

POWER PLAYERS



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“The goal is never a dramatic change—it’s the version of you that looks like yourself, only rested and refined.”

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Which skill or insight consistently gives you an edge in your industry?

My edge in facial aesthetic surgery is operating at the deepest anatomical plane. The deep plane facelift requires a command of facial anatomy that most surgeons never develop. It repositions muscle and connective tissue, not just skin. That precision, combined with years of studying the full spectrum of plastic and reconstructive surgery, translates into results that look natural for decades.

What part of your profession inspires you most?

The moment a patient sees themselves clearly again. Aesthetic surgery, at its best, is about alignment between how a person feels inside and what they see in the mirror. When that happens, the change in confidence is immediate and profound. I hope that transformation never gets routine for me.

Is there a guiding philosophy that shapes your approach to leadership?

My guiding philosophy is that leadership is measured by the standard you set when no one is watching. In plastic surgery, that means being meticulous, prepared and accountable in every patient interaction and every decision that affects the team. I believe the best leaders create a culture where excellence is expected, kindness is nonnegotiable and people feel empowered to do their best work.

Beyond AI, how is your field evolving right now?

Plastic surgery is evolving toward subtlety, preservation and personalization. Patients are more informed than ever and seek surgeons who combine technical expertise with taste, restraint and honest guidance. That shift is driving safer techniques, faster recovery and results that look natural and age well.

How do you use your platform to support your colleagues and community?

I teach and lecture Georgetown plastic surgery residents and serve on leadership committees for several professional organizations. I also volunteer internationally with Operation Smile. Supporting the next generation of surgeons and giving back to underserved communities are responsibilities I take seriously.

As a Power Player, where in your city do you go to unwind or connect?

You’ll often find me at Maydan, Fiola Mare or The Red Hen enjoying a great meal with friends and family. I also spend time outdoors, whether walking my Vizsla through Rock Creek Park, along the Potomac or on the trails of Shenandoah.