Kudos

The following surgical residents (pictured above) have all been selected to receive the 2021 Excellence in Teaching with Humanism Residents and Fellows Award. This award, created and presented by the DGSOM medical student body, recognizes residents and fellows who model exemplary behavior toward medical students and other members of the health care team. From left to right: Alexander Bridges (Thoracic Surgery), Amanda Dann (General Surgery), Frank Lu (General Surgery), Joe Pantoja (Vascular Surgery). Read the official press release here: https://medschool.ucla.edu/excellence-in-teaching-with-humanism-awardees-2021

Congratulations to Yas Sanaiha (General Surgery) and Harbor-UCLA Surgery Resident, Sohail Sareh, for matching into UCLA’s Thoracic Surgery Fellowship Program. We’re thrilled to keep you in the Bruin family.

Welcome Back, Lab Residents!

Michael Dacey, Danielle Graham, Razmik Ghukasyan, Michael Mederos, Gabe Oland, Max, Shumm, Rivka Shenoy, and Linda Ye

Congratulations Dr. Agopian!

American Society of Transplantation...

@AST_info

Congratulations to the recipient of the Clinical Science Investigator Award, Vatcke Agopian, MD!

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Dr. Warwick Peacock Honored as the 2020-2021 Dickson Emeritus Awardee

The Dickson Award was created by a gift endowment from the late Edward A. Dickson, a Regent of the University of California from 1913 to 1946. The award honors outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching, and/or educational service performed by an emeritus/emerita professor since retirement. Congratulations on continuing to make an impact!

Dr. Deanna Attai Featured in Health and Medscape

Health interviewed Deanna Attai, MD, on the benefits of going bra-less, a relevant topic as we emerge from our homes. MSN syndicated the story. Dr. Attai also commented in a Medscape article, on the use of cryoablation for breast cancer.

DGSOM Excellence in Education Awards

Dr. Peacock, Dr. Revels, and Dr. Tillou receive their awards via virtual ceremony held on May 25, 2021. Dr. Sha’Shonda L. Revels was honored with the Kaiser-Permanente Award for Excellence in Teaching 2021. The 2020 awardees were celebrated during the same event. Dr. Warwick Peacock was awarded the 2020 Kaiser-Permanente Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Areti Tillou was awarded the 2020 Serge & Yvette Dadone Clinical Teaching Award in honor of Dr. Saleh.

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A New Year Brings New Goodbyes, Farewell to These Staff and Faculty Members

**Dr. William Quinones-Baldrich Announces Retirement**

Dr. Quinones-Baldrich, long-time Vascular Surgery faculty member, will be retiring at the end of June 2021. He has worked with UCLA for over 39 years and currently serves as Director of the UCLA Aortic Center. His longstanding relationship with UCLA started with being the first UCLA Vascular Fellow, and two years later, he joined the Vascular Surgery division as a faculty member.

**Iris Mau, Surgical Clerkship Coordinator, will Retire After this Academic Year**

Iris has served in this role for over 15 years, and her history with the UCLA Health System goes even farther back.

**Dr. Brian G. DeRubertis Announces His Departure from UCLA**

Dr. DeRubertis has accepted a position in New York City as Chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at NYP-Cornell Medical Center starting in July.

**Dr. Kate Perkins, DGSOM’s Associate Dean and DIO of the GME, Will Retire at the End of June**

Dr. Perkins has served as Vice Chair for Education in Pediatrics and also served as Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, bringing her passion for partnership with residents and over twenty years of experience in graduate medical education to the role.

We will miss you all and we are so thankful for your impact during your time with UCLA!

**Call for Nominations: Surgery Vice Chair for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)**

The Vice Chair will provide guidance and leadership related to JEDI in the Department of Surgery, will help build relationships across DGSOM departments and within the wider university community. Submit nominations by June 14, 2021 to Laura Baybridge (lbaybridge@mednet.ucla.edu).

**COVID-19 Trainee Support**

In October 2020, Dr. John Mazziotta, Vice Chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences, and Dr. Kelsey Martin, Dean of the DGSOM, commissioned the Task Force for Keeping Trainees in Science, to assess the impact of the pandemic on our trainees. Trainees at all levels reported COVID-related financial hardships, including increased child care costs due to school and daycare closures, additional campus parking fees to avoid public transit, and rising prices for food and necessities. The first round of awardees will be notified by June 21st, 2021. Stay tuned for additional rounds of funding.


