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Dear Dr. Daveluy:

Congratulations on assuming the position of President of our WSUSOM Alumni Association. This letter is sent in order to make a recommendation for the recipient of next year's Weiner Award. I strongly recommend Dr. Donald Weaver, the Chair of our Department of Surgery; I have been delinquent in not making this recommendation some years ago. Dr. Weaver was born and raised in Michigan where he received his early education prior to going to Andrews University in Berrien, Michigan where he received his BA degree in 1971. Subsequently, he matriculated at the Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California from which he graduated in 1974 and began his surgical residency in our program, which he finished in 1979.

Subsequent to coming on to our faculty, he has been a very productive surgeon who has become recognized as the leading technical surgeon in our department, and throughout the years, he has been an outstanding administrative leader. He took advantage of the new technologies regarding laparoscopic and robotic surgery and has become a pioneer in southeast Michigan regarding the multiple procedures which are performed with the new technology. One of his strengths relates to his technical skills, with the result that he has become widely recognized as an outstanding surgeon who is bringing in many patients from the periphery to be cared for in the Detroit Medical Center. Furthermore, he has been a source of training as many surgeons have come to him for guidance and improvement in their technical skills regarding the new robotic and laparoscopic procedures. His very busy practice has resulted in his having performed over 1,000 Whipple operations, which is one of the most difficult operations that a general surgeon performs. He would have performed more Whipple operations than any surgeon who is still actively practicing in the state of Michigan.

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Regarding his administrative activities, Dr. Weaver has been the Penberthy Professor and Chairman of our Department of Surgery since 2005. He really did not aspire to that position and accepted the Chairmanship reluctantly when a new chairman from the outside had been selected, but then at the last moment declined. Dr. Weaver stepped into the void in order to help the department. This same affect has allowed him to step into other voids and at various times within the past ten years he has served as the Interim Chair of Anesthesiology, the Interim Chair of Neurosurgery, and the Interim Chair of Orthopedic Surgery.

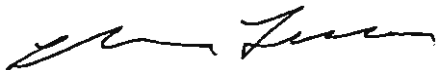
From an academic vantage point, he is a member of all the important local, regional, and national surgical societies and has often presented his scientific work at their annual meetings.

Dr. Weaver has been very productive as a surgical scientist and has published more than 100 manuscripts with the more recent manuscripts dealing with his special interest in various types of malignancy. Much of his scientific investigation has been supported by the National Cancer Institute.

Because of Dr. Weaver's special technical skills and his involvement as a missionary surgeon, he has given lectures all over the world and has provided active missionary work in many parts of the world. He has been an invited lecturer as part of this missionary activity in multiple countries, including Egypt, Brazil, India, Saudi Arabia, France, England, Luxembourg, and Switzerland. These international activities are in addition to the many local, regional, and national contributions that he has provided because of his special expertise. All of these presentations give special recognition to the WSUSOM.

In summary, Dr. Weaver is a true triple threat surgeon who performs excellent procedures throughout the world, is a recognized teacher of the art of surgery, and is a first-class investigator. All of these traits make him, in my opinion, an outstanding candidate to receive the upcoming Weiner Award.

Sincerely yours,



Charles E. Lucas, M.D.



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