

Diversity SubInternship Contributed by Dr. Elina Quiroga

The first group of Diversity Interns have completed their subinternships. Madeline Torres Hernandez, (Utah School of Medicine) Jonathan Pastrana (Ponce School of Medicine, Puerto Rico) and Tafari Mbadiwe (Howard University) were selected for the 2014 **Carlos A. Pellegrini Diversity SubInternship** and completed their subinternships in October 2014 at Harborview Medical Center and UW Medical Center. The funded scholarship provided a stipend of up to \$3,000 to help cover the cost of airfare, lodging and living expenses.

One of the medical students shared the following: “During my four weeks here I’ve met so many people, made new friends, learned new things and experienced things from a different perspective and approach. I’ve grown as a student, a person and as a future surgeon. I hope you keep providing this invaluable experience for years to come”



(From left to right): Dr. Jorge Reyes, Diversity Council Chair, Jonathan Pastrana, Madeline Torres Hernandez, Tafari Mbadiwe, Dr. Carlos A. Pellegrini (and Teo Jezierski)

This year we’ll again select three medical students for this SubInternship. The application deadline is April 10th. This opportunity is open to applicants who demonstrate academic excellence, strong leadership and extracurricular experience and belong to groups that are recognized as historically underrepresented in the health and science professions.

Department of Surgery in the Media

Dr. Carlos A. Pellegrini’s ACS Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation (YouTube)

Dr. Carlos A. Pellegrini’s presentation of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Thomas Russell (posthumously). Dr. Thomas Russell was our 2013 Strauss Lecturer. This is the highest honor that the ACS can bestow on one of its members; it has been given only 3 times in the 100 year history of the college.

The Work and Life of Dr. Alexander Clowes (YouTube)

Dr. Clowes is a board-certified surgeon specializing in peripheral vascular conditions. He is a UW professor of surgery and holds an endowed chair in vascular surgery. He was chief of UW’s Division of Vascular Surgery from 1995 to 2007. He earned his medical degree from Harvard and did his residency at University Hospitals of Cleveland. He also completed a research fellowship at Harvard and a clinical fellowship in vascular surgery at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

UW 360 visits Dr. Clowes to discuss his life and remarkable career as a self-professed medical “investigator,” as he faces a battle with brain cancer. Along the way, we meet his colleagues and friends, Doctor Carlos Pellegrini, Chair of the department of surgery, UW medicine and Doctor Ben Starnes, Professor and Chief of the Vascular Surgery Division, UW Medicine. They discuss Dr. Clowes’ battle with brain cancer and look back at his remarkable career and family history of medicine.

Stint Gives Intern First-Hand Look at Harborview Burn Care—HSNewsBeat <http://bit.ly/1BmUvQJ>

Pushing Limits, Saving Lives—KING5.com <http://kng5.tv/1CJLOLO> Featuring Dr. Michael McMullan

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