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Chair's Corner



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the Department of Surgery Spring 2017 newsletter. Since the last edition of our newsletter there has been much activity in the department as you will see in the pages that follow. Our surgery faculty continue to be productive both clinically and academically and provide the mentorship and leadership integral to a strong academic department of surgery.

The lifeblood of every strong department is the training programs and as you will see in the pages that follow,

we had another successful Match in General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care. We owe thanks to all of the dedicated faculty and current residents who committed their time and energy to attract this outstanding group of future trainees. The educational programs in the department continue to evolve and I believe we are demonstrating how rewarding a career in surgery is. I am happy to report that we had an increase in interest in surgery amongst medical students from JABSOM this year and hope to see this trend continue in years ahead.

The newsletter highlights the activities and accomplishments of several of our faculty and staff, but there are many others we hope to recognize in future editions. I hope you will read about our developing research enterprise led by Dr. Walt Biffl, Associate Chair for Research, our nationally recognized expertise in cultural competency led by Dr. Maria Chun, Associate Chair for Administration and Finance, and our newly developed Hawaii SITE Center directed by Dr. Dean Mikami, Chief of General Surgery. Finally, we have highlighted another art piece of Dr. Don Parsa, Chief of Plastic Surgery. I am fortunate to be surrounded by talented, thoughtful, hardworking, and innovative people...it makes it fun to come to work every day!!

Departments of surgery are facing challenges on many fronts with decreasing resources, increasing administrative requirements, the changing paradigm of training and education, and the evolving healthcare landscape. Growth of the department with addition of dedicated providers and productive practices is imperative as the complex environment around us evolves. As I said early in my tenure, we are a department that has been built on the pillar of education and without committed faculty this will be challenging to maintain. We will continue to evolve, expand, diversify, and, most importantly, provide value so that we can remain relevant to the medical community in Hawaii. In closing, one of my favorite messages to live by:

"Once you say you're going to settle for second, that's what happens to you in life."

- John F. Kennedy

Mahalo,
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Although fishes such as sharks have often been the subject of horror movies and thrillers like *Jaws* and *Piranha*, they are most unlikely to harm humans. In fact, in non-Hollywood cultures, with the exception of few movies such as *Finding Nemo*, fishes are depicted as beautiful and likeable creatures. In the Eastern and Middle-Eastern cultures fishes occupy a rather lofty position and as we know, in the West, they also represent the very symbol of love and compassion in the person of Jesus. As a poetic image they symbolize the very best human qualities such as kindness, harmony and compassion.

In this painting, the canvas has been divided into four equal squares referring to the four corners of the planet and symbolizes mankind with peoples of different color, nationality, religion and ethnicity.

The squared boxes also convey the message that if people of different cultures remain within their artificially created spaces and boundaries, true, unselfish and meaningful communication remain impossible. Therefore, individuals, and at a larger scale, societies and nations must break these self-imposed barriers that selfishness has created so that meaningful communication may take place. This can only be done with the unselfish and unprejudiced attitude of the individuals, societies and nations towards one another. In this painting, the movement of the tropical fishes from one enclosed space to another represent such a possibility. Irrespective of their size and color, the fishes in this painting are crossing self-imposed barriers and are transcending the artificial differences and prejudices without facing any threat. Is this utopia? Perhaps. However, is it possible? The answer is **yes** given man's potential to do so. Should we be hopeful? The answer is again **yes** since there is no other choice if we desire the humanistic progress of individuals.

In summary, this painting may simply represent a few tropical fishes pleasant to look at or it may inspire a rare viewer to reflect on the possibility of peaceful co-existence of individuals, families, societies and nations irrespective of the differences of belief, religion, color and nationality. I mentioned "a rare viewer" since the great majority of individuals rarely if ever reflect on the possibility of a hidden meaning in a painting. In the last newsletter I mentioned briefly the "meaning" of Picasso's well-known *Guernica* as an example. If one believes that "meaning" in a painting or in life itself has value, then it behooves us to reflect on paintings we observe as we do on life itself.

Since this painting is about communication, it is important to reflect on the importance of education starting in childhood and continuing throughout life, stressing the vital importance of a healthy society that is founded on humanistic values of humility, understanding and compassion so that the "boxes" separating and dividing individuals and mankind may be broken. Otherwise the fishes, i.e., individuals, societies, tribes and nations, will remain isolated and quite often in constant conflict with one another as we witness both in the US and around the world. We all realize that genuine, transparent, honest and unselfish communication among individuals and societies is most difficult; however, it is not impossible; we certainly have the ethical and moral obligation of improving such gloomy relationships as physicians and educators. In final summary, the colorful varied tropical fishes that abound in the Hawaiian waters can help us reflect on the possibility of peaceful co-existence of peoples if we spend time reflecting and observing their beautiful and graceful movements.

