Kudos

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Dr. Formosa Chen is the new Co-Chair for the DGSOM College of Applied Anatomy, joining Co-Chair Dr. Chris DeVirgilio. Dr. Chen brings great experience that will surely enrich the senior year curriculum.

Dr. Rochelle Dicker received this prestigious distinction “for her efforts to develop firearm injury prevention education, support for victims of firearm violence, and advocacy for firearm injury reduction-based legislation, particularly through the San Francisco Wraparound Project.”

UCLA-Olive View Breast Cancer Patient Navigation Program

Read the beautiful story that highlights the inspiring and critically important work of the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Navigators, Johana Alfaro Politis, Mirella Rodriguez and Alexandra Casanovas and Dr. Melinda Maggard-Gibbons, the JCCC ULCA-OV Patient Navigation Program Director.

“Initially created by a grant from Avon, the navigators are modeled on a program that started at New York’s Harlem Hospital Center in 1990 by Dr. Harold Freeman, a former president of the American Cancer Society, to help low-income and uninsured individuals navigate the complexities of the medical system.”

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Bruins Return to Campus

As the UCLA campus continues to expand allowable on-campus activities and functions, the UCLA COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force created an expansive online guide, for returning to campus.
**The RT/RN ECMO Team Training Course**

Dr. Peyman Benharash and his wonderful team offered another successful ECMO course with multiple participants across town. (Picture provided by Luis Valentine, Respiratory Therapy Supervisor, Clinical Educator, at PIH Health Good Samaritan Hospital)

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**Hispanic Heritage Month**

"Dear Colleagues:

As we continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans who serve as role models and inspire others to achieve success. I am forwarding this inspirational story of diversity in the healthcare industry in which Dr. Omaida Caridad Velazquez is the first Latina in the United States to become Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Miami.

https://miami.box.com/s/b8ibgfkrc5iyixf4e9hoqciiblbz1ebm

With your continued commitment and support, I know we too can progressively move forward to improve the culture within the Department of Surgery and subsequently, UC Health."

Juan Carlos Jimenez, MD
Vice Chair for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Department of Surgery, DGSOM

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**A.P. Giannini Fellowship Program**

The A.P. Giannini Foundation is accepting applications for the 2022 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program from young doctorate investigators in basic and applied sciences, in the early stages of their careers (3-36 months postdoctoral experience). Deadline is 11/3/2021. https://apgianninifoundation.org/apply-for-a-fellowship/

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**UCLA Simulation Instructor Course**

The two-day course is scheduled for October 25-26, 2021 in person at UCLA. Components of the course include creating and piloting simulation scenarios as well as debriefing techniques. Enrollment is limited to eight participants. Please email Yue Ming Huang (Yhuang@mednet.ucla.edu) directly for registration.
Dr. Catherine Juillard has received an NIH D43 Trauma Training Grant for the project entitled “Strengthening the Quantitative Pipeline for Multidisciplinary Trauma Research in Cameroon”. This is an incredible opportunity to combine the rich resources of the University of California campuses and the partner institution, the University of Buea, to transform trauma research training in Cameroon. Dr. Juillard and her collaborators, Dr. Sandra McCoy (UC Berkeley) and Dr. Alain Chichom (University of Buea) will establish a training program called “Sustainable Trauma Research, Education, and Mentoring (STREaM) Program in Cameroon”. The program will include eight annual positions for MPH or PhD students, and two total post-doctoral students (over the five-year grant cycle) enrolled in graduate studies at the University of Buea, with a focus on trauma research. Drs. Rochelle Dicker, Areti Tillou, Gil Cryer, Marcia Russell, and Melinda Gibbons of the UCLA Department of Surgery will serve as faculty mentors for STREaM trainees.

Western Thoracic Surgical Association Annual Meeting, September 29 –October 2, 2021

This week, the UCLA Cardiothoracic Surgery team traveled to the 47th annual meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association in Phoenix. The group gave seven presentations out of the overall 20 podium presentations during the event! To top it all off, Joe Hadaya and Yas Sanaiha got the Paul C. Samson Resident Prize and the Normal E. Shumway Award, only two resident awards given at the meeting! In addition to Joe and Yas, Catherine Williamson (MSIII) presented and received the Patricia Thistlewaite Scholarship. Also, Samuel Kim (MSII) and Arjun Verma, (undergraduate student) presented their work. They also played some golf and had a great time. Congratulations to all!
During the third hour on September 8, Surgery and Emergency Medicine residents participated in a variety of joint hands on skills labs including cadaveric dissections, airway management, and point of care ultrasonography.

Resident Wellness

Did you know that admission to the Hammer Museum in Westwood Village is FREE? Well, now you do, just in time for their new exhibit, “No Humans Involved,” which will run from October 10, 2021 – Jan 9, 2022. The exhibit will showcase work by “seven artists and collectives whose work interrogates and disrupts Western modes of humanism.” Learn more here: https://hammer.ucla.edu/exhibitions/2021/no-humans-involved

Looking for Halloween plans? Check out this list of spooky events happening around Los Angeles throughout October: https://abc7.com/halloween-celebrations-southern-california-socal/11041722/

Welcome to the Cuteness Corner

General Surgery alumnus, Aaron Dawes, MD, welcomed baby boy, Dylan Herbert a little early, back in May 2021. Dr. Dawes reports that his son is almost 3.5 months old now, and is doing great.
On September 13, the Department of Surgery, hosted a surgical skills session, led by Dr. Warwick Peacock and Dr. Grace Chang, for the MS 3 medical students. Students practiced surgical techniques on cadavers, under the guidance of the clerkship chairs, Dr. Ian MacQueen, Dr. Justin Wagner, and general surgery residents, Ivy Huang, Dennis Zheng, Kyle Klingbeil, and Joon Park.

Dr. Jane Yang and Dr. Formosa Chen (pictured above), respectively, led Vascular Anastomosis and FES skills labs during September 22’s third-hour conference.
## Flu Season Starts October 1

There are several opportunities to receive this year's flu vaccine.
- Mass vaccination events from October 1 - 14 (see schedule [here](#))
- MinuteClinics at CVS (download voucher [here](#))
- Occupational Health is offering appointment hours only, Oct. 1- Dec. 2, Monday-Friday, 7 am-3:50 pm in CHS suite 67-120.

## 2020-21 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)
### General Surgery
- Wed, November 17: General Surgery Interviews
- Wed, December 1: General Surgery Interviews
- Wed, December 15: General Surgery Interviews
- Fri, March 18: NRMP Match Day
- Wed, May 11: Mock Orals
- Sat, June 18: Graduation

### Thoracic Surgery
- Sat, February 25: CT Interviews
- Sat, March 12: TSDA In-Training Exam
- Sat, March 25: CT Interviews

## Wednesday Conferences

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| Oct 6  | 8 am   | Zoom and CHS 73-105 | Joint Medicine and Surgery Grand Rounds  
The Saleh Salehmoghaddam, Annual Lectureship  
"Virchow at 200 and Lown at 100: Physicians as Activists" |
| Oct 13 | 7 am   | Zoom and CHS 73-105 | Joint Conference Anesthesiology and Surgery  
“Goal Directed Therapy” |
| Oct 20 | 7 am   | Zoom and CHS 73-105 | “Robotic Colorectal Surgery” |
| Oct 27 |        |           | No Grand Rounds and M&M Conferences  
American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress |

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**Zoom Link:** [https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/571420558](https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/571420558)