

Jennifer Weiss, M.D. '89

Career Day Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jennifer Weiss is an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, which makes her part of the just 6% of female orthopaedic surgeons in the country. She currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at Los Angeles Medical Center, part of the Kaiser Permanente health care system in Southern California.

Dr. Weiss graduated from Williams in 1993 with a degree in Art History, Criticism, and Conservation. She received her medical training at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan and then headed to Texas for six years in order to complete her internship and orthopaedic surgery residency at the Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Weiss then pursued additional subspecialty training with a one-year fellowship in pediatric orthopaedics at the University of Southern California, Children's Hospital Los Angeles. For the past 16 years, she has been an accomplished, Board Certified orthopaedic surgeon for pediatric and sports medicine patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and at Los Angeles Medical Center.



Growing up in New Jersey as the daughter of an orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Weiss saw first-hand that women in medicine were clearly outnumbered by their male colleagues. During medical school, she encountered the same reality and—more surprisingly—met even fewer women who shared her aspirations of becoming an orthopaedic surgeon. Throughout her career, Dr. Weiss has worked to help talented women become successful surgeons and to inspire them to enter the male-dominated world of orthopaedic surgery. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and frequently speaks, writes, and tweets on the topic of women in medicine. With a nod to her liberal arts background, Dr. Weiss also teaches communication skills to physicians, surgeons, and other health care clinicians within Kaiser Permanente and within several orthopaedic surgery professional organizations.

Dr. Weiss is the proud mom of three children, and she enjoys tennis, yoga, and skiing. Not surprisingly, she has many pearls of wisdom to offer on how to best integrate family, work, and self-care. The balance of these various aspects of her life is what brings joy to the relationships Dr. Weiss has with her family, patients, friends, and colleagues.



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*I am a Mother. I am an Orthopaedic Surgeon. I am a Mentor. I am a Speaker.
I am a Voice for Women In Medicine. I am Part of The 6%.*