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

Department of Surgery Research Meeting

As many of you are aware, in January we began holding monthly Department of Surgery research meetings. I want to thank those who have participated as we have gotten this off the ground. We have had good representation from QMC-based faculty, community surgeons, residents, and medical students. This is an excellent forum to:

- Present new project ideas
- Discuss and get suggestions on ongoing projects
- Rehearse research presentations and receive critical feedback before doing it for real in front of a less-friendly audience
- Absorb the conversation and get ideas for your own projects

We anticipate that this will foster interdisciplinary collaboration and stimulate new project ideas. To that end, we will be maintaining a running list of ongoing projects in the department. This list will be circulated with each month's meeting announcement. Thanks to all of you who have provided material for the document; please continue to send status updates to me, such as initiating a new project, terminating one, or having it accepted for presentation or publication.

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.

Trauma Research

There are numerous opportunities for trauma research. Available data sources include the QMC trauma registry, the American College of Surgeons' (ACS) *Trauma Quality Improvement Program* (TQIP) database and *National Trauma Databank* (NTDB), and the State of Hawai'i trauma registry.

QMC trauma research meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in UH Tower, 6th floor. Contact Dr. Mike Hayashi or Ms. Karen Ng to add topics for discussion to the agenda, or just come and see what's going on. At the last meeting approximately a dozen projects were discussed, and there are over 20 open IRB protocols.

Dr. Sue Steinemann has several ongoing projects working with State trauma data. Contact her for details.

Surgical Critical Care Research

Dr. Mihae Yu and Dr. Dave Inouye and their colleagues have several active research protocols in the SICU. The SICU holds monthly research meetings, on the fourth Monday. Contact Dr. Yu or Dr. Inouye with ideas.

Quality Outcomes Research

In addition to TQIP, QMC also participates in the ACS *National Surgical Quality Improvement Program* (NSQIP), so the sky's the limit with quality and outcome studies.

Orthopedic Research

There is a long list of research projects in orthopedic surgery. Come to the research meeting if you want to explore opportunities in this arena.

Academic Productivity!

Dr. Ning Lu presented a research paper at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association in February, and submitted a manuscript for publication in *JAMA Surgery*.

Drs. Christina Souther, Sue Steinemann, Irminne Van Dyken, and Frank Zhao will all be presenting their work at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Surgical Congress in April. As our leader, Dr. Murayama, is a Past-President of SWSC, it's great to have a presence there!



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** Due to space limitations this list includes only papers with first or senior author from JABSOM Dept of Surgery. If you're interested, search PubMed for publications from Hawaii Surgery and you'll find a more extensive list of publications to which our faculty colleagues have contributed.*

Notable Upcoming Abstract Deadlines

June 9- Western Surgical Association. Meeting November 4-7, 2017, Montelucia Resort and Spa, Scottsdale, AZ. Papers published in *J Am Coll Surg*.

July 1- Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Meeting January 9-13, 2018, Disney's Contemporary Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL. Papers published in *J Trauma Acute Care Surg*.

TBA- Pacific Coast Surgical Association. Meeting February 16-19, 2018, Meritage Resort & Spa, Napa, CA. Papers published in *JAMA Surg*.



CONGRATULATIONS:

*Congratulations to Dr. Fereydoun Don Parsa for receiving the
Hawaii Medical Association Lifetime Achievement Award for 2016!*



Dr. Parsa and his lovely wife, Touri

F. Don Parsa has been sharing "6 Rules of the Heart" or the "Science of the Heart" with JABSOM students for close to 40 years. These rules are as follows:

1. It is ok to be smart and intellectually brilliant. But it is significantly and by far more important to be humble, gentle, and unselfish.
2. It is ok to be a respected physician and renowned specialist. But it is significantly and by far more important to be understanding, prejudice-free and charitable.
3. It is ok to be proud of yourself. But it is significantly and by far more important NOT to judge any patient or others as inferior to yourself.
4. It is ok to rest and enjoy leisurely activities. But it is significantly and by far more important to gladly interrupt such activities and help a stranger in need as you would for your dearest parent or friend.
5. It is ok to consider the business side of your practice. But it is significantly and by far more important NOT to allow business interfere with quality patient care and your relation with others.
6. It is ok to be happy. But it is significantly and by far more important to consider the happiness you bring to your patients, spouse, children, and others as important, if not significantly more important, than your own happiness.

