

*Inspiring Excellence*  
**Dr. Danielle (Saunders) Walsh, MD, FACS, FAAP**  
**Class of 1988**

Voted “Most Likely to Succeed” by her Class of 1988 peers, Danielle (Saunders) Walsh was a member of National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, president of Key Club, a majorette for the marching band and associate editor of the school newspaper.

Following her graduation from CCC, Danielle attended Columbia College (South Carolina) where she earned a B.A. in chemistry with a mathematics minor. She was Class President, a Presidential Scholar, and graduated first in her class (summa cum laude). Danielle was accepted into the University of South Florida College of Medicine in 1991 and graduated in 1995 with honors, Doctor of Medicine. She continued her post-doctoral training as an intern in surgery (1995-96); general surgery resident at Massachusetts General Hospital (1996-1998); fetal surgery and research fellow at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (1998-2000); general surgery resident at Massachusetts General Hospital (2000-2002); and pediatric surgery fellow at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington D.C. (2002-2004).

Danielle is a nationally and internationally recognized surgeon with specialization in pediatric disorders including birth defects, cancer, and abdominal and thoracic illnesses as well as minimally invasive surgery. Selected as one of the Best Doctors in America, she received the Patients Choice Award, the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons Excellence Educator in Medical Leadership Award and the Master Educator Award for the Brody School of Medicine. Danielle served as president of the Association of Women Surgeons 2013-2014; and currently serves on national committees for the American College of Surgeons, The American Pediatric Surgical Association, The American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons. She is director of Surgical Quality for Maynard Children’s Hospital; is part of an American Medical Association grant to transform medical education at East Carolina University; and an associate professor of pediatric surgery at Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

Danielle, a mother of two, is the daughter of retired CCC teacher Dick Saunders and his wife Maureen.