**Resident Wellness**

The Skirball Cultural Center re-opened on May 15 with a new exhibit from artist and activist Ai Weiwei that features portraits made out of thousands of LEGO® bricks. Admission is free on Thursdays. You’ll need to buy timed-entry tickets in advance here: [https://www.skirball.org/exhibitions/ai-weiwei-trace](https://www.skirball.org/exhibitions/ai-weiwei-trace).
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General Surgery Mock Orals, May 12, 2021

Over 100 people, including coordinators, staff members, volunteers, and faculty from each participating site, Harbor-UCLA, Cedar Sinai, USC, Community Memorial, and Kaiser Permanente, collaborated to put this massive event together. THANK YOU!!

Thoracic Surgery Program Coordinator, **Lorraine Hartman**, snapped a shot of her newborn girl, **Eugenia Hartman Ward**, born 3/15/21. Congrats to Lorraine and her husband, Travis!

**Roxanne Massoumi**, R3, announced the birth of her second daughter, **Kimia Alipour**, born May 3rd at 6 lb., 6 oz., and 19.5 inches long. “Big sister, Kiana, is loving her new baby and we are quickly adjusting to becoming a family of four”. Congrats to the beautiful family!

Cuteness Corner
Warmest Congratulations to the 2021 Surgery Graduates!
Graduating residents and fellows were asked to share their post-graduation plans, and choose a quote that summarizes their time in their program, or a piece of advice they received that impacted them most.

**Alexander Bridges, MD**
Thoracic Surgery

*Where I'm Headed:*
Faculty Cardiothoracic Surgery, Lancaster General Health

“Do the right thing”

**Amanda Dann, MD**
General Surgery

*Where I'm Headed:*
Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship, Memorial Sloan Kettering

“When there’s no place for the scalpel, words are the surgeon’s only tool.”
- Paul Kalanithi

**Jessica Chang, MD**
Plastic Surgery

*Where I'm Headed:*
Microsurgery Fellowship, UCLA

"Be the reason someone smiles today."

**Genia Dubrovsky, MD**
General Surgery

*Where I'm Headed:*
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

“A surgeon does not dig, we dissect.”
- O. Joe Hines
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Kent Garber, MD  
General Surgery

Where I’m Headed:  
Trauma and Critical Care Surgery Fellowship,  
University of California, San Francisco

“Comfort the afflicted, afflict the comfortable”  
– Old Journalism Saying

Eric Kuo, MD  
General Surgery

Where I’m Headed:  
Endocrine Surgery Fellowship,  
Columbia University

“Washy, washy”  
-Helena Chang

Tara Russell, MD  
General Surgery

Where I’m Headed:  
Colorectal Surgery Fellowship,  
Cleveland Clinic

“You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience you really stop and look fear in the face... You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Rhusheet Patel, MD  
Vascular Surgery

Where I’m Headed:  
Faculty Vascular Surgery,  
University of Texas, Southwestern

“Be like a duck, calm on the surface but always paddling like the dickens underneath”  
- Michael Caine
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Kyle Klingbeil and Amanda Dann, seen here representing General Surgery at the “Transition to Clerkships” medical student course, which prepares 2nd year medical students for what to expect during their 3rd year surgical clerkship.

Anaar Eastoak Siletz, MD
General Surgery

Where I’m Headed:
Trauma and Critical Surgery Fellowship,
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

“Beauteous fantasticus”
- Fady Kaldas

Paul Winograd, MD
General Surgery

Where I’m Headed:
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship,
University of California, Davis

“Be careful with the lidocaine. One time, my attending accidentally injected lidocaine into his own finger. His finger was numb for the entire operation.”
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**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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**“Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us.”**

- Wilma Rudolph

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**2020-21 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)**

**General Surgery**
- Wed, Jun 9: Longmire Scientific Day
- Thurs-Fri, June 10-11: ATLS
- Mon-Fri, June 21-25: CASIT Pre-Med High School Summer Scholar Program
- Tue, June 22: Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET) Course
- Thurs, June 24: First Day of Clinical Service for Incoming Interns
- 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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATING RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS!!**

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