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Letter from the Chair

Dear Fellows of the College:

As the summer winds down, those of us with children are gearing up for the new school year. I tend to measure years from September to June. Even though I just took my youngest to university yesterday, I also teach, and that keeps me on the school calendar. The College is also gearing up. We have switched management companies, and I expect the new company to inject more energy into the College. If you have received your ballot for the new board of directors position and the chair-elect, you can see the new graphics and professionalism that the new company brings to the table. Keep your eyes open for new addresses and telephone numbers for the College as the transition takes hold.

Several members of the College taught a wound care course in Bogotá, Colombia, this summer. We were very well received there and are in the midst of planning more courses in Central and South America. We have partnered with a company to translate our materials and look forward

to raising the bar in wound care, not only in the United States, but also in the Spanish-speaking parts of the world.

The College is also participating with the National Lymphedema Network in its biannual conference and sponsoring a series of wound care lectures. We hosted a reception during that conference on Friday evening, September 24, and hope to attract new participants into the conversation on wound care. Our annual members' meeting this year will be on Saturday, October 2, during the Symposium on Advances in Skin and Wound Care. I hope to see many of you there.

Like the cooler weather, all this invigorates us as we work to advance wound care. If you feel similarly, I encourage you to become an active member of the College and join one of the committees. You will be receiving e-mails this fall regarding opportunities for participation. With your help, we can continue to move wound care forward and provide better care for all our patients.

Sincerely,

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