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HOSPITAL & CLINICAL AFFILIATIONS

- Carolina Plastic Surgery & Medical Spa
- Spartanburg Regional Medical Center
- Bearden-Josey Center for Breast Health

PRACTICE LEADERSHIP

Owner & President

Carolina Plastic Surgery & Medical Spa

Spartanburg, SC | 2021–Present

- Owner and lead plastic surgeon of a comprehensive plastic surgery and medical spa practice specializing in breast reconstruction, aesthetic surgery, and nonsurgical aesthetic treatments.
- Responsible for physician leadership, strategic planning, business operations, clinical quality initiatives, and practice growth.

Medical Director & Physician Owner

QUAD A Accredited Office-Based Surgery Center

Spartanburg, SC | 2021–Present

- Oversees surgical quality, patient safety, accreditation compliance, and operative services within a nationally accredited office-based surgery facility.
- Provides leadership for multidisciplinary perioperative teams and continuous quality improvement initiatives.

LICENSURE

- South Carolina, License #86653

BOARD CERTIFICATION

- American Board of Plastic Surgery
- 2017-Current

EDUCATION

- University of Kentucky
 - Lexington, KY

- Integrated Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Residency
- Chief Resident, 2015–2016
- West Virginia University
 - Morgantown, WV
 - Doctor of Medicine, May 2010
- Wheeling Jesuit University
 - Wheeling, WV
 - Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 2004
 - Salutatorian

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Founder & Executive Director

Reconstruct the Runway (501(c)(3) Nonprofit)

Spartanburg, SC | 2023–Present

- Founded a nonprofit organization focused on breast reconstruction awareness, patient advocacy, and post-mastectomy support.
- Lead fundraising, community outreach, patient education, and strategic partnerships to improve access to reconstructive care.

Volunteer Reconstructive Surgeon

Reshaping Lives: Full Circle

2023–Present

- Provide no-cost breast reconstruction surgery for uninsured and underserved breast cancer patients.
- Participate in a national network of reconstructive surgeons dedicated to equitable access to care.

Breast Advisory Committee Member

Bearden-Josey Center for Breast Health

Spartanburg, SC | 2021–Present

- Multidisciplinary leadership committee member supporting breast program quality, accreditation, patient navigation, and strategic growth initiatives.
- Representative for plastic and reconstructive surgery services within the regional breast cancer program.

HONORS & AWARDS

Professional Recognition

- Spartanburg Post & Courier Best Plastic Surgery Clinic Winner, 2025
- Highest Overall Patient Experience Award, HMH Medical Group, 2020
- Highest Overall Patient Experience Award, HMH Medical Group, 2019

Residency – University of Kentucky

- Department of Surgery Resident Teaching Award, 2015
- Department of Surgery Resident Teaching Award, 2014

Medical School – West Virginia University

- Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
- Oral Presentation, Van Liere Research Convocation (2008)
 - Melatonin: A Promising Hormone for Chondrogenesis
- First Place, WVU Health Sciences Research Day Poster Competition (2008)

Undergraduate – Wheeling Jesuit University

- Salutatorian, 2004
- Outstanding Senior Psychology Student, 2004
- Dean's List, 2001–2004

Athletic Honors

- Point Pleasant High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Inducted 2013
- WVIAC First Team All-Conference, 2003–2004
- WVIAC All-Tournament Team, 2003–2004
- Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, 2002–2003
- NFCA Academic All-American, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- Wong L, **Kerekes A.**, Wright A, Vyas K. Microcystic Adnexal Carcinoma of the Nipple. Wounds. 2018.
- McClellan WT, **Rawson A.**, Wendell L. Hughes: Life and Contributions to Plastic Surgery. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. 2011.
- Pei M, He F, Wei L, **Rawson A.**, Melatonin Enhances Cartilage Matrix Synthesis. Journal of Pineal Research. 2009.
- **Rawson A.**, McClellan WT. Current Concepts in Breast Reconstruction. West Virginia State Medical Journal. 2009.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, ADVANCED SURGICAL TRAINING & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Invited Panel Presenter, Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (SESPRS) Annual Meeting | Marco Island, Florida (June 2026)

- Presentation: “Should We Apply Nitropaste or DMSO to All Nipple-Sparing Mastectomies?”
- Just the Facts Session

Selected Surgeon Participant, Motiva® Breast Tissue Preservation Surgical Training Program | San José, Costa Rica (April 2026)

- Selected for advanced live surgical education in breast tissue preservation techniques.
- Assigned to a live surgical breast case under the mentorship of Motiva Global Faculty.
- Participated in patient evaluation, operative planning, surgical marking, intraoperative teaching, and postoperative discussion focused on tissue-preserving breast augmentation techniques.

Grand Rounds Presenter, University of Kentucky (2021)

- Presentation: Hospital-Based Plastic Surgery

Poster Presenter, Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (SESPRS) Annual Meeting (2016)

- Poster: Obesity and Aesthetic Satisfaction in Breast Reconstruction

Scientific Presenter, Kentucky Society of Plastic Surgery (2015)

- Presentation: Aesthetic Satisfaction and BMI in Breast Reconstruction

PRESS & MEDIA

- Founding Member, The Scout Guide Spartanburg
- [Project Gratitude: Ashley Kerekes](#)
- [Staying Sun Safe](#), Elizabethtown Lifestyle Magazine, 2021
- [Doctor Moms](#), Elizabethtown Lifestyle Magazine, 2020
- [Making Breast Care a Priority](#), Elizabethtown Lifestyle Magazine, 2020
- [Love Your Winter Skin](#), Elizabethtown Lifestyle Magazine, 2019
- [Wednesday's Woman](#), The News-Enterprise, 2019
- [Melanoma Monday](#), The News-Enterprise, 2017
- [Breast Reconstruction Not About Vanity](#), The News-Enterprise, 2017
- [Plastic Surgeon Hired to Complete Breast Cancer Care](#), The News-Enterprise, 2016

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Society of Plastic Surgeons
- The Aesthetic Society
- Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons
- Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

CLINICAL INTERESTS

- Breast Reconstruction
- Nipple-Sparing Mastectomy Reconstruction

- Oncoplastic Breast Surgery
- Sensory Nerve Preservation and Neurotization
- Revision Breast Reconstruction
- Implant-Based Reconstruction
- Fat Grafting
- Aesthetic Breast Surgery
- Body Contouring After Massive Weight Loss
- Complex Revisional Plastic Surgery