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# HARKINS' CORNER



**Dr. Nicole Zern**

Dear Harkins Society Members and Alums of the University of Washington Surgical Training Programs,

What a strange and unusual year this has been for us all. We hope you are all in good health and continuing to enjoy your practices, retirements and other pastimes!

This year we were honored to graduate exceptional surgeons from all of our training programs including General Surgery, Integrated Plastic Surgery, Integrated Vascular Surgery, Integrated Cardiothoracic Surgery as well as many fellowships. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our celebrations were limited to virtual formats but we did our best to honor the achievements of these amazing surgeons as they completed their training in June.

## CHIEF RESIDENTS FINISHING JUNE 2020

### Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery Integrated Residency Program

Swaroop Bommarreddi, MD MCS/Transplant Fellowship,  
University of Wisconsin

### Division of Vascular Surgery Integrated Residency Program

Anna Ohlsson, MD Vascular Surgery, VA Medical Center

### Division of Plastic Surgery Integrated Residency Program

Kate Impastato, MD Plastic Surgery, Marshall University

Tommy Liu, MD Craniofacial Fellowship,  
University of California, Los Angeles

Shane Morrison, MD, MS Gender-Affirming Surgery Fellowship,  
University of Michigan

Trent Morton, MD Plastic Surgery, Proliance Plastic  
and Reconstructive Surgeons

## Department of Surgery General