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Chair's Corner



Dear Colleagues,
Welcome to our Fall Edition of the Department of Surgery Newsletter. It was an eventful 2016-2017 academic year and we have much to be excited about in the department. We added several new faculty to the department who have become valued educators and clinicians. Three of our faculty were recently promoted and one of our faculty, Dr. Racquel Bueno, celebrated her 10-year anniversary of being a part of our faculty. Dr. Dean Mikami was approved as an Associate Program Director and is now taking on two important tasks: preparation of our General Surgery Residents for the Certifying Examination and

training in the Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (passage is required prior to being able to sit for the Qualifying Examination).

I call your attention to two very important events coming up in the near future. The first is the Thomas J. Whelan Visiting Professorship on November 3, 2017 at 7:00 AM (flyer is in the newsletter), an event we started last year to honor the memory and accomplishments of Dr. Whelan. This year we are fortunate that Dr. John Hunter has agreed to deliver the Whelan Lecture titled, "Surgical Residency Redesign: Is it Time?" This topic is of particular interest to Dr. Hunter and about which he has expertise having just completed his term as Chair of the American Board of Surgery. I am certain you will enjoy his lecture and spending time with him. On Friday evening, November 3, 2017, we are having a dinner at Oahu C.C. where you will be able to spend more time with Dr. Hunter and we encourage you and your guest to register (sign up online at whelandinner17.eventbrite.com). This should be a fun event and help to remind people of how much Dr. Whelan meant to surgery in Hawaii!!

The second event is the 2017 Annual Internal Giving Campaign to support the Department of Surgery and the John A. Burns School of Medicine. The dates for the campaign are October 20 – November 20, 2017, but I encourage you to consider making your tax-deductible donation before October 27, 2017 as it will qualify for the "Kickoff Match" initiative. The Surgery Education Fund (acct #: 12626404) is particularly important as it provides support for a variety of educational activities and initiatives for our students and trainees.

In closing, we are saddened by the recent departure of Dr. Walt Biffel and his lovely wife, Dr. Susan Biffel. They recently left the department and have landed in San Diego, CA where Dr. Biffel will be the Medical Director of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery for Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla and the Whittier Endowed Chair of Trauma. In the two years he was with the department and as Medical Director of Acute Care Surgery at the Queen's Medical Center, Dr. Biffel began to invigorate our department research enterprise, was recognized for his clinical leadership and excellence, and pushed us all to practice evidence-based medicine...he will be truly missed.

I hope to see you ALL at the Whelan Lectureship and dinner and am always available if you would like to visit the department. Thanks for all of your support as we move the department in new directions

Mahalo, Kenric

Please feel free to contact me at any time at (808)586-8225 or kenricm@hawaii.edu

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PARSA'S PAINTINGS



PAINTING ATTENTION TO DETAIL

As there is always a conscious or a subconscious motivation behind our actions, there is often a specific objective behind a painting. Sometimes, the sole purpose of painting is to profit from its sale and in such instances the painter will study what the public likes. An example of such a common approach is the paintings done by the world-renowned Salvador Dali the 1960s and 1970s.



Salvador Dali

A local well-known art gallery in Waikiki had asked Dali to provide them with paintings that have certain Hawaiian themes. Salvador Dali obliged and sent them from his hometown in Spain a series of such paintings. An example is the one money-maker shown on this page and was referred to as *Three Graces in Hawaii*. In this painting, Dali shows three women who are scantily dressed with leis wrapped around their hips.

Seriographs and lithographs of this and other similar paintings with Dali's signature were sold at high prices in Waikiki for several years until federal agents discovered their fake nature and arrested counterfeiters and put an end to their profitable art gallery for faking Dali's signatures. Dali himself was not involved in the scheme.



Three Graces of Hawaii

In an interview, Dali remarked that he should be thought as two separate artists: one who works only for the almighty "Dollar" or the "fake Dali," and for this reason one should refer to him as "Salvador Dollari" and the other would be the true genius artist i.e., himself and must be referred to as "The True Salvador Dali!"

Besides the commercial motivations that painters may have, an important and praiseworthy reason for painting has to do with one's desire to express a strong socio-political opinion such as Picasso's famous *Guernica* (mentioned in a previous newsletter) that is considered the most moving and powerful anti-war painting by critics. Despite the experience with WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Iraq, etc., no artist has been able to produce as of yet a painting that would match Picasso's. *Guernica* was painted in response to the tragic bombings in northern Spain by German and Italian forces in 1937 before WWII.

