Kudos

Carolyn Smullin (first-year general surgery resident) received a grant through the American Society of Transplant Surgeons for her work with Dr. Farmer.

Alexandra Moore matched into Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship at MD Anderson. Amanda Labora has been accepted to the UCLA Biodesign Fellowship - Accelerator Track.

Congratulations to the 2022-23 Class Representatives!

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Residency News

Dr. B’s celebration

On July 29th we celebrated the exceptional contributions of Dr. Ronald Busuttil, Distinguished Professor and Executive Chairman, The William P. Longmire, Jr. Chair in Surgery for 16 years, Chief of the Division of Liver and Pancreas Transplantation, Director of the Dumont-UCLA Transplant and Liver Cancer Centers, and Director of The Pfleger Liver Institute at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. A magnificent clinician, surgeon, and researcher, Dr. Busuttil founded and directed the world-renowned UCLA liver transplant program for 36 years. During his extraordinary career, he cared for thousands of patients and trained hundreds of surgeons.

Dr. Ming Si Received NIH Funding

Dr. Ming Si (Congenital Cardiac Surgery) has received R01 funding from the NIH for his project: Regulation of Cardiac Collagen Content by SLIT3. “We expect our finding to lead to the identification of novel molecular targets which would lead to the development of new therapies to mitigate heart failure and cardiac fibrosis, thereby improving the lives of these patients.” Congratulations Dr. Si!
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Dr. Ronald W. Busuttil Celebration
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Surgery First Grand Rounds of New Academic Year, Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Dr. Joe Hines, Interim Chairman of the Surgery Department marked the beginning of the academic year with his Grand Rounds presentation. His remarks included references of the Department’s rich history and successes in addition to his vision and strategic plan for the future.

Skills Sessions for 3rd year Medical Students

On July 5, the Department of Surgery hosted a surgical skills session for the MS3 medical students. Students practiced surgical techniques on cadavers, under the guidance of Drs. Peacock and Chang, the clerkship chairs, Drs. Ian Macqueen and Justin Wagner and Surgery residents. Many thanks to all the residents who helped with this successful suturing workshop! Mariah Blegen (GS), Nikhil Cheruvu (GS), Timothy Florence (Neuro), Joon Park (GS) Alykhan Premji (GS), Whitt Virgin-Downey (GS). Photos provided by Lorraine Hartman.

Dr. David Rigberg taught a session on knot tying to our new interns
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STSA James W. Brooks Resident Scholarship

The 2022 STSA James W. Brooks Resident Scholarship application is open to general surgery residents interested in pursuing a career in cardiothoracic surgery. The Scholarship includes one round-trip, coach-class airfare to attend the STSA 69th Annual Meeting, November 9-12, 2022 at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, FL; three nights’ hotel accommodation; tickets to attend the President’s Mixer and the Dinner Gala; and an assigned STSA mentor to assist in planning a schedule of educational programming, answer questions and facilitate introductions. Application deadline: August 4, 2022, 11:59 p.m. CT. More info: stsa.org/Brooksscholarship/

Faculty Wellness

If you are looking for some summer reading/listening material, I would like to share with you a link to the Faculty Factory podcast series featuring the experiences of faculty members in terms of work-life/home-life habits, hacks, practices, routines, and tips for academic success and personal fulfillment.

Dr. Lee’s Pioneer Work

Dr. Justine C. Lee who published the first study addressing the mental health benefits of gender-affirming surgeries. The UCLA Campus Newsroom featured Dr. Justine Lee’s groundbreaking work in a special article: https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/mental-health-transgender-people-facial-feminization-surgery

APDS Research Grants

The Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS) announced a Limited Program Grants (LPG), available for a one or two-years with a funding level of up to $30,000 to study: “Development of an impactful educator (resident and/or faculty) assessment that improves educational effectiveness”. More info: https://apds.org. Application Deadline: January 30th, 2023.

Giannini Foundation Awards

The A.P. Giannini Foundation invites promising young doctoral investigators in the early stage of their careers (3-36 months of postdoctoral experience) to apply for the 2023 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program. This fellowship supports innovative research in the basic sciences and applied fields and should advance the translation of biomedical science into treatments, preventions, and cures of human diseases. Stipends for 3 years are as follows: Year 1 - $56,000; Year 2 - $58,000; Year 3 - $60,000. Award announcements will be made approximately March 2023. Apply at: www.apgianninifoundation.org.
Dr. Catherine Lewis, General Surgery, Associate Program Director, kicked off the 2022-23 Surgical Training and Mentoring Program (STAMP), on July 20th. The program includes a series of hands-on labs in which senior residents serve as mentors and technical skills coaches for categorical general surgery interns.
Congratulations to all trainees who graduated in June and July 2022!

Plastic Surgery Graduation

Thoracic Fellowship Graduation

Breast Fellowship Graduation
Liver Transplant Surgery Graduation

Congratulations to Jennifer Li and Harvey Chen. Welcome the new Liver fellows – Jesus Rosado III (Stony Brook University) and Christopher Chandler (Rutgers).

Wednesday Morning Conferences- July 2022

On July 20, 2022, Dr. Mark Girgis introduced the Robotic Surgery curriculum to the residents.

Cuteness Corner

Dr. Warren Chow takes a break with his daughter Olivia while getting ready to move back to UCLA. An alumnus of our General Surgery training program, he will join our faculty in October after completing his fellowship training in Vascular Surgery. Welcome back Dr. Chow!

On July 27, 2022, Dr. James Wu presented his Grand Rounds on Decision Making in (Endocrine) Surgery and also taught a small group during the third hour.

Oksana Petrik, Nurse Practitioner, shared the picture below showing “a rare boba bonding moment” where our chief resident Frank Lu bought the C-Surgery team boba after an especially crazy week. This rare bonding moment really re-ignited the spirit of unity and team work amongst the team members, particularly the MS3 and MS4.
The 2022 PreMed Summer Scholar program was a huge success! CASIT in collaboration with the UCLA Simulation Center and the UCLA Volunteer Services hosted 142 High School students in two separate week-long sessions. The students participated in multiple didactic and hands-on sessions while they had the opportunity to interact with multiple instructors, including faculty, residents, medical students, staff, and counselors. We are grateful to everyone who assisted in the planning and implementation of this magnificent program. Special thanks to our sponsors who funded 32 scholarships for students in need of financial aid.
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