Kudos

Congratulations to Rivfka Shenoy! She was selected into the prestigious National Clinician Scholars Program!

Congratulations to Aaron Dawes! He matched at the University of Minnesota for a Colorectal Fellowship!

Residency News

American Society for Reconstructive Transplantation

Our Chief Resident, Néha Datta, chaired her own session for the American Society for Reconstructive Transplantation (ASRT) 6th Biennial Meeting called the Nakos Symposium, on November 16, 2018. She introduced the “Pathfinders Think Tank” by Dr. Sue McDiarmid (President of ASRT), gave out awards, and delivered a talk at the American Society of Reconstructive Transplantation.

Dr. Busuttil was also present at the conference and delivered a lecture. Dr. McDiarmid served as the President; Dr. Kupiec delivered a scientific talk and Dr. Azari gave a clinical update. Congratulations to all!

General Surgery Interviews

The next General Surgery Interviews will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. The night prior to interviews, we will host a meet-and-greet with the candidates at Skylight Gardens at 6pm-9pm on December 11, 2018. This is a great opportunity to meet the applicants in a relaxed and casual setting.
STS Medical Student Scholarships

Two of our medical students have received scholarships from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons to attend the annual meeting! Sarah Rudasill (left), MS2, has been bestowed the STS Looking to the Future Scholarship while Young-Ji Seo (right), MS3 has received the Women in Thoracic Surgery award. These are highly competitive awards and certainly bring pride to our school. Congratulations to Sarah, Young Ji and their mentor Dr. Peyman Benharash!

The Student National Medical Association’s Regional Medical Education Conference

The UCLA Department of Surgery held an exhibitor’s booth for the Student National Medical Association’s Regional Medical Education Conference on November 17, 2018. The booth was ran by Chi Quach for General Surgery, Lorraine Hartman for Cardiothoracic Surgery, Maria Velasco for Vascular Surgery, and Megan Fuller for Plastic Surgery. The SNMA is committed to supporting underrepresented minority medical students and spreading awareness of minority issues in the field of medical education. Special thanks to Joe Pantoja for his participation. For more information, visit http://www.snma.org/

SAGES FREE Resident Webinar “Preparing for ABSITE”

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm ET

SAGES continues its FREE Resident Education Webinar Series with an expert panel on Preparing for the American Board of Surgery In-Training Examination (ABSITE), Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm ET. The organization has announced a new partnership with the Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE), which will allow the organizers to use the most up-to-date, high quality, multiple-choice questions from the SCORE curriculum outline as part of the webinar. Panelists will also address key topics covered in the exam and use an interactive Q&A format with audience response system to drive discussion. Sign up to attend this important and informative complimentary webinar at: https://www.sages.org/residents_courses/free_courses/absite2018/
First 2018-2019 General Surgery Residency Interview day on November 28, 2018
Registration Open

Developing Faculty Competencies in Assessment: An Interactive Workshop for UCLA Clinical Educators, February 7-8, 2019. UCLA has partnered with the ACGME to offer this 1.5 day course, which is targeted toward faculty with either leadership or front line teaching roles in medical education.

https://www.cme.ucla.edu/courses/event-description?registration_id=272603

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Fe Villanueva del Mundo (11/27/1911-8/6/2011) was a Filipina pediatrician who gained international recognition for her pioneering work in pediatrics in the Philippines. She was the founder of the first pediatric hospital in the Philippines and stayed active in medical practice for eight decades.

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