in the room whether you were a PITT Plastic Surgery Alumnus or resident in training.

The NEW PITT Plastic Surgery Departmental Website recently went live on June 14, 2018 and can be found by clicking here: <https://plasticsurgery.pitt.edu/>

The website features our outstanding faculty who are committed to providing exceptional clinical care in both reconstructive and cosmetic surgery as well as highlights our current research programs at the forefront of life changing medicine. On our website we include a complete list of research labs and opportunities, current members, clinical trials and research news.

One of the primary objectives in the Department of Plastic Surgery is the education and training of residents to become innovators and pioneers in the field of plastic surgery. Resident profiles detail their awards and accomplishments and the structure and rotation schedules of the program are outlined.

In addition, **WHEN YOU VISIT IT**, you will find that the Alumni section of the website contains a pictorial history of the residency from Dr. S. Milton Dupertuis to Dr. J. Peter Rubin - and much, much more about the Alumni Association including several don't miss videos featuring Dr. Futrell, Dr. Rubin, several residents and others.

Our Alumni Association has been active in supporting the residents and their academic initiatives. We have established a program of travel stipends to help defray the costs associated with travelling to national meetings at which the residents have had papers accepted.

The Futrell Society of PITT Plastic Surgery is also on a roll. Thanks to the generosity of a good number of you, **WE** are doing positive things to support our residents. We need to "stay on a roll" by broadening our agenda and impact.

To do this we ALL need to support the training program that trained ALL of us.

This appeal is about loyalty, gratitude and thanks for the many friendships and privileges that we have all been afforded in many important ways by our time and training at PITT.

I would ask all of you to join me in making a tax-deductible donation this year through the Alumni section of our website: <https://plasticsurgery.pitt.edu/>. It is straightforward and hassle free.

Please consider a donation of at least \$50 per month or whatever you feel comfortable with. The residents greatly appreciate your support.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

GO TEAM PITT!

The 3rd Annual Futrell Society Alumni Educational Symposium was held in Pittsburgh on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the University Club, Pittsburgh. The program contained state of the art presentations in many areas of plastic surgery by world renowned PITT Alumni . The program was outstanding, and the camaraderie was typical of all our Alumni gatherings. Highlights are displayed within the 2018 Summer Alumni Newsletter under the Alumni section of the website.

Elizabeth Hall-Findlay, MD, FRCSC from Banff, Alberta, Canada was the Honoree this year at the 22nd Ross H. Musgrave Lectureship which was held on October 3, 2018. Dr. Hall-Findlay specializes in cosmetic breast and abdominal contouring surgery and is internationally recognized for her contribution to the field of plastic surgery. It was truly a fantastic day for both the residents and the faculty as we were treated to an excellent day of education in breast and aesthetic surgery. During the cadaver workshop, Dr. Hall-Findlay shared her expertise with the residents by showing them her vertical mammoplasty technique. She is pictured with them below.



We are planning **TWO AESTHETIC SURGERY MINI SYMPOSIA for 2019** aimed towards our residents. The first one will be held on **Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Scaife Hall** and will focus solely on Rhinoplasty. Participating faculty includes **Drs. Jaime Garza, Jay Calvert and Tahsin Acarturk**. The program will include both didactic lectures and cadaver dissections. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

A second symposium is tentatively scheduled for the spring and will focus on facial rejuvenation. **STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!**

We are fortunate to have so many Alumni who are leaders in various fields of plastic surgery and are grateful for their time and expertise which they lend to these programs.

In closing, it has been another successful and rewarding year in the Department of Plastic Surgery and I am honored to be part of the PITT family.

I look forward to personally speaking with all of you before year's end and would like to extend best wishes from Drs. Futrell, Rubin, Nguyen and Losee and everyone here at the mothership for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Warmest personal regards,



Kenneth C. Shestak, M.D, Executive Director, *Futrell Society* of PITT Plastic Surgery Alumni

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