Other motivations for painting vary from recollection of our cherished moments, people we have loved or hated, landscapes we have enjoyed or disliked, and so on.

No matter what the motivation may be, the artist enjoys the act of painting in perhaps a similar way others enjoy hiking, surfing, playing golf, reading and other "fun" hobbies and activities. We may say that it is always for fun that an artist paints even when a tragic scene is presented.

In the painting that is shown on this page, I have focused on the function and the importance of assistants in surgery. I invite the readers of this newsletter -- of course, in the case that you have read this section all the way down to this paragraph -- as I have done in the past, to view the painting and decide what message you withdraw from this presentation. In the next newsletter, I shall share with the readers the message contained in it. In the meantime, I invite the reader who has not experienced the thrill of painting to purchase a paintbrush and some watercolors and discover the magic of painting.

By: Walter L. Biffl, M.D., Associate Chair for Research

Department of Surgery Research Meeting

The research meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month. We've had great participation from medical students and residents.

Some ideas and projects that have been discussed recently include:

- Relationship between state legalization of marijuana and location of impaired drivers in fatal motor vehicle crashes (Biffl, Steinemann, Zhao)
- Evaluation of stressful transitions in training (Murayama, Steinemann)
- Evaluation of nontechnical skills for surgeons (Murayama, Steinemann, Zhao)
- Bacteriology of necrotizing soft tissue infections (Zhao)
- Watchful waiting of hernias (Mikami, Murayama)
- Thrombocytopenia and surgical outcomes (Wong)

If you have a project you want to discuss or a presentation to rehearse, let me know and I'll add it to the agenda.

Multicenter Trials

There are numerous opportunities to join multicenter trials. Many faculty are members of the Southwestern Surgical Congress (SWSC). There are a number of trials being carried out through the SWSC, including:

- Extubation with open abdomen
- TQIP survey on VTE prophylaxis
- Small bowel obstruction management protocol
- Fast track for perforated appendicitis

Contact me if you are interested.

Kudos

Sue Steinemann presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma in September.



CONGRATULATIONS:

Dr. Craig Bottoni - Promotion to Associate Clinical Professor



Dr. Craig R. Bottoni graduated from the University Of Miami School of Medicine and subsequently completed his orthopaedic residency training at Tripler Army Medical Center. Following a two-year sports medicine fellowship at West Point, he returned to Hawaii. From 2000-2006, Dr. Bottoni served as Chief of Sports Medicine and Director of Resident Research at Tripler Army Medical Center. Since 1996, he served as the orthopaedic sports medicine consultant for local high schools including head team physician for Radford High School. In 2003, he served as President of the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons (SOMOS) and in 2005, as President of the Hawaii Orthopaedic Association.

Dr. Bottoni's research accomplishments include the Aircast Award for Clinical Science in 2000, from the Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) for his study on arthroscopic treatment of shoulder dislocations. In 2005, he won the AOSSM Excellence in Research Award for a study evaluating open versus closed treatment of shoulder dislocations. In 2007, he won the prestigious AOSSM O'Donohue Sports Injury Research Award for a prospective, randomized study on early versus delayed treatment of acute ACL injuries. In 2016, his study won the coveted 2016 Hughston Award for the best study published in The American Journal of Sports Medicine on a long-term evaluation of ACL injuries.

After separating from the military in 2006, Dr. Bottoni joined a private practice in Clearwater, Florida. In 2007, Dr. Bottoni was recruited to serve as Chief of Surgery and Assistant Chief Medical Officer at a newly constructed sports medicine hospital in Doha, Qatar. In this capacity, he has become the primary referral for complex knee and shoulder injuries for the country of Qatar and the entire gulf region.

In 2009, Dr. Bottoni was recruited back to Tripler to serve as the only civilian orthopaedic surgeon at Tripler. He serves as the Chief of Sports Medicine and Director of Research and coordinates the sports medicine referrals from the entire Pacific. He supervises the military and UH orthopaedic residents in arthroscopy and sports medicine.

Dr. Cherylee Chang - Promotion to Clinical Professor



Dr. Chang received her bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences with Honors and Distinction from Stanford University and her medical degree at the University of California, San Diego. She completed residencies in neurology and internal medicine at Stanford University Medical Center and UC San Diego, respectively and joint fellowships in critical care medicine and neurocritical care at the University of Virginia. She is board certified in neurology, critical care medicine and has additional certification in neurocritical care. She has dual appointments in medicine and surgery at JABSOM.

She has been Medical Director of the Neuroscience Institute and Neurocritical Care at The Queen's Medical Center (QMC) in Honolulu, Hawaii since 1999. She founded and directed QMC's TJC-certified Stroke Center from 1997 until 2017.

Dr. Chang is currently the neuroscience representative for the Council of the Society of Critical Care Medicine. She was recently elected to the American Board of Internal Medicine's Critical Care Medicine Board Exam Committee, was the third president of the Neurocritical Care Society from 2007 to 2009, and served in a leadership role in creating certification of individuals and accreditation of fellowship training programs in neurological critical care. She chaired the United Council of Neurological Specialties Neurointensive Care Examination Committee for its inauguration and several years thereafter. Dr. Chang is a member of the Board of Directors of the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific and is the chair of the Board's Quality Improvement Committee.



CONGRATULATIONS:

Dr. James Lai - Promotion to Associate Clinical Professor



Dr. Lai earned his M.D. from the University of Michigan where he graduated at the top of his class with Alpha Omega Alpha distinction. During medical school, he conducted research for a year at the National Institutes of Health through the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institutes Research Fellowship Program and was awarded the Dean’s Award for Research Excellence.

Dr. Lai completed his ophthalmology residency at the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions where he also was chosen to serve as Chief Resident. He completed his vitreoretinal fellowship at the nation’s top retina program, the Duke University Eye Center. There, he was selected by the Duke residents as the Teaching Fellow of the Year. In addition, Dr. Lai was awarded the Heed Fellowship, and designated as the top retinal fellow in the country. Dr. Lai then returned to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he served as the Assistant Chief of Service and Director of the Ocular Trauma Service.

Dr. Lai moved to Hawaii in 2007 to join the Retina Consultants of Hawaii. He has been actively involved in teaching medical students, residents and fellows and has also volunteered his time to help interview medical school applicants to the University of Hawaii. He has been recognized as Best Doctor in Honolulu and Best Doctor in the US since 2009.

Dr. Lai is happily married with two wonderful daughters and enjoys swimming in his spare time.

ANNIVERSARIES



Dr. Raquel Bueno

10 years of service

August 2017



WHELAN VISITING PROFESSOR
DR. JOHN G. HUNTER
NOV. 3, 2017, 7am - 8 am
Queens University Tower, Room 618

MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR!



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
 DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

GRAND ROUNDS

**Surgical Residency Redesign:
 Is it Time?**

PRESENTED BY
John G. Hunter, MD, FACS
 Mackenzie Professor
 Chief Clinical Officer, School of Medicine
 Oregon Health and Science University
 Portland, Oregon

**Friday, November 3, 2017
 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.**
University Tower, Room 618

At the end of this educational session learners will be able to:

- 1) Understand the difference between time based and competency based education
- 2) Understand the nature of an entrustable professional activity
- 3) Understand the politics of change management in surgical education.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Dr. John Hunter is surgeon-in-chief and the Mackenzie Professor of the Department of Surgery at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland Oregon.

He attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania, and completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Utah. Dr. Hunter went on to do fellowships in surgical endoscopy at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the University of Western Ontario.

In 1988, Dr. Hunter returned to Ulaui to start the Surgical Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Surgery Program at the University. In 1992, he relocated to Emory University in Atlanta, where he served as Chief of GI Surgery and Vice Chair of Surgery (clinical). Nine years later, in 2001, Dr. Hunter traveled to Oregon Health & Science University where he assumed his present position as Mackenzie Chair of Surgery and Surgeon in Chief of the OHSU health system. He served as the Chair of the American Board of Surgery (ABS) in 2016-2017. Internationally, Dr. Hunter is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Surgery (ISS-SIC). He is also the Editor in Chief of the World Journal of Surgery, a post he has held for the last 12 years. He is currently serving as the Chief Clinical Officer of the OHSU School of Medicine.

WHELAN VISITING PROFESSOR

In honor of Dr. Thomas J. Whelan who served as Chair of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Surgery from 1974 to 1990.

