

The Prom.... Resident Graduation



The graduation ceremony for the 2024 residents was held at The Colony Club in Detroit on Thursday, 6/13/24. The function began with a welcome reception where everyone enjoyed their favorite beverage and had the opportunity to talk with colleagues from other divisions. The official ceremony began with the welcome provided by our Chairman, Dr. Donald Weaver, who made appropriate introductions and provided a heartfelt wish that all of the graduating residents have a successful career.

Each of the program directors then provided an introduction for their residents. Dr. John Webber introduced Dr. Alyssa Stroud who is completing the Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship; Dr. Scott Langenburg introduced Dr. Christopher Marenco who is completing the Pediatric Surgical Fellowship; and Dr. Lydia Donoghue introduced Dr. Hollis Hutchings who is completing the Pediatric Surgical Critical Care Fellowship.

Dr. Steven Tennenberg introduced Dr. Kelly Zhang and Dr. Amanda Johnson who are completing the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship. Dr. Yevgeniy Rits introduced Dr. Dominic Suma and Dr. Sidra Bhuller who are completing the Vascular Surgery Fellowship.

Dr. David Edelman, the General Surgery Program Director, introduced the graduating general surgical residents. These included Dr. Paige Aiello, Dr. Molly Belisle, Dr. Puneet Bhatti, Dr. Anastasya Chuchulo, Dr. Felix Shun, and Dr. Jock Thacker.

The faculty members presented a toast to the graduating residents and Fellows, followed by a toast from the graduating residents and Fellows to the faculty. Each year, the residents identify a specific faculty member who has been helpful as a role model during their training. This year's role model is Dr. Sol Hee Lee who teaches the residents General Surgery and Minimally Invasive Surgery.



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(Left to right) Margaret Semlow (aunt), Christine Stienbrecher (cousin), Jake Stienbrecher (cousin), Jaime Belisle (sister), Ann Wilson (mother-in-law-to-be), Dr. Molly Belisle (WSUGS 2024), Nick Whalen (fiancé), Linda Belisle (mom), Steve Belisle (dad), and front Liam Stienbrecher (cousin)



(Left to right) Vinnie Bhatti (brother) and his wife, Marilyn Bhatti, Kami Bhatti (dad), Beena Bhatt (mom), Dr. Puneet Bhatti (WSUGS 2024), Bharti Patel (mother-in-law), Nimesh Patel (father-in-law), Henna Patel (Dr. Bhatti's bride), Mohinder Bhatti (uncle), and Marie Bhatti (aunt)



(Left to right) Trudy (grandmother), Patricia (aunt of Dr. Tobon), Dr. Miguel Tobon (WSUGS 2020), Dr. Paige Aiello (WSUGS 2024), holding their son, George Tobon, June Aiello (mom), Mark Aiello (dad), Taylor White (sister), and Logon White (brother-in-law)





Michael Attala (father-in-law), Noelle Attala (sister-inlaw), Dr. Anastasya Chuchulo, her husband, Jeff Attala, and her mother-in-law, Joan Attala





(Left to right) Lucius Rosen, Sandy Rosen, Dr. Ryan Rosen (fiancé), Dr. Alyssa Stroud, Diana Stroud (mom), and Jeff Stroud (dad)



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(Back row—left to right) John Getzam (father-in-law-to-be); Ann Karadjoff (mom), Terri Karadjoff (aunt), Margie Karadoff (aunt), Jeri Witkowski (grandmother), Peter Karadjoff (dad), Ted Getzam (fiancé). (Front row—left to right) Dr. Alison Karadjoff (WSUGS 2024), Emily Jarrett (friend, and Katie Karadjoff (sister)



Lori McParlane, Michelle, Dr. Yevgeniy Rits, Dr. Felix Shun (WSUGS 2024), Dr. Sol Hee Lee, and Leanne Crandall (NP)



(Left to right) Dr. Chris Marenco (recitatric Surgery 2024)), nis bride, Megan Marenco, Dr. Lydia Donoghue (WSUGS 2008), Dr. Scott Langenburg, Dr. Hollis Hutchings (Pediatric Surgical Critical Care Fellow 2024), and her husband, John Hutchings.



Dr. Heather Dolman (WSU/GS 2000/06) (left) and dr. Lydia Donoghue (WSUGS 2008) (right)





(Left to right) John D'Agostino, Michael D'Agostino (b rother of Julie D'Agostino), Julia D'Agostino (friend), Dr. Jock Thacker (WSUGS 2024), Jamie Thacker (mom), Terri Hibbard (aunt, and Anne Wallace (Godmother)



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(Left to right) Dr Andrew Isaacson (WSUGS 2017); Dr Donald Weaver (WSUGS 1979); Roozbeh Mansour (WSUGS 2015); Patrick McGee (husband of Dr McGee); Dr Jessica McGee (WSUGS 2017); Dr Michael White (WSU/GS 1990/97); and Dr John Webber (WSU/GS 1992/99)



Dana Cooley and her husband, Marty Cooley





Janet Damm and her husband Ed Damm



MEET OUR NEW RESIDENTS

This residency year, we have 17 PGY-1 residents in the Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University Program in Surgery who have joined us in July. Let's welcome them with open arms when we see them in the halls of the Detroit Medical Center. The New Faces for 2024-2025 are listed below:



Dr. Suma Alzouhayli comes to us from our Wayne State University School of Medicine. She is very interested in General Surgery.



Dr. Esther Bae is also another one of our Wayne State University School of Medicine graduates and is very interested in Anesthesia.



Dr. Danielle Barnes hails from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences and has a desire to know more about Orthopaedics.



Dr. Marilee Clunk also hails from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences and is interested in Orthopaedics.



Dr. Timothy Gilbert arrives at our program from the University of Michigan Medical School.



Dr. Veda Gokula also comes to us from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences program.



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MEET OUR NEW RESIDENTS



Dr. Aranice Lassale hails from the University of Medicine and Health Sciences St. Kitts and is interested in Orthopaedics.



Dr. Drew Gryczewski is from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences and has an interest in Orthopaedics as well.



Dr. Kenzie Kao comes to us from the Saba University School of Medicine and would like to learn more about General Surgery.



Dr. Mohamen Khairalseed is from the Omdurman Islamic University Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and is interested in Radiology.



Dr. Kayla Martinez hails from the Ross University School of Medicine.



Dr. Muhammad Mehraiz comes to us from the Services Institute of Medical Sciences Pakistan and is interested in Radiology.



MEET OUR NEW RESIDENTS



Dr. J.D. Okuro comes to us from Saint James School of Medicine Anguilla.



Dr. Adam Olszewski is from our own Wayne State University School of Medicine.



Dr. Bianca Parker is also from our Wayne State University School of Medicine and is interested in Orthopaedics.



Dr. Katherine Schaub hails to us from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences.



Dr. Anna Vanderschaegen is from the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine.