Kudos

Congratulations to the new General Surgery Residency Program Administrative and Educational Chief Residents!

Adi Shirali, Imina Elliott, and Sean O’Neill (pictured left to right) will be the General Surgery Residency Program Administrative and Educational Chief Residents for the upcoming 2019-2020 Academic Year.

Let’s thank Greg Sacks, Ian MacQueen, and Aaron Dawes (pictured left to right) for their continued hard work as the General Surgery Residency Program Administrative and Educational Chief Residents for the current 2018-2019 Academic Year.

Residency News

Dr. Ronald Busuttil will be honored as the 2019 recipient of the Father Pat Traynor Award. Congratulations, Dr. Busuttil!

Dr. Busuttil, executive chairman, UCLA Department of Surgery, will be honored in May as the 2019 recipient of the Father Pat Traynor Award for his exemplary service and commitment to others. St. James Inn is a local nonprofit organization founded by Fr. Patrick Traynor who was a Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center chaplain. Fr. Patrick Traynor founded St. James Inn in 1988 to provide a home away from home for critically ill patients’ families.

Congratulations Dr. Peyman Benharash on the selection for the Excellence in Teaching Award and Dr. Christian de Virgilio on the selection for the Clinical Teaching Award!

These peer-reviewed awards were established to recognize outstanding dedication, innovation, and sustained excellence in clinical and classroom teaching. Dr. Peyman Benharash (pictured left) is one of the recipients of the 2019 Kaiser-Permanente Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Christian de Virgilio (pictured right) is one of the recipients of the 2019 Serge & Yvette Dadone Clinical Teaching Award.

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation is designed to recognize compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of healthcare. This award is presented annually to a faculty member who demonstrates both clinical excellence and outstanding compassion in the delivery of care and who shows respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues.

Congratulations Dr. Mark Girgis on the selection for the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award!
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 General Surgery Graduation Banquet

General Surgery Graduation Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, June 15.

Class of 2019 Chief Residents

More than 185 UCLA Health Physicians made it to the Los Angeles Magazine’s 2019 list of “Top Doctors” in Los Angeles. Additionally, more than 300 UCLA physicians are recognized as Southern California’s “Super Doctors” and more than 200 UCLA physicians are recognized as national “Best Doctors,” a distinction bestowed upon only the top 5 percent of all physicians in the U.S. Congratulations to all!

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**DGSOM Junior Faculty Lecture Series (JFLS)**

Navigating the Academic Roadmap: A Lecture Series designed for Junior Faculty

This series will help junior faculty in their academic trajectory through lectures and workshops tailored to and tailored to the specific needs of junior faculty, designed for both basic science and clinical faculty.

“Building an Academic Career: Series and Steps” discussion is led by **Dr. Jonathan Hiatt**, Vice Dean for Faculty, on Thursday, **May 16**, 12pm-1pm, at 13-105 CHS. Year-End Session “Negotiations Workshop” is led by **Dr. Ilana Cass** on Tuesday, **June 4**, 5pm-6:30pm, at Geffen Hall 150. Please RSVP with “JFLS and Date(s) you would like to attend” to Diversity@mednet.ucla.edu.

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**Call for Nominations**

**Organization of Resident Representatives Community Service Recognition Award**

The Organization of Resident Representatives (ORR) is now accepting nominations for the Community Service Recognition Award. The purpose of the award is to foster a service ethic among resident physicians by recognizing those who have made contributions above and beyond the rigors of residency training to improve the local communities surrounding their training institution. The award includes funded travel to Learn Serve Lead 2019: The AAMC Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, a recognition award luncheon, and a contribution to a community non-profit. If you know a resident who deserves recognition, please submit a nomination here: https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=MLGGLADW

To learn more, please visit: https://www.aamc.org/members/orr/about/277234/orrcommunityserviceaward.html

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**Wednesday Conferences**

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- Stephen Hawking

### 2018-19 Upcoming Events

**Wed, June 5:** Mock Orals  
**Thu-Fri, June 6-7:** ATLS (Required before starting PGY3)  
**Sat, June 15:** General Surgery Graduation

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*Please check the respective society websites for exact dates and details.

### Counseling & Consultation

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