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All smiles! The newest orthopaedic surgery graduates (left to right: Drs. Armodios Hatzidakis, Michael Clare, Craig Mahoney, and Aaron Askew) celebrate at the graduation dinner in June. Proving there is life after their Nebraska residency, Armodios has started a fellowship at the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco (shoulder and upper extremity); Michael’s fellowship is with the Florida Orthopaedic Institute in Tampa (foot and ankle); Craig is doing a fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City (adult reconstruction); and Aaron moved to Indianapolis for his orthopaedic fellowship (orthopaedic trauma).

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In addition to the many lectures, seminars, and courses taught by our faculty on the UNMC campus, at hospitals in the Omaha area, and to organizations across the state, the following lists a few of the many presentations by department faculty members from June through November:

**Paul Esposito, M.D.:** Spokesperson and media contact about trampoline injuries for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; Cole Memorial Pediatric Orthopaedic Seminar, St. Paul, MN (November)

**Glen Ginsburg, M.D.:** “Progression of Scoliosis in Spastic Quadriplegic Patients after Insertion of an Intrathecal Baclofen Pump; “Surgical Treatment Modalities in Congenital Scoliosis; “Transpedicular Epiphysiodesis, graduation ceremonies, State University of New York/Buffalo (June); Cole Memorial Pediatric Orthopaedic Seminar, St. Paul, MN (November)

**Hani Haider, Ph.D.:** “Simulation and Testing of Knee Implants and Pre-Surgical Planning for Compartmental Knee Replacement,” Pittsburgh (June); “Simulation and Testing of Knee Implants: the Force Control Method,” Boston (June); “Rationale for a New Compartmental Knee Design for Minimally Invasive Surgery,” Pittsburgh (July); two presentations at the International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty, Hawaii (September), and “Range of Motion Tests for Total Knee Replacement Systems,” Dallas (November).

**Matthew Mormino, M.D.:** “Custom Blade Plate Fixation for Distal Tibia Nonunion,” American Foot and Ankle Society Meeting, San Diego (July)

**James Neff, M.D.:** “Current Trends in Bone Allograft Transplantation,” Leadership forum of the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, Las Vegas (September)

**AAOS preview!** Are you planning to attend the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons meeting in Dallas in February, 2002? If so, watch for presentations by Drs. Kevin Garvin, Glen Ginsburg, and Hani Haider.
Meet Our Newest Residents

Join us in extending a warm Nebraska welcome to four outstanding new residents who began their training July 1, 2001!

Mark E. Dietrich was born in Omaha, but swam many miles and through many careers before coming home to medicine and Omaha. Mark set state records as a high school swimmer and at Stanford University was on the national championship team. As a student he traveled “across the pond” to work at a German bank and in 1990, Mark earned a degree in quantitative economics from Stanford. After graduation, he returned to Nebraska and completed a J.D. degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law. He also worked as a legal and staff assistant in San Francisco, Omaha, and Washington, D.C. While working for an Omaha bank, Mark started taking pre-med classes and later earned his M.D. degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

Kathleen M. Hubley made her decision to pursue orthopaedics at age 14 when she suffered a right distal fibula fracture playing basketball. Born in Colorado, Kathleen graduated from Carroll College in Wisconsin, with a degree in biology and minor in chemistry. During medical school at Creighton University, Kathleen got involved in numerous community volunteer activities. She returned home to Montana for her Rural Health Care Externship. During an NSF summer research fellowship, Kathleen worked at Washington State University, and at Creighton she worked as a research assistant where she was involved in the study of healing of long bone fractures. Kathleen played intramural basketball at Creighton and in the Omaha City League. She also enjoys biking, golf, and this summer ran in the Governor’s Cup Marathon in Helena, Montana.

Daniel S. Mulconrey is slowly following the advice “Go West young man…” He was born in Illinois, went to college near the Mississippi River, and has now crossed the Missouri River for his residency. His interest in orthopaedics was inspired by a youthful friendship with a boy who suffered from Osteogenesis Imperfecta. Dan graduated from the pre-med program at Augustana College in the Quad Cities in 1997 where he was also involved in intramural sports. During his training at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, he was active in numerous community groups serving underprivileged youth. Dan enjoys golf, exercise such as weightlifting and jogging, as well as softball. He is awaiting publication of his first scientific article; he co-authored the article “Hyperviscosity Syndrome in Rheumatoid Arthritis with Felty’s Syndrome.”

Charles E. Rosipal is a native Texan and came north for his residency. Born in Austin, Chuck’s family traces their roots to Czechoslovakia. While an undergraduate at St. Edward’s University, Chuck walked on to the baseball team, and although injuries shortened his career, he still earned a letter before graduating in 1996 with a biology degree. Before he started medical school at the University of Texas at Houston, Chuck pioneered a church youth program. During his medical training, he traveled to Prague in the Czech Republic to work in cardiology as a visiting medical student and worked on campus in Houston as a research assistant. Chuck enjoys softball, golf, and sport fishing as well as hunting (ducks, geese, geese, and deer). He also collects antique fishing reels and lures.