

PRECEPTOR HIGHLIGHT: *Dr. Brian Maloney*

Plastic surgeon at the Maloney Center for Facial Plastic Surgery in Atlanta



For this preceptor highlight, we'd like to introduce you to Dr. Brian Maloney. Preceptors are licensed physicians who take in medical students during their third and fourth year rotations. Preceptors volunteer their time to mentor the students and give them personal instruction during the length of their rotation at the facility.

What's your hometown? Tiffin, Ohio

Age: 57

Education:

- 1980 – 1986 Northeast Ohio University's College of Medicine, Cum Laude (combined 6 years B.S./M.D.) & Kent State University Honors College – Bachelor of Science – Cum Laude
- 1986 – 1987 Internship General Surgery Internship Health Science Center, Syracuse, New York
- 1987 – 1991 Otolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery Residency Health Science Center Syracuse, New York
- 1991 – 1992 Facial Plastic Surgery Fellowship: McCollough Reconstructive Plastic Surgery Clinic, Birmingham, Alabama

A little about yourself:

I live on a small gentleman's farm in Milton, GA with my wife of 32 years, Diane. We have three grown daughters, Tara, Meghan, and McKenzie, who were the catalyst for leaving the city life and moving to a farm. When they were in middle school and very serious about their equestrian sport, they wanted a horse. Having grown up in rural Ohio and being familiar with farm life, we decided that this would be a

good way to teach them responsibility and the values of hard work and cooperation. On our farm we have horses, miniature horses, donkeys, sheep, chickens, and turkeys. Tara and McKenzie went on to ride for UGA's Varsity Equestrian Team and Meghan is a physician assistant. Once the girls left home, I began riding lessons and have competed in show jumping. I have always been an avid runner and have run the Boston Marathon four times. My wife and I have a large garden and we enjoy cooking and canning together and sharing the fruits of our labor.

Why did you choose the plastic surgery route?

With my rural upbringing, I originally wanted to be a family practice doctor. They really got to know their patients, they delivered babies, they set bones – they were a priest and healer all in one! I attended a combined six-year BS/MD program Northeast Ohio College of Medicine. During my med school rotations, I saw that many of those procedures had been taken over by specialists. I knew that I really enjoyed doing procedures and was fortunate to have an amazing rotation in a private otolaryngology practice with Dr. Jack DeVany, who was a great mentor. I was attracted to the diversity of the procedures; microscopic ear and skull base, vocal cord, neck, pediatric, and facial trauma. Upstate Medical Center was a regional referral center for trauma, and I gained so much valuable experience there. I then decided that I wanted to pursue this passion of rebuilding faces even further through a facial plastic fellowship.

How did you find your way to Georgia?

My one-year facial plastic fellowship was in Birmingham, AL and near the completion, the group asked me to join their practice. It was an honor, and I practiced there for five years until the practice was sold to a management company. At that point, we decided to make the move over to Atlanta in 1996.

Why get involved with the Medical Partnership?

I have always been involved in physician education at the residency or fellowship level and authored over 60 articles and book chapters. So many have given so much to me, that there is no question, but to pay it forward. When I learned about the Medical Partnership, I was very excited to get involved. After two years of studying books, most students benefit from a boost of excitement. That is what I hope I provide in my wound closure, suture class and rotation. I want the students to see and feel the excitement of someone who loves the practice of medicine and hopefully encourages them of the bright days of medicine ahead.

What is the most rewarding thing about your job?

Our true self-image is on the inside. Mother nature plays tricks on the outside appearance which can impact how others respond to us. My job is to match up the outside with the inside giving the patient their sense of oneness back. The smiles and genuine appreciation from the patients are rewards beyond imagine.

Why did you decide to be a preceptor?

We always told our children to find something that you love to do, work hard, and be the best that you can be at whatever you decide to do. I truly love what I do and feel blessed to be a physician. I feel a strong commitment to share with, advise, and teach our future doctors. I am where I am because many doctors gave back to the system. Being a

preceptor is a very rewarding way for me to give back. It is such an honor to have students spend two weeks of their medical education in my practice.

What is the most rewarding thing about being a preceptor?

The most rewarding thing for me about being a preceptor is having the opportunity to share the art of medicine with the students. Giving the students a good foundation of facial anatomy and surgical methods and procedures is important, but I hope to share more. I hope they learn by seeing patients at all of the different stages that medicine is an art, that physicians are teachers, that medicine is a process and that it takes a team to give the very best care to patients. I hope that I will be a good example and inspire the students to want to pay it forward themselves one day.

Advice for anyone thinking of pursuing med school:

I encourage everyone interested in going into medicine to get a job in the healthcare field. When I was 16, I told my father that I was interested in medicine, and he discouraged me at first. After all, no one in our family was in medicine, and I am sure he was worried about the long and expensive road that it would be. But he wanted me to get some experience with it, so, soon I began work as an orderly in the small hospital in our community. It was such a fantastic experience, and I knew after the first day, that medicine was for me. Medicine is the greatest field to pursue - having the ability to diagnose and to treat someone in need is an amazing gift!

Advice for those in med school:

Congratulations on choosing this path! When faced with making decisions for your patients, always treat them as family members. If you can use this as your standard, you will make great choices and your patients will love you! Demonstrating genuine compassion to our patients and their concerns is a two-way street, which is one of the greatest rewards in medicine. Try to take advantage of everything that the Medical College of Georgia has to offer throughout your education.

Awards and Achievements:

- 2016 MyFaceMyBody USA finalist for Plastic Surgery
- Named a 2014, 2015, and 2016 Top Health, Beauty & Fitness Expert by The Atlantan Magazine
- Best Plastic Surgeon Facial Liposuction 2014
- Best Self Magazine's 2013 Best Plastic Surgeon
- Vitals Patients' Choice Award
- Top 300 Injectors in the entire United States
- Great Injector on GreatInjectors.com
- Has appeared on the Discovery Channel, TLC, and Discovery Health

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Student Ambassadors for 2019-2020

FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS

Dru Adams	Aakash Patel
Kyle Ahmed	Dina Teshager
Kathryn Harbin	Emmy Thornsberry
Rachel Gerald	Pomi Yun
Charlie Grossnickle	
Tanner Martin	

SECOND-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS

Emily Anderson	Alex Kollhoff
Andrew Brodmann	Miya Oliver
Megan Chesne	Dillon Patel
Matthew Cornielson	Taylor Tabb
Joel De Rosa	Leah Topper
Grant Deedy	Gurshawn Tuteja
Brannon Hicks	
Lindsey Kangas	

THIRD-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS

Brett Askins	Austin Isaac
Wendi Bao	Debbie Shim
Peter Bodunrin	Sarah Smudde
Wes Brown	Devaunsh Thaker
Ehi Ediale	Nathan Walter
Kendall Flanigan	Sarah Ellen Williams

FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS

Nick Austin	Danny Montenegro
John Collar	Anudeep Neelam
Ben Daniel	Matt Schwartz
Hannah Harrison	Julia Stephens
Silki Modi	