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2017 American Society of Plastic Surgeons “Resident Bowl”

Chief residents in the Division of Plastic Surgery prevailed against all nationwide plastic surgery residency programs in the 2017 American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) “Resident Bowl” competition. The competition is similar to a debate team or group “Jeopardy” in which residents answer questions from the review materials for in–service exams and other curriculum in their training. Winning team members included Drs. Erin Miller, Elise Min, Eugene Oh, and Tamara Kemp (pictured right).

The Harkins’ Corner

Dear UW surgical community,

The Harkins Society and our community have had an incredible start to the academic year! The year was kicked off by another very successful Harkins Symposium for resident education. We were honored to be joined by Dr. Andrea Pusic as our 68th Annual Alfred A. Strauss lecturer (page 5). Dr. Pusic is professor of plastic surgery at Memorial Sloan–Kettering with a focus on breast cancer reconstruction. Her work on patient–reported outcomes and surgical experience (PROSE) has translated to our care of all surgical patients and our understanding of their experience. This is truly exceptional work and we were fortunate to welcome her as our guest lecturer.

The symposium was followed by our Annual Harkins Society Dinner at Ivar’s Salmon House. At this event we were honored to name Dr. Maureen Kim Lynch as our distinguished alumnus. She was nominated by our colleague Dr. Lorrie Langdale, and was unanimously selected by our society leadership (page 5). Dr. Lynch is a master surgeon educator and has won countless awards for her education of our medical students in Idaho. This includes an award created for her—the Idaho WWAMI Teacher Superior in Perpetuity Award. She is a graduate of both the University Of Washington School Of Medicine as well as our General Surgery residency and now serves our veterans at the Idaho VA. Dr. Lynch humbly describes herself as a “worker bee” but to her patients and students she far exceeds this description. She is well respected by her peers and trainees and is described as “one of the best teachers and physicians I have ever worked with.” Many congratulations to Dr. Lynch for this well–deserved award.

Importantly, at our annual Harkins Society dinner we inducted our newest members of the society:

Edo Bedzra
Christopher Burke
Joshua Corsa
Dustin Cummings
Eleanor Curtis
Sarasi Desikan
Anne Ehlers
Katherine Flynn O’Brien
Chinenye Iwuchukwu
Tamara Kemp
Lacey LaGrone
Grace Lopez

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Most recently we were able to connect with our national and international UW surgical community at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in San Diego. We celebrated together at our annual reception at the San Diego Wine and Culinary Event Center, during which we sang happy birthday to our beloved Dr. Ron Maier, who was named the 2017–2018 President–Elect of the American College of Surgeons (page 7). We were also fortunate to celebrate Dr. Eileen Bulger’s appointment as the chair of the ACS Committee on Trauma (page 7). Congratulations to both!

We look forward to the rest of the year and the continued impact of our Harkins members on our surgical community.

Sincerely,