Happy Anniversary to Dr. Andrew Oishi for 20 years of service to the department!



UPCOMING EVENTS

FACULTY MEETING - MAY 4, 2017

**5 PM - 6 PM, ROOM 618, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY TOWER
FOR COMPENSATED AND NON-COMPENSATED FACULTY**



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!

Teaching Tools You Can Use

The GMEC Curriculum Subcommittee has a repository of resources on everything from mentoring to disaster preparedness. Access via New Innovations or JABSOM GME website: <http://jabsom.hawaii.edu/ed-programs/gme/educational-resources/gmec-curriculum-committee-materials/>

Masters of Science in Clinical Research

This novel program is offered through JABSOM's Department of Complementary and Integrative Medicine. Targeted to junior faculty and residents, applications are open through May 1. Contact the Chair of the Clinical Research Graduate Program, Beatriz Rodriguez, MD, PhD, for more details: brodrigu@hawaii.edu

Preparing the Dossier: Workshop Series for Faculty Applying for Promotion

Essential advice for compensated faculty applying for promotion in 2017-18 or possibly 2018-19.

Every Wednesday June 7 – July 26, 12-1 pm, MEB 224T

To register, email Lori Emery at lmatsuza@hawaii.edu; let her know you are in the Dept of Surgery and what rank you are seeking.

Surgical Education Week San Diego April 18-22, 2017

The latest research and practical workshops for educators.

More information at

<https://surgicaleducation.com/annual-meeting-information>
or just ask me

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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DIG THE SIG!

The JABSOM Surgery Interest Group (SIG) is thriving and looking for faculty and residents to get involved! The SIG's mission is to encourage students to consider a career in surgery, and prepare them to excel in surgical training. We have members across all four years of medical school interested in all surgical specialties, and a new slate of officers for the 2017-18 year:

President:

Shaun Chang, MS4

Senior Vice Presidents:

Jonathan Woo, MS3

Keola Kane, MS3

Ailea Apana, MS3

Vice Presidents of Activities & Initiatives:

Mentorship / Career Paths: Scott Liu, MS2 & Sai Tummala, MS2

Global Surgery / Community Service: Tru Dang, MS2

Match Preparation: Brandon Ing, MS2

Technical Skills: Gavin Ha, MS2

Research: Chris Tanabe, MS2

Activities planned for the remainder of the 2016-17 academic year include:

Suturing & knot tying workshop

Laparoscopy skills workshop for MS2s with Dr. Lorenzo

Surgical Residency/4th year Panel (Post-match debriefing with current MS4s) –Sometime in April 2017.

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. It's a great opportunity to connect with the energy of our next generation of surgeons!

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Meet our very own Lori Ann Bland, Administrative Assistant II, who provides support for the Hawaii Residency Program.

Years in the Department: This year makes 5 years. I started in April 2012

Grad From: High School: Hawaii Baptist Academy

College: UH Manoa

First Job: Department of Education, Windward District Office - I think my job title was student helper (or something to that effect.)

Interests: I like to read, shop, and travel (not necessarily in that order). My goal is to visit all 50 states before I kick the bucket.

During the summer, I like to go fishing for o'io with my dad.

Fun Fact: I'm allergic to chocolate.



We didn't get to feature Aidalyn Mayo before she left to work for Hawaii Pacific Health, so here are some facts about her. We miss you, Aida!

Years in the Department: 6 years

Grad From: Waipahu High School

First Job: Burger King

Interests: Working out, shopping, and cooking

Fun Fact: Goes to the gym at 2:30 in the morning

FUNDRAISING CORNER By: Dr. Larry Burgess

The 2016 Internal Giving Campaign ran from 14 October – 14 November 2016. Surgery led the way with Drs. Murayama and Burgess co-chairing the campaign. This year's campaign was highly successful with over \$699,077 raised for JABSOM. 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.

Even without the larger donations and the Whelan gala, this still was Surgery's best year. With the momentum from 2016, and some funds used for Whelan Gala tables and tickets channeling instead into Surgery funds this coming year, I have no doubt that surgery will have another great year. Keep up the outstanding participation!!!

ACCOUNT	Gifts by 10/25/16*	Gifts 10/26 - 11/14-16	Kick-Off 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 10/25/2016						
**Participation match is for the 4 funds with the largest number of donors.						
***Burgess 'Ohana match is 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.						

