Kudos

Congratulations to all of the 2020-2021 Graduation Award Recipients! See pages 2-4 for a full list of awardees and pictures from the event.

General Surgery chief resident, Chris Childers, has matched into the Surgical Oncology Fellowship at MD Anderson. Congrats Chris!

UCLA Resident Led Advocacy Collaborative (UACT) held their annual award ceremony last month and Hattie Huston-Paterson (General Surgery) was one of six residents who received the U ACT Advocacy Award. Way to go, Hattie!

Stephanie Kim matched in Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship at University of California, San Diego. Congratulations Stephanie!

UCLA 2021 Longmire Scientific Day

Dr. W. P. Longmire Jr.  Dr. J. S. Tomlinson  Dr. F. R. Eilber  Dr. J.J. Eckardt

This year, Longmire Scientific Day was celebrated over the course of two days, on June 9 and June 16. One of the leading surgeons of the 20th Century, Dr. William P. Longmire Jr. was founding Professor and Chairman of the UCLA Department of Surgery from 1948 to 1976. Dr. James S. Tomlinson served as the 2020-2021 President of the Longmire Society, which was established to honor his life and career. http://surgery.ucla.edu/about-william-p-longmire-jr

Dr. Frederick R. Eilber, presented by his son and fellow surgeon, Dr. Fritz C. Eilber, was honored as the 2021 Longmire Visiting Professor. The late Dr. Jeffrey J. Eckardt, presented by the interim chair of the Department of Orthopedics, Dr. Nicholas M. Bernthal, was honored with the 2021 Longmire Legacy Award.

Residents and fellows from different surgical departments presented their research. Special thanks to all participating presenters and their mentors (see page 3) and Valentin Ybiernas for coordinating the event!

Midori White, was this year’s recipient of the W.P. Longmire Jr. Award for Excellence in Surgery. Congratulations Midori!
General Surgery Graduation Award Recipients

Medical Student Teaching Award
Amanda Dann, MD
Rivfka Shenoy, MD
Danielle Graham, MD
Ivy Huang, MD
Razmik Ghukasyan, MD
Michael Mederos, MD

Jonathan R. Hiatt Excellence in Medical Student Education Award
Rivfka Shenoy, MD

Outstanding R1 and R2 Award
Young-Ji Seo, MD
Jordan Rook, MD

Gerald S. Levey Surgical Education Award
Nikhil Chervu, MD

Ronald K. Tompkins Golden Apple Award
Amanda Dann, MD

Wilma Miley Morton Research Award
Kent Garber, MD

The Howard A. Reber Golden Scalpel Award
Tara Russell, MD

Golden Scalpel Faculty Teaching Award
James Wu, MD
Mary Kwaan, MD
Rochelle Dicker, MD

ABSITE Award
PGY 1 – Alykhan Premji, MD
PGY 2 – Joon Park, MD
Lab 1 – Ivy Huang, MD
Lab 2 – Michael Mederos, MD
PGY 3 – Alex Moore, MD
PGY 4 – Benjamin DiPardo, MD
PGY 5 – Amanda Dann, MD

Congratulations!

Thoracic Surgery Graduation Award Recipients

ICU Nurse of the Year
Kimberly Coppin, RN

Perfusionist of the Year
Stephanie Bland, CCP

Cardiac Surgery Nurse Practitioner of the Year
Stephanie F. Maniquis, MSN, AGACNP-BC

Robert Rosenberg Humanitarian Award
Alexander Willard Revell Bridges, MD

Robert Rosenberg Resident Travel Award
Ravi Morchi, MD

Critical Care Excellence Award
Andrew Young, MD

Stella Yniesta-Winnie Carnegie VA Award
Guy W. SooHoo, MD

Most Valuable Team Member Award
Genvieve Wai ling Yip, PA-C

Thoracic Nurse Award
Lea Rourke, BSN, RN, PCCN

Thoracic Senior Resident Award
Yas Sanaiha, MD

Thoracic Junior Resident Award
Nikhil Chervu, MD

Golden Scalpel Award
Marineh Bojalian, MD, FACS

Mentor of the Year
Peyman Benharash, MD

Plastic Surgery Graduation Award Recipients

Outstanding Resident Teacher Award
Irene Pien, MD

Resident Research Award
Edward Nahabet, MD & Nirbhay Jain, MD

Plastic Surgery Faculty Teaching Award
Wayne Ozaki, MD, DDS

Plastic Surgery Clinical Faculty Teaching Award
Brent Moelleken, MD

Highest In-Service Exam Score Award
Nirbhay Jain, MD

Vascular Surgery Awards will be announced at next month’s Newsletter.
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General Surgery Graduation Ceremony at Shutters on the Beach
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New Chief of Trauma and Vice Chair of Administration

Dr. Rochelle Dicker was appointed as the Chief of Trauma and Emergency Surgery and UCLA Health Medical Director of Trauma Services, effective July 1, 2021. Dr. Dicker will be taking over for Dr. Henry M. (Gill) Cryer, who has served in these roles for more than three decades. With this leadership transition, Dr. Cryer will take on a new departmental role as Vice Chair of Administration and develop a faculty mentorship program for the department.

Congratulations to Dr. Dicker and Dr. Cryer on their new roles!

Vice Chair for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Juan Carlos Jimenez was appointed as the inaugural Vice Chair for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the Department of Surgery. Dr. Jimenez will provide visionary leadership and strategic planning to improve the quality and scope of the department’s EDI program in addition to developing mentor programs and the administrative infrastructure to facilitate EDI related activities.

Congratulations Dr. Jimenez!

Happy Retirement

Dr. Helena Chang!

Helena Chang, MD, Professor of Surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology announced her retirement as of June 30, 2021. “Dr. Chang is an expert in breast surgery and has provided compassionate care of her countless patients undergoing treatment for cancer and other diseases. She is also a well-published and funded researcher whose passion focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Through her clinical dedication and research, Dr. Chang has been an extraordinary educator and an instrumental mentor to a long list of students, fellows, and residents.”

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(From the Department of Surgery Announcement)

Sarah Parra will be departing from her position as the Department of Surgery Academic Personnel Director. Sarah supported the Academic Personnel activities in the Departments of Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Radiation Oncology and Urology.

Thank you, Sarah!
UCLA Welcomes Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency Program

“We are pleased to announce that the Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency with a credential in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery, currently located at the West LA Veterans Hospital, will be joining the Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, effective July 1, 2021. Under the leadership of Aksone Nouvong, DPM, and David Aungst, DPM, program directors, the residency program trains future leaders in clinical and academic podiatric surgery. The residents will develop expertise and provide the highest quality care to patients at Ronald Reagan Medical Center, Olive View Medical Center, West Los Angeles Veterans Administration, Santa Monica Hospital, and hospitals in the Kaiser Healthcare system. Please join us in welcoming the podiatric residents to the Department of Surgery.”

Joe Hines, M.D. Peter Lawrence, M.D.
Interim Chair Chief, Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

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In Memoriam

Gerald Saul Levey, MD, a nationally recognized leader who transformed UCLA’s hospitals and medical school into a world-class academic health system, died on June 25. Dr. Levey served as Vice Chancellor of Medical Sciences and Dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA from 1994 to 2010. The Gerald Levey Surgical Education Award, established in his honor. He will always be remembered with gratitude and deep appreciation.
Who do I submit my relocation reimbursement to?
For General Surgery, Urologic Surgery, Otolaryngology Surgery, Interventional Radiology Surgery, Vascular Surgery, and Neurological Surgery, please email receipts/invoices/statements to Amie Phan, Core Surgery Program Coordinator, at ATPhan@mednet.ucla.edu. For all other surgical specialties, please contact your program’s coordinator.

How much education funds do I have, and what can I spend it on?
Interns receive $500 per academic year. Residents and Fellows receive $1000 per academic year. Funds, up to $1000, that are not used can be rolled over to the following year. You can use these funds for anything that furthers your professional development, i.e., annual education conference fees, textbooks, journals, exam review materials and courses, board fees, medical equipment, professional association membership, computer equipment and software.

What expenses are covered by the university, and not deducted from my education fund?
Medical license application fee and renewal fees, USMLE Step 3 fees, Loupes (up to $350).

Where can I find the most updated call or rotation schedules?
http://surgery.ucla.edu/rotation-information

I tried to log my duty hours and it informed me that I’m locked out - why is that?
You are able to document work hours on a two week rolling basis. At any given time, you have access to the current week and previous week’s work hours. Each Sunday, you lose access to one week and gain access to the next week. To log missed work hours for weeks that you are locked out from, contact your program coordinator.

I received an alert that my duty hours are in non-compliance - what are the rules for duty hours?
- Residents are limited to a maximum of 80 duty hours per week, including in-house call, averaged over four weeks.
- Residents must be given one day out of seven free from all clinical and educational responsibilities, averaged over four weeks.
- Duty periods cannot last for more than 24 hours, although residents may remain on duty for six additional hours to transfer patients, maintain continuity of care or participate in educational activities.
- Residents should be given at least 10 hours for rest and personal activities between daily duty periods and after in-house call.

From the Surgery Education Office
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10-11, 2021 ATLS Course

Advanced Robotic Skills Lab with Dr. Dutson and Dr. Sawicki
The first session of the UCLA PreMed Summer Scholar Program for High School Students was a huge success! We are grateful to all the presenters, instructors, and panelists who participated in five days of on line and in person activities. Special thanks to Ivy Huang, Zach Weitzner, Chi Quach, Connie Luu, Valentin Ybiernas, Regina Naanos, Areti Tillou, and Yue Ming Huang, who were instrumental in preparing and teaching multiple sessions. One of the students commented: “The program is amazing and greatly appreciate this opportunity! No other university is doing these programs and appreciate UCLA for stepping up and aiding those pursuing the medical field.”

The second Session will take place the week of July 12 and third the week of August 2.
PreMed Summer Scholar Program
Session 1 (June 21-25, 2021)

Our Amazing Guest Instructors and Panelists

- Maralise Kanin (Internal Medicine)
- Amy Medlock (SIV)
- Dona Hoseiny (OT)
- Tina Mamais (Geriatric RN)
- Felipe Urdaneta (Radiology)
- Jane Yang (Surgery)
- Russell Karlst (Infectious Diseases)
- Alex Havard (OIROV)
- Michael Mederos (Surgery)
- Gabe Chend (Surgery)
- Marilyn Cohen (RN)
- Briana Cassellas (RN)
- Katherine Hurley (RN)
- Monica Santini (RN)
- Yvonne Caro Caro (Sin Center)
- Alina Chen (Medical Student)
- Catia Cuff (Medical Student)
- Mildred Galvez (Medical Student)
- Luke Kim (Medical Student)
- Vincent Gutierrez (Medical Student)
- Katie Thuns (Medical Student)
- Michael Finsboen (Pathology)
- Ivan Shulman (Surgery)
- Kathleen Yip
- Grace Cheng (Surgery)
- Michelle Brenman
- Alexander Cohen (Psychiatry)
- Adam Braun (Internal Medicine)
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“When we want to say something and our voice shakes, we should take that to spur us forward, because that is when it is most necessary. Let your voice tremble, but say it anyway.”
Luvvie Ajayi Jones

2021-22 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)

General Surgery
Thurs-Fri, July 8-9: ATLS
Mon-Fri, July 12-16: CASIT Pre-Med High School Summer Scholar Program
Mon-Fri, August 2-6: CASIT Pre-Med High School Summer Scholar Program

Thoracic Surgery
Sat-Sun, July 24-25: CT Bootcamp
Sun, August 1: First Day of Clinical Service for Incoming Fellows

Wednesday Conferences Start on July 7th!

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

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Follow UCLA General Surgery on Twitter at @UCLASurgeryRes for updates on the latest happenings, resident achievements and surgical residency resources.

Resident Wellness

The Orange County Fair is back for 2021! The fair will run from July 16 – August 15. You’ll need to purchase tickets online in advance at https://ocfair.com/oc-fair/buy-tickets/.
Look forward to live concerts and performances, carnival rides and games, classic fair food, and shopping opportunities. It’s fun for the whole family!