Kudos

Congratulations to all residents and fellows who graduated this month. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished and wish you all the very best in the years ahead!

Joseph Hadaya successfully defended for the PhD degree in Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Physiology on May 13. The MCIP committee members certifying my degree were Jeff Ardell PhD, Tom O’Dell PhD, Kalyanam Shivkumar MD PhD, and Yvette Taché PhD. He is pictured above with his classmates and family. Congratulations, Joe!

General Surgery (from left to right): Chris Childers, Sudeep Benarjee, Stephanie Kim, Lina Hu, Yas Sanaiha, Jill Dworsky, and Ben Dipardo

Vascular Surgery (from left to right): Michael Cheng and Joe Pantoja

Plastic Surgery (from left to right): Alex Lambi, Edward Nahabet, Kameron Rezzadeh, and Joshua Rouch

Podiatric Surgery (from left to right): Reece Everson, Nisha Desai, Sharanbir Gill, and Marcela Orellana Galvez
New Best Trauma Chief Resident Award

The Department of Surgery and the UCLA Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Section, established the H. Gill Cryer MD Award for the Best Trauma Chief Resident in honor Dr. Cryer’s many contributions to the field and his legacy. Many of his trainees and mentees joined him on stage or sent a video message to celebrate this important milestone in his illustrious career. The award was announced during the Department of Surgery residency graduation dinner on June 18th.

Congratulations Dr. Cryer!

Dr. Hines Receives Sherman M. Mellinkoff Award

Dr. Joe Hines, received the prestigious Mellinkoff award at this year’s DGSOM graduation ceremony. It is considered the highest honor a member of the faculty can receive, and was established to honor the exceptional standard for patient care set by Dr. Mellinkoff. Congratulations, Dr. Hines!
Congratulations to all award recipients at the Department of Surgery Graduation Dinner on June 18th!

**Golden Scalpel Faculty Teaching Award** - Brian Kadera, Jane Yanagawa, and Darryl Hiyama

**The Dowden Cup Southern California ACS Resident Jeopardy Award** - Ivy Huang and Joseph Hadaya

**Jonathan R. Hiatt Excellence in Medical Student Education Award** - Ivy Huang

**Gerald S. Levey Surgical Education Award** - Andrew Melehy

**Wilma Miley Morton Research Award** - Christopher Childers

**ABSITE Award** - Dominic Amara, Young-Ji Seo, Mariah Blegen, Kyle Klingbeil, Michael Mederos, Amy Copeland, and Stephanie Kim

**Medical Student Teaching Awards**
- Mariah Blegen, Joe Hadaya, Ivy Huang, Kyle Klingbeil, Gabe Oland, Joon Park, Whitt Virgin-Downey, Zachary Weitzner, and Dennis Zheng
- The Howard A. Reber Golden Scalpel Award for Most Outstanding Performance as Chief - Yas Sanaiha
- Outstanding R1 and R2 Award - Whitney Orji and Nikhil Chervu
- Wiley Barker Award - Benjamin DiPardo

**Ronald K. Tompkins Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Teaching of Medical Students** - Yas Sanaiha
- Outstanding R1 and R2 Award - Whitney Orji and Nikhil Chervu
AAES Research Award

Dr. James Wu received the Paul LoGerfo Research Award during the AAES 2022 Annual Meeting for his “Liquid Biopsy for Thyroid Cancer: Enumeration and Molecular Profiling of Thyroid-derived Extracellular Vesicles” work.

Congratulations, Dr. Wu!

Douglas G Farmer @Dfa… · 6h
Congratulations to Dr Noguchi and @FadyKaldasMD @UCLAHhealth for a great presentation on PVT during OLT #ATC2022Boston

Chris Childers and 3 others liked
Ada Okafor, Esq. @Ada… · 6h
Outgoing Chair of @AmBdSurg Board of Directors "passing the baton" to incoming Chair

Thank you @JoeHines15 for your leadership & congrats @maryhawn!
Wednesday Morning Resident Skills Labs

Junior General Surgery residents participated in the Objective Assessment of Surgical Skills (OASIS), a standardized exam piloted by the American College of Surgeons. The examination took place in CASIT on June 8th and 15th with participation of 14 surgical residents and over 20 surgical faculty examiners. The residents were tested in 8 surgical skills and received valuable feedback on their technique. Many thanks to everyone who made this possible!

(More pictures on page 6)
Cuteness Corner

Drs. Michael W. Robinson and Elizabeth Fisseha welcomed their daughter Naomi Liya Robinson on June 20th! Congratulations on your new arrival! May your sweet baby bring you a lifetime of beautiful memories!
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The UCLA Cardiac Surgery group attended the Western Thoracic Surgical Association meeting in Hawaii. Both Yas Sanaiha and Joe Hadaya had great podium presentations.

The Getinge company brought in a leg model and our residents were able to learn Endo Vein Harvest basics. The lab took place at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center. Our Thoracic surgery resident, Ravi Morchi, and Vascular integrated resident, Marvin Chau, are pictured. Many thanks to Dr. Marineh Bojalian for leading the course and sharing the pictures.
Family, friends, and colleagues joined our graduating General Surgery Chief Residents to celebrate their big day with them! It was a celebration of big smiles, sweet memories, gratitude.
Podiatric Surgery Residency Graduation

Congratulations to the 2022 graduates of the Podiatric Residency Program!

Here, the newly minted Surgeons are spending some quality time together celebrating and memorializing this major milestone joined by their Program Directors.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Vascular Surgery Graduation Dinner

The Division of Vascular Surgery held a special graduation event to celebrate their two graduating trainees: Dr. Joe Pantoja who completed the integrated Vascular Surgery program and Dr. Michael Cheng who completed the Vascular Fellowship program. Congratulations to both! (More pictures on the following page)
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Time to celebrate all the hard work, the many successes and wonderful friendships!
UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital has strengthened its standing in annual rankings by U.S. News & World Report. The hospital placed in the top 5 in California, up from #7. It also earned a national ranking in seven pediatric subspecialty areas, one more than last year including cancer, gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery; neonatology; nephrology; neurology and neurosurgery; orthopedics; and urology. Congratulations to our pediatric surgery team of surgeons, nurses, and staff on the Division of Pediatric Surgery for achieving national ranking on the U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll! A special shout out to the Pediatric Surgery Division: Chief Dr. Steven Lee, Dr. Howard Jen, Dr. Ronnie Sullins, Dr. Dan DeUgarte, Dr. Justin Wagner, and Dr. Shant Shekherdimian. And the outstanding Pediatric Heart Surgery Team: Chief, Dr. Glen Van Arsdell, Dr. Reshma Biniwale, and Dr. Ming Si. Thank you for all you do!!

The UCLA Agi Hirshberg Center for Pancreatic Diseases was recognized as NPF Center of Excellence

UCLA is now recognized as a Clinical and Academic Center of Excellence for Adult Pancreatitis and Pancreatic Cancer through the efforts of Dr. Donahue and Dr. Muthusamy. In their announcement, Drs. Donahue and Muthusamy explained: “The National Pancreas Foundation Center Program not only benefits the patient (helping them to find a specialist), but it is a true partnership with the National Pancreas Foundation (NPF). To become an approved NPF Center, we underwent an extensive auditing process and met the criteria developed by a task force composed of subject matter experts and patient advocates. The criteria include required expert physician specialties such as gastroenterologists, pancreas surgeons, and interventional radiologists, along with more patient-focused programs such as a pain management service, psychosocial support, and more”.

To learn more: Edmund’s Story
Graduating General Surgery Chief Residents celebrated the end of their seven-year training with a very special dinner (pictures to the left and above).

R1 and R2 residents gathered for a relaxed evening to celebrate the end of the academic year (pictures below).
“Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently”

Henry Ford (1863-1947)

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

2022-2023 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)

- Central Line Course for interns: July 6th
- Pre-Med Summer Scholar Program (Session 2): July 11-15
- Celebration for Dr. Ron Busuttil: July 29, at Luskin Conference Center
- Residency match (ERAS) opens September 15, 2022

As we celebrate our graduates, we also look forward to another start of term and wish you all the best of success as this new academic term begins!

Wednesday Conferences This Month

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Zoom Link: https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/571420558

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