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.



CCHC 2017: 5th Cross-Cultural Health Care Conference

By: Maria B.J. Chun, Ph.D.

On February 17-18, 2017, the UHM Department of Surgery held its 5th Cross-Cultural Health Care Conference at the Ala Moana Hotel. Among the more than 150 attendees and presenters were international guests from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, and the UK, as well as those representing a number of U.S. states (Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington). We were also pleased to have neighbor island guests from Molokai join us. This biennial event maintained its theme of *Collaborative and Multidisciplinary Interventions* by featuring speakers from a variety of disciplines: medicine, social work, nursing, and public health. The “panel of Deans” (Dean Jerris Hedges, Dean Noreen Mokuau, Dean Mary Boland, and Director Kathryn Braun) exemplified these efforts by discussing how their respective schools and programs have partnered on a number of efforts, such as RMATRIX, which provides research infrastructure and support to investigators.

A special highlight of the conference was the opening general session speakers on each day of the conference: Dr. Adil Haider, M.D., MPH, FACS, Kessler Director for the Center for Surgery and Public Health, a joint initiative of Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and Dr. Amelia Grover, M.D., FACS, Chair-Elect for the American College of Surgeons Committee on Diversity Issues. Dr. Haider discussed how cultural issues are now being more readily recognized by surgery and are now becoming a more common part of residency training. Specifically, he shared the Provider Awareness and Cultural Dexterity Toolkit for Surgeons (PACTS), which is an effort to develop a standardized cultural training program for surgical residents to enhance their ability to provide better care for their patients. Dr. Grover’s presentation focused on diversity issues facing the surgical workforce with regard to recruitment and retention. She discussed difficulties faced by women and racial/ethnic minorities and how they can and have been addressed.

We were also fortunate to have return guest speakers Dr. Joseph Betancourt and Dr. Alexander Green provide updates of their work. Ms. Julia Puebla Fortier came all the way from Kobe, Japan, to share her work with migrants and refugees. She also oversees DiversityRx, which “is a clearinghouse of information on how to meet the language and cultural needs of minorities, immigrants, refugees, and other diverse populations seeking health care.” (diversityrx.org)

Conference co-founder and committee co-chair, Dr. Danny Takanishi, Jr., M.D., FACS shared his expertise on professionalism and how it relates to cultural competency along with his co-presenter Dr. William Fong, who is faculty in the UHM Department of OB/GYN. Additionally, we had faculty from the UHM Department of Native Hawaiian Health, such as Department Chair, Dr. Keawe Kaholokula, and Dr. Neal Palafox from the UHM Department of Family Medicine and Community Health speak on topics that addressed healthcare disparities and social justice issues.

For more information on the conference, please visit cchc-conference.com.

We hope to see you at our next conference in January 2019, and would like to thank Dr. Murayama for his ongoing support of cultural competency efforts in our department.



Dr. Adil Haider, M.D., MPH, FACS



Dr. Alexander Green, M.D., MPH



(L-R) Dean Noreen Mokuau, Dean Mary Boland,
Director Kathryn Braun, Dean Jerris Hedges



Dr. Amelia Grover M.D., FACS



Dr. Joseph Betancourt, M.D., MPH



Dean Jerris Hedges, M.D., M.S., MMM



Conference Attendees

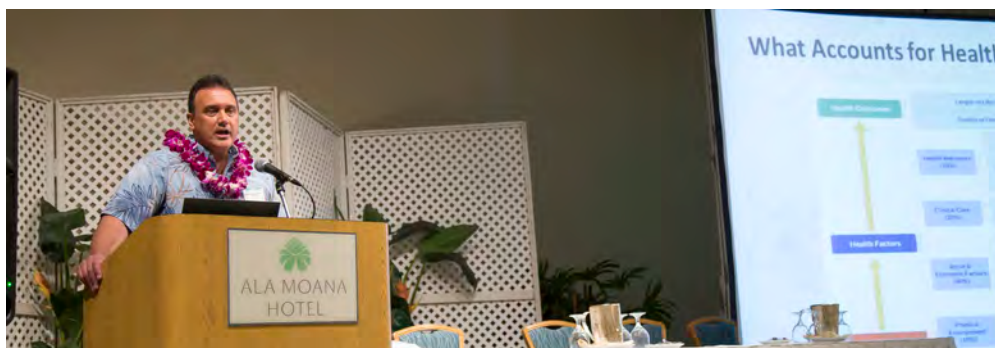
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Ms. Julia Puebla Fortier



Dr. Danny Takanishi, Jr., M.D., FACS



Dr. Keawe Kaholokula, Ph.D.



