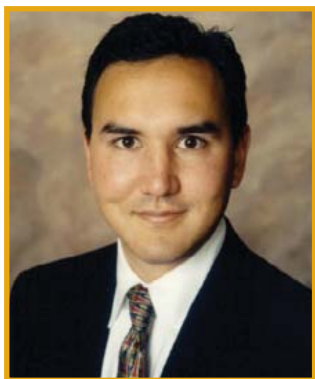


2014 Hall of Fame Honoree



Dr. Derek Ochiai
Class of 1989

Another Vestal alumnus who has successfully combined a love of his sport, karate, with a successful career as a well-respected orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Derek Ochiai is a graduate of Cornell University (BS) and Case Western University (MD).

While at Cornell, Dr. Ochiai was a two-time national karate champion and earned a Gold medal in the Pan American Games. Professionally, he served as Chief Resident of Orthopedic Surgery at Albany Medical Center, and then completed a fellowship in sports medicine at Georgetown Medical Center.

Currently an attending physician at Nirschl Orthopaedic Center, Dr. Ochiai has been recognized in his profession as an innovator in hip arthroscopy. He is Associate Director of Nirschl Sports Medicine Fellowship. The author of numerous professional publications and recipient of just as many awards, Dr. Ochiai is also medical advisor to The Washington Ballet and a sports medicine consultant for “Inside Lacrosse” magazine.

Dr. Ochiai lives in Arlington, VA, with his exceptionally talented wife, Emmeline, and their two wonderful children, Whitman and Sophie. In his very rare spare time, he enjoys golfing, reading and traveling.