



OHIOHEALTH RIVERSIDE METHODIST HOSPITAL

# SURGERY PROGRAM

*Alumni Newsletter*

## WELCOME *from the* Program

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**ANOTHER YEAR HAS FLOWN BY...AND IT IS TIME TO TOUCH BASE WITH YOU AND LET YOU KNOW HOW THINGS ARE GOING IN THE GENERAL SURGERY PROGRAM AT RIVERSIDE.**

One of the highlights was, of course, our fifth “James M. Blackford, MD, Riverside General Surgery Alumni Seminar” held last May. Not only did we have the pleasure of seeing so many of our graduates and friends, but the morning was spent learning from a wide variety of surgery topics in lectures presented by excellent speakers. I thank each of them for sharing their knowledge and experience. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our moderators and the staff who helped organize the event.

The evening social event was held at the Scioto Country Club. We took the opportunity to recognize and thank Dr. Dennis King on his 40th year of teaching Riverside surgery residents. I believe every one of us has benefited from his skill, knowledge, expertise and friendship. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Steve Markovich, who spoke about being the acting assistant adjutant general for the Air Force and showed us what it is to be a fighter pilot in the Ohio National Air Guard. We were all very impressed!

The Symposium was a great success, on every level, and I hope to see each of you for the sixth in May 2023!

A month after the Seminar we again met at the Scioto Country Club, this time to recognize and celebrate our three graduating seniors and three preliminary residents. We were joined by teachers, residents, staff and the graduates’ families. Dr. Arthur Bing was our keynote speaker and shared some of his personal experiences in the United States and abroad. In addition to providing us with some very useful personal advice- his talk was both informative and very entertaining and truly enjoyed by all.

As you peruse this newsletter you will find other events: the Christmas party for the residents (where Santa Claus made a welcomed appearance), the awards received by the residents and faculty, and information for our fundraising/endowment. All of these unite us, and help us train excellent surgeons, such as each of you.

Wishing you all happiness and continued success!

**With strong alumni pride,**  
*Oscar R. Ruiz-’92*



*Dr. Dan Leberer (2015) "Keeping Pace with Surgical Treatment of Fecal Incontinence"*



*Alumni and surgical residents*

## FIFTH JAMES M. BLACKFORD, MD RIVERSIDE GENERAL SURGERY ALUMNI SEMINAR



*Dr. Steve Markovich shared his experiences as a fighter pilot in the Ohio National Air Guard.*



*Dr. Denis King was recognized for 40 years of outstanding service of teaching pediatric surgery to our residents.*

**We Recognize and thank all of our presenters and moderators. Without you this year's Seminar would not have been a success.**

David Arrese, MD  
Geoffrey Blossom, MD  
Marco Bonta, MD  
Michael DePerro, MD  
Edward Dominguez, MD  
Steven Duff, MD  
Brian Dusseau, DO

Jonathan Enlow, DO  
Ramy Fouad, MD  
Stephanie Goare, MD  
Jacob Hessey, MD  
Josh Hill, MD  
Dino Konstantinidis, MD  
Daniel Leberer, MD

Juan Lehoux, MD  
Jefferson Lyons, MD  
Steve Markovich, MD  
David Ollila, MD  
James Radcliffe, MD  
Oscar Ruiz, MD  
Patrick Salibi, MD

Anju Saraswat, MD  
Nirvana Saraswat, MD  
Lance Shoemaker, MD  
Jim Sivard, MD  
Thomas Sonnanstine, MD  
Robert Toscano, MD  
Bill Watson, MD

## GENERAL SURGERY 2018 RECOGNITION DINNER



*Our current residents and faculty.*



*Dr. Bing and Chiefs*



*Three Generations of Woodburn doctors.  
Son, Jim Woodburn (General Surgeon),  
Granddaughter, Julie Woodburn (OB/GYN),  
James Woodburn Riverside Class of 1961.*



*Our Traditional Santa (Dr. BJ Pomerantz, Class of 1994)*

### Endowment Fund

- + A special thanks to Dr. Tom Sonnanstine who has offered to head the fund drive for the James M. Blackford, MD Fund backed by his own personal generous donation commitment during our Symposium in May.
- + As you may recall, the James M. Blackford, MD Fund is used to supplement our surgery residents' travel to medical missions, electives and conferences. Additionally, it may be used to supplement when funds are needed for research projects and educational conferences.
- + Please help us add to our fund! You will find a self-addressed, stamped, envelope enclosed. Your donations are tax deductible in their entirety and are slated 100 % to keep education at your Alma Mater top in our field.
- + We thank you for your continued support and generosity.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**ACS Happy Hour**

Monday, October 22, 2018 – Location TBD

**MedEd New Conference Center Open House**

Wednesday, November 13, 2018  
Riverside Methodist Hospital

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**General Surgery 2018 Graduate Placement**

**Categorial Residents**

- Alexander Chapman, MD** Acute Care and Critical Care Fellowship — *The Ohio State University*
- Wesley Kim, MD** Cardiac Surgery Fellowship — *University of Alabama at Birmingham*
- Jodi Oostra, MD** Surgical Oncology Fellowship — *West Cancer Center, Memphis, TN*

**Preliminary Residents**

- Payam Entezami, MD** Otolaryngology Residency — *Louisiana State University*
- Vincent Hancock, MD** Anesthesiology Residency — *The University of Maryland School of Medicine*
- Pranav Magal, MD** General Surgery Residency — *The Ohio State University*

**Recognition**

**Welcome back Drs. William DeVoe, MD and T. Calloway Robertson, MD as the newest members of our teaching faculty.**

**Congratulations to the faculty and resident recipients in this year’s medical education awards!**

*Columbus Surgical Society Outstanding Resident – Tyler Sbrocchi, MD*

*Emergency Medicine Outstanding Resident – Scott Morton, MD*

*Resident Research Award – Alexander Chapman, MD*

*Resident Teacher Of The Year – Wes Kim, MD*

*Spirit Of Caring Award – Payam Entezami, MD*

*Teaching Appreciation Award – Edward Dominguez, MD*

*OSU Courage To Teach Award – Brian Dusseau, MD*

*William D. Knerr, MD Award – Brent Goslin, MD*