Dr. William Fong, M.D.



Dr. Neal Palafox, M.D., MPH



Dr. Scott Harvey, M.D. presents his poster on *Racial-Ethnic Disparities in Postpartum Hemorrhage in Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and Asians*



Lunchtime



What makes a conference in Hawaii special

SITE Symposium

By: Dean J. Mikami, M.D., FACS

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The first annual Hawaii Surgical Innovation, Technology and Education Symposium was held on February 10 and the 11th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in conjunction with the University of Hawai'i Department of Surgery and The Hawai'i Surgical Innovation, Technology and Education Center (Hawai'i SITE Center). The goal of the symposium was to educate attendees on the latest enhancements and technologies in general surgery, specifically as it relates to fields of endoscopy, laparoscopic surgery, complex hernia repair, endocrine surgery, solid organ surgery, new surgical technology and colorectal surgery. Our invited experts lectured on the future in minimally invasive surgery, current surgical trends, and changes in the health care economy which will impact current practices, education for our trainees, and care for patients in Hawaii. This activity was accredited for 12.25 AMA credits by the Hawai'i Consortium for Continuing Medical Education.

The symposium featured world experts from the United States, Australia, China and Japan and Korea and a hands-on-lab at JABSOM was offered to our participants. There were nearly 100 registrants, which included surgeons from our local community and the mainland US, operating room personal, nurses, surgical residents and JABSOM medical students. We are in the process of planning the 2018 SITE symposium and look forward to seeing everyone there next year.



Dr. Dean Mikami presenting at the SITE Symposium



Dr. Xiaojun Zhou (center), Chief of Surgery at The First Affiliated Hospital of Soochow University in Suzhou, China visits Dr. Kenric Murayama (right) and Dr. Dean Mikami (left) at the University of Hawaii Department of Surgery before the SITE Symposium



Dr. Nabeel Ibrahim from Sydney Australia discussing his work with chemical component separation in complex ventral hernia repair.



Dr. Mikami with Dr. Sabrena Noria from the Ohio State University



Dr. Brian Jacobs from Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City and founder of the International Hernia Collaborative.



Dr. Murayama moderating the Great Debate: Robotic Surgery in General Surgery with Drs. Brian Jacobs (Mount Sinai Hospital) and Raj Narula (Ohio State University)

SITE CENTER VISITING SCHOLAR

The University of Hawaii Department of Surgery and the Hawaii SITE Center had the great honor of hosting our first SITE Center Visiting Scholar, Dr. Grant Beban from Auckland New Zealand. Dr. Beban is a busy general surgeon specializing in esophageal and gastric cancer surgery as well as bariatric surgery. He was very interested to come to Hawaii due to the fact we share many of the same type of patients from Polynesia. His main goals were to see how other surgeons working in the same areas of benign and malignant foregut surgery approach the same problems and to get a new perspective on his own practice. Another key goal of Dr. Beban's visit was to observe how other departments are organized, and how he can learn from them to improve the organization of his own department back home. In New Zealand, a surgical sabbatical is common practice that academic surgeons partake in during their careers. Dr. Beban was on such a sabbatical and toured the world, stopping in the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, the mainland US before coming to Hawaii.



Dr. Grant Beban

Submitted by Residency Staff

The 2017 Match season turned out nicely for all Department of Surgery residency programs. Thank you so much to the faculty and residents who spent their time conducting interviews and participating in the “social activities.” Here are the 2017-18 Incoming Residents for Surgery, Orthopaedics and Surgical Critical Care.

Kliment K. Bozhilov (Surgery)

Kliment is graduating from the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine after earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of California Riverside in 2013. Kliment is a co-author on a recently completed abstract just submitted to the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST): Short-term Outcomes Are Not Impacted by Low Versus High Energy Falls in the Elderly. [First author is rising Chief Resident Kasey Welsh]. Kliment plays soccer (team captain), basketball and volleyball when he has the time. He also likes hiking, backpacking, camping and snowboarding.



Simon Y.W. Che (Surgery)

Simon graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science in 2010 (Physiological Sciences). He matriculated at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine following additional coursework in Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering. Simon loves to cook; he enjoys trying new recipes and cooking techniques. One day he hopes to learn how to bake artisan breads and become a Bar-B-Que pit master. Simon is a self-taught musician (guitar) and has had formal education in piano, violin and ukulele! Simon is an active participant in the Hawaii Homeless Outreach and Medical Education (H.O.M.E.) Project which is a mobile medical clinic that provides free healthcare for underserved communities (major support provided by Jill Omori, M.D.).



Reid Mahoney (Surgery)

In 2011, Reid earned his Bachelor of Science in Science Education from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend and followed that with a few years of teaching high school chemistry prior to matriculating at Tulane University School of Medicine (Kasey Welsh's alma mater). Reid is passionate about keeping himself physically fit and enjoys playing recreational sports such as softball, football, basketball and baseball; he also coached high school baseball while he was a teacher. He enjoys reading non-fiction from biographies to scientific research to history and likes music of many different genres. He writes poetry and is an avid movie fan!



Daniel K. O'Brien (Surgery)

Daniel will graduate from the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine (incoming Surgical Critical Care Fellow Stephanie Yan is completing her surgical residency there) in May 2017. Daniel did his undergraduate work at University of California, Davis earning a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Entomology. Daniel plays the guitar and writes music. He runs marathons and half marathons and is an avid photographer. As his education would point toward, he has a strong interest in philosophy with a particular interest in the interplay between ethics and medicine.



Alexis Chen (Surgery-Preliminary)

Alexis will graduate from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine – Tulsa in May. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, OK in 2012. Alexis grew up playing tennis and the passion is still there! She has also played soccer with intramural teams in college and medical school. She studied piano for over ten years and currently participates in local philharmonic and orchestral performances when the opportunity arises. For the past couple of years, Alexis has volunteered for The Ladder which is a mentorship program involving students ages 9+ in underserved Tulsa communities. The goal of The Ladder is to foster interest in various health fields, provide mentorship and promote diversity.

**Robert C. Maciel (Surgery-Preliminary)**

Robert will graduate from University of California David Geffen School of Medicine in May. He earned both a Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) and a Master of Science (Biological Sciences) from UC Riverside prior to matriculating at UCLA. Robert is a prolific researcher with several publications and presentations, largely in orthopaedic and trauma topics. Robert completed a one-year research fellowship in the Department of Orthopaedics at UCLA (under the auspices of Frank A. Petrigliano and David R. McAllister) looking at the regenerative potential of multiple stem cell sources for anterior cruciate ligament tissue engineering.

**Daniel B. Goldberg (Orthopaedics)**

Daniel matriculated at Albany Medical College after completing his BS in Biochemistry/Cellular Biology at the University of California, San Diego. Daniel was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and received several awards for scholastic excellence during medical school. Daniel was a competitive swimmer in high school and has summited several 14,000 ft. peaks including Mt. Shasta. When he has the time, Daniel also enjoys surfing and participating in triathlons. Daniel spent substantial time volunteering for Albany Medical College Care from the Start and Cross Cultural Solutions, the primary mission of the former being the provision of medical care to the underserved and that of the latter being the teaching of English to adult learners and the provision of care to children at an orphanage.

**Victoria Scala (Orthopaedics)**

Victoria is currently completing a Preliminary Surgery year at the University of Kentucky following completion of her medical degree at Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California. During medical school she completed a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. Victoria did her undergraduate work at Northwestern, Paris-Sorbonne University and Duke. She is an advanced speaker of French and German and enjoys working out and completing the Kentucky Bourbon Trail! Victoria matched into the Research Track and will take a year between her second and third year of clinical training to complete a one-year Orthopaedic research fellowship.



Stephanie Yan (Surgical Critical Care)

Stephanie completed a Bachelor of Arts in International Development Studies at UC Berkley and following post-baccalaureate health career studies at Harvard, matriculated at University of California, Davis School of Medicine to complete her medical degree in 2011. At present, she is Chief Resident at the University of California Riverside Surgical Residency Program. Stephanie likes to body surf and hike with her family. She writes poetry and is a photography enthusiast. She loves to travel and meet people from different places with different backgrounds, and she is passionate about her community and international health and development. She will join the Surgical Critical Care fellowship in July.

**Colin L. Doyle (Surgical Critical Care)**

Our very own Colin Doyle (PGY-3 at present) will spend a year in the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship under the mentorship of Program Director Mihae Yu, MD and her outstanding cadre of intensivists at The Queen's Medical Center SICU. Colin will return to the University of Hawaii Surgical Residency Program to complete his 4th and 5th years of General Surgery training in July 2018. Colin is a 2014 graduate of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Finally, someone else may have a chance to achieve the program-high ABSITE score!



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