and maintenance of competence. Much of my career has been devoted to surgical education and my plan as president will be to work with the American Board of Surgery and the Residency Review Committee (Surgery) to solve some of these significant educational issues that confront us.”

**RESIDENTS**

Drs. Elissa Butler, Research Fellow in the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, (pictured top) and Kate Stadeli, General Surgery Resident (R4), (pictured below) have each received grants from Medic One Foundation for their individual research projects.

Dr. Butler received an award of $8,700 to support her research project “Evaluation Of Pre-Hospital Blood Product Use By Air Medical Services,” and Dr. Stadeli received $24,997 to support her research project titled “Working Toward Equity In Emergencies: Bringing Communities And Emergency First Responders Together To Exchange Skills And Cultural Knowledge.” Dr. Butler states “This award will fund a collaboration of the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, Airlift Northwest, and Harborview Medical Center’s Transfusion Services to evaluate the impact of blood availability on Airlift Northwest flights transporting trauma patients to Harborview Medical Center. We are grateful to the Medic One Foundation for this funding and looking forward to carrying out the project.”

Dr. Kirsten Concha-Moore, Vascular Surgery Resident (R1), was selected as one of the 2019 Patricia Numann Outstanding Medical Student Award recipients on behalf of the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) and the AWS Foundation. This award is named in honor of the founder of AWS and established to encourage and support female medical students pursuing a career in surgery. Awardees are chosen based on their potential leadership qualities or research contributions to the field of surgery. The award will be presented to Dr. Concha-Moore at the AWS Foundation Awards Dinner in October 2019 where individuals who have made a difference for women in surgery are celebrated.

***Department of Surgery Inaugural Summer Picnic – Pellegrini Day***

The Department of Surgery hosted its “Department of Surgery Inaugural Summer Picnic – Pellegrini Day” on Sunday, July 14, 2019 for our faculty, residents, fellows, staff and their families. Those that attended were welcomed with Department of Surgery logo blankets—perfect for sitting on the lawn for a picnic! The event included two food trucks, many homemade side dishes and desserts, a snow cone machine, and plenty of activities for kids and adults alike such as giant Jenga, corn-hole, beach balls, face painting and so much more! Chair Doug Wood briefly spoke about the unique community that we have within the Department, and honored past Chair Carlos Pellegrini for his contributions past and present to the Department. It was wonderful to see so many of you with your families in a relaxed atmosphere—we can’t wait to do it again!