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FACULTY MEETING - NOV. 9, 2017, 5PM - 6PM
Queen's University Tower, Room 618
FOR COMPENSATED AND NON-COMPENSATED FACULTY

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JANUARY 25 - 26, 2019

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 Ala Moana Hotel, Oahu, Hawaii

Presented by:
 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
 Department of Surgery

Target audience: Physicians, physicians-in-training, social scientists, health care providers

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THE FD (FACULTY DEVELOPMENT) PANTRY

By: Susan K. Steinemann, M.D., FACS, Director of Faculty Development

Offerings and upcoming events to enhance your skills as a teacher, researcher, mentor and all those things you do which make you a great asset to our Department!

The American College of Surgeon Clinical Congress - October 22-26, 2017

is (for the first time!) in beautiful San Diego. There are a cornucopia of great offerings, including:

PS128 - Assuring Diversity in the Surgical Workforce

PS131 - How to Assess the Operative Skills of Senior Surgery Residents

TH03 - Residency Redesign: Where Are We Headed?

PS214 - Improving Outcomes by Enhancing and Teaching Cultural Competency and Addressing Bias

PS221 - Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS) Panels: (1) Confidence - getting comfortable with the state of being uncomfortable (2) The Role of the Program Director in Faculty Development.

PS312 - Medical Student Training: From Spectators to Team Players

PS317 - Innovative Strategies in Surgical Education

PS332 - Training Surgeons for Rural Practice

TH20 - Communication Across Generations: How to Hire the Best and Brightest

Health Professions Education Conference – Saturday Feb 3, 2018

Save the date and plan to attend for curriculum updates, teaching tools, and research presentations by JABSOM faculty and visiting professors.

Medical Student Teaching

Working with medical students is a great way to reignite your enthusiasm for surgery, hone your teaching skills and keep up with what's current and cool. You can get involved on a variety of levels: technical skills training, simulation-based training, clinical preceptorships, research or career mentoring, and problem-based learning tutoring to name a few. Contact Sue Steinemann (info below) and we'll find a fit for your time and interests!

Visiting Professor Dr. John Porterfield – Oct 11, 2017

Join us for Grand Rounds 7-8am with this renowned endocrine surgeon and Program Director at UAB

Want more?

Call or send me your suggestions for speakers or programs. Let me know if you or a visiting colleague would like to give a lecture or workshop, or help advertise any programs you know outside JABSOM that would be of interest.

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MED STUDENT NEWS & VIEWS

Our new Clerkship Coordinator is Nicole Stenstrom (surgclrk@hawaii.edu). Nicole received her BA in Cell and Molecular Biology at UH Hilo, worked for UH Commuter Services, and is trained as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Please welcome her to our surgery family!

Congratulations to Dr. Larry Burgess who was recruited to serve as the Director of the Office of Student Affairs (replacing Richard Smerz). We are delighted to have his wise, incisive, firm yet compassionate people-skills deployed to this important role – THANKS, LARRY!

The Surgery Interest Group (SIG) continues to thrive, and looking for faculty and residents to get involved. Activities are being planned for this academic year to include: Mentorship/Career paths, Global Surgery/Community Service, Match Preparation, Technical Skills, and Research. Please contact the SIG leaders: sigjabsom@gmail.com or their faculty liaison (me) if you're willing to provide mentorship, advice, skills training, research or clinical opportunities.

Thanks for all of you who continue to provide teaching and mentoring to our next generation of physicians. Please avail yourselves of the opportunity to tap into their summer energy and enthusiasm!

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EM CLERKSHIP

by Gregory Soares, M.D.
 Assistant Professor and EM Clerkship Director

The required emergency medicine clerkship in the 4th year of medical school exposes students to a wide variety of pathology from almost every field of medicine. The fundamental goal of the rotation is provide students with the opportunity to see the "undifferentiated patient." Students develop the skills necessary to assess and treat patients in the urgent/emergent setting, often with very little information other than the patients' symptoms or chief complaints.

In addition to seeing an eclectic patient population with diverse presentations, the students will also have the experience to become proficient in basic life-saving maneuvers (the ABCs of emergency medicine) and will become comfortable performing basic procedures including blood draws, inserting peripheral IVs, and performing ABGs. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in other bedside procedures as a patient's clinical condition mandates.

If students would like to learn more about emergency medicine prior to the required 4th year rotation, they are encouraged to contact the Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG), that website can be found at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/jabsomemergencymedicine/>

Email: emigjabsom@gmail.com

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Meet our very own Naomi Gagabi, Administrative Assistant I, who provides support for the Hawaii Residency Program.

Years in the Department: *I've been here for about three and a half years. I started in November 2013.*

Grad From: *I graduated from Waipahu High School.*

First Job: *I worked at student housing for UH Hilo.*

Interests: *Watching UH volleyball, doing Sudoku and Ken Ken puzzles in the newspaper, listening to podcasts - I have a lot of free time on my commute to/from the office, so I do most of these on the bus ride...I'm always looking for new iPhone games and podcasts, let me know if you have any suggestions !*

Fun Fact: *At the moment I'm trying to learn calligraphy, I'm not very good at it but it's interesting.*

FUNDRAISING CORNER By: Larry Burgess, M.D.

The 2017 Internal Giving Campaign will run from 20 October – 20 November 2017. The Co-Chairs this year are Dr. Larry Burgess and Dr. Tony Guerrero. Surgery led the way last year with Drs. Murayama and Burgess co-chairing the campaign, which raised over \$699,077. Surgery faculty, staff, and friends had the highest dollar contribution with its best year in Internal Giving, accounting for over 43% of the total, contributing \$301,116. We were fortunate to have an anonymous donor contribute \$210,000 towards the Whelan Endowed Chair in Surgery, as well as having Whelan Gala proceeds of \$64,610. Please see the table for a more detailed breakdown, and how early giving by faculty and staff resulted in matching contributions of \$11,266.

Please give by 27 OCTOBER to maximize matching opportunities with **the Kickoff Match**. This year, the **Participation Match** will be given to the 3 departments with the highest percentage of JABSOM faculty and staff giving by recurring payroll deductions or recurring credit card payments. The first will require forms to be filled out, and the latter can be set up on the web site. If you are already giving this way, this coming year's amount will contribute towards this year's matching. The **'Ohana Match** requires participation by 20 or more department faculty/staff. As shown below, the match provides a nice supplement to donated funds, so let's try to get that again. There is no dollar amount requirement for the Participation Match or the 'Ohana match.

You will be receiving an email with instructions on how to give via the web site and the specific **appeal code for Surgery 18FM3** so we get credit. The **Dean's priority funds** are **Medical School Development #12014402**, **Rural and Neighbor Island Training (R.A.C.E)#12564704**, and **Medical School Scholarship#120-31104**.

For **Surgery**, the priorities are **Whelan Fund #12019912**, providing support for visiting professors, and the **Surgery Education Fund #12626404**, which helps to cover the cost of a variety of activities in the department, including but not limited to education, research, and administrative infrastructure.

ACCOUNT	Gifts by 10/25/16*	Gifts 10/26 - 11/14-16	Kickoff Match*	Participation Match**	Burgess 'Ohana Match***	TOTAL
Surgery Education Fund (used for various department activities)	\$4,300	\$300	\$149		\$1,250	\$5,999
Whelan Endowed Chair Surgery	\$222,300		\$7,690			\$229,990
Whelan Endowment (supports visiting professors)	\$500		\$17			\$517
Whelan Gala	\$62,450		\$2,160			\$64,610
TOTALS	\$289,550	\$300	\$10,016	\$	\$1,250	\$301,116

* Kick-off match is for gifts received by 10/27/2017 this coming year.

**Participation match is for the 3 Departments with the highest percentage of donors by recurrent payroll or credit card deduction.

***Burgess 'Ohana match is up to \$7,500 for Departments who reach 100% participation with 19 or less on JABSOM roster, or 20 participants as a minimum for larger departments. Partial credit may be given if RCUH or UCERA employees contribute instead, if funds are still available.

Once again, we are featuring these two funds:

The **Whelan Fund** (acct #: 12019912) provides support for visiting professors.

The **Surgery Education Fund** (acct #: 12626404) helps to cover the cost of a variety of activities in the department, including but not limited to education, research, and administrative infrastructure.

If you'd like to make a donation online, please go to <https://giving.uhfoundation.org/give-now> Please contact mariachu@hawaii.edu or (808)586-2925 for any questions.



Submitted by Residency Staff

Surgery – The Surgery Graduation Program took place on June 9 at the Mid-Pacific Country Club in the Kaohao Ballroom. The change of venue from the Hyatt Regency (going back to 2012) was well received by the graduates, their families and all other attendees. Dr. & Mrs. Murayama made the event much more of an intimate, family affair – far, far from Waikiki! JABSOM and Surgical Residency Program alumnus Daniel R. Margulies, MD, FACS was invited by Dr. Murayama to be the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony and to do a Department Grand Rounds as the Robert T. Wong Visiting Professor. Dr. Margulies is currently Professor of Surgery at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Graduating Chief Residents **Nina Lu**, **Sho Furuta** and **Bradley Stephan** were the honored guests! The new tradition of faculty introducing the graduates to the surgical community (aka roasting!) continued this year with **Mihae Yu** introducing Sho Furuta, **Walter Biffl** introducing Nina Lu and **Fred Yost** introducing Brad Stephan. Sho is now a General Surgeon on staff at The Queen’s Medical Center, Nina is doing a Trauma/Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Brad Stephan joined a surgical group practice in Tampa, Florida. The 2016-17 Department of Surgery Graduation Awards were as follows:

- UH Surgical Residency Program Outstanding Resident – **Nina Lu, MD**
- Resident Teacher of the Year as Selected by JABSOM Class of 2018 – **Sho Furuta, MD**
- ABSITE Award – **Colin Doyle, MD**
- Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons Resident Achievement Award – **L. Kasey Welsh, MD**
- UH Department of Surgery Culturally Competent Care Award – **Christina Souther, MD**
- Teacher of the Year Award as Selected by the Residents – **Fredrick Yost, MD, FACS**

Kyrillos Awad, DO transferred into the surgical program as a PGY-2 on July 1, 2017. Dr. Awad did a Preliminary PGY-1 year at the University of California (Irvine) Surgical Program prior to his transfer. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his undergraduate work in Biology at Arcadia University in Glenside Pennsylvania. Kyrillos personal interests include hiking and trail running, Middle Eastern and Asian Cuisine, baking and international travel. The Program extends the warmest Aloha to Kyrillos Awad!

Orthopaedics – The Orthopaedics Graduation Program also took place on June 9 at the Mid-Pacific CC in the Lanikai Room. **Megan Kuba** and **Richard “Alex” Sweet** were the 2017 graduates. Dr. Kuba completed the 6-year program (with a research year between the first and second clinical year) and Dr. Sweet completed the 5-year program. Both Chief Residents were acknowledged for their major contributions to the training program over the years. Megan moves on to her Pediatric Orthopaedics Fellowship at Seattle Children’s and Alex begins his Adult Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital. Current Orthopaedic Chief Resident John Dupaix has been accepted into a Hand Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Christopher Lau will do a Sports Medicine fellowship at the Southern California Orthopaedic Institute (others that have done sports medicine fellowships here include faculty members Jay Marumoto and Kyle Chun). The 2016-17 Orthopaedic Residency Program Awards were:

- Allen B. Richardson Award for Excellence (presented by Chief Residents) – Byron H. Izuka, MD
- Alan Pavel Outstanding Teacher Award (presented by Junior Residents) – Gregory H. Chow, MD

Surgical Critical Care – Ellie Cohen and Jonathan Praeger completed the SCC Fellowship in June 2017. Ellie is back at Hennepin County Medical Center doing her PGY-4 year and Jon is doing a Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. Colin Doyle and Stephanie Yan are the current Fellows and both have submitted abstracts for presentation at the Society of Critical Care Medicine Congress which will take place in February 2018 in San Antonio Texas. Dr. Doyle’s submission is: *Feasibility of Blood Volume Analysis-Directed Diuresis in Subjects with Shock Requiring Vasopressors* and Dr. Yan’s abstract is titled: *Capillary Albumin Transudation Rate and Outcome in Critically-Ill Patients*. The SCC Fellowship Match results will be announced in early October. We will announce the 2018-19 SCC fellows in the next newsletter.



Chief Residents with Dr. Yost



Kyrillos Awad, DO



Dr. Dan Margulies, MD and Dr. Jodi Margulies, PhD



Orthopaedic Graduates Megan Kuba and Alex Sweet with Drs. Jay and Ashley Marumoto



Dr. Murayama and Graduate Sho Furuta



Dr. Murayama and Graduate Nina Lu



Dr. Murayama and Graduate Brad Stephan



SCC Graduate Jonathan Praeger with Dr. Mihae Yu

If you have news to share, please contact Mike Yamashita at my7@hawaii.edu.