Kudos

Congratulations to Michael Dacey for receiving the very prestigious two-year American Heart Association (AHA) postdoctoral fellowship award.

Michael is working on a novel project that will lead to new insights about primary graft failure following cardiac transplantation.

Residency News

Interview Season
The last general surgery interview will take place on January 14-15. We invite all of our residents to take part in the activities by attending the pre-interview dinner at Napa Valley Grille on January 14th, and swinging by CASIT to chat with applicants during their interview breaks.

The new OR to ICU Handoff
This new initiative creates a structured process for providers to follow when patients are transferred from the Operating Room to the Intensive Care Unit. Using a standardized process improves effective communication between care teams from the OR to the ICU bedside. Watch this video to learn more: http://sofi.ucla.edu/reference-guides

Residency In-Training Exam
The American Board of Surgery In-Training Examination (ABSITE) is upon us. This year, ABSITE is scheduled for January 24th and January 28th, from 10-3pm. Exams will take place in the Technology and Learning Center (TLC Lab) located at the UCLA Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library (12-077 CHS). Prepare with this sample test provided by ABS, http://absdemo.startpractice.com/
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A Limited Program Grants (LPG) is available with a funding level of up to $30,000 that studies: “Beyond standardized testing: assessing medical learning”. A completed proposal must be submitted to the APDS central office by Thursday, January 30th, 2020 at 11:59pm EST.

Completed applications should be emailed to apds@mindspring.com

The American College of Surgeons has announced a resident travel award for those interested in attending the upcoming Leadership and Advocacy Summit. This scholarship award will cover up to $500.00 in housing and transportation costs. Deadline for email submission is January 10th and winners will be announced by January 24th.

For more information: https://www.facs.org/advocacy/participate/summit

LA Restaurant Week is back Jan 17th – 31st. Enjoy special price fixed lunch and dinner menus at premiere dining destinations around LA. This event happens biannually and it’s a great opportunity to sample the diverse culinary experiences LA has to offer. Check out what restaurants are participating: https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/dinela

This year’s VAM will be held June 17 to 20 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Society offers two travel awards to be used toward the cost of travel, housing and meals during VAM, and the SVS Foundation offers the Student Research Fellowship. Applications deadlines are February 5th and February 1st, respectively. Details found at: https://vascular.org/career-tools-training/svs-general-surgery-residentmedical-student-vascular-annual-meeting-travel

In addition, the RAS-ACS is accepting applications for the 13th annual Leadership Scholarships, available for Residents and Associate Fellows of the College. The scholarships cover tuition, travel, and subsistence for one of several ACS courses, and will be awarded competitively to four young surgeons who best exemplify an important mission of RAS-ACS—developing future leaders for the field of surgery. Deadline for receipt of application is 5:00pm (ET), January 3rd.

UCLA Academic Senate 2019-2020 Distinguished Teaching Award Program is accepting nominations.

Award Categories include: Distinguished Teaching Award, Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award and Distinguished Lecturer Award. Submission deadlines vary. For further information, visit: https://www.senate.ucla.edu/awards
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19th Annual Eric W. Fonkalsrud Lectureship with Dr. Terry Buchmiller

2019 Departments of General Surgery and Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine Holiday Party
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December 4, 2019 Applicant Pre-Interview Dinner
### Counseling & Consultation

The UCLA Staff and Faculty Counseling Center provides free counseling assessment, and referral services to faculty, staff, and their immediate family Members.  

**Contact:** 310-794-0245

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### Wednesday Conferences

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### 2020 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)

- **Wed, Jan 15:** General Surgery interviews  
- **Fri, Jan 17:** GME Open House for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion  
- **Fri, Jan 24:** ABSITE (GS Residents)  
- **Tues, Jan 28:** ABSITE (GS Residents)  
- **Fri, Mar 20:** Match Day  
- **Fri, Apr 22:** QE Application deadline  
- **Sat, June 13:** General Surgery Graduation  
- **Wednesday, April 15:** GS QE application due to the ABS Office.  
- **Friday, May 15:** GS QE late application deadline  
- **Thursday, July 16:** General Surgery QE exam

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**All conferences in 73-105 CHS. Please visit our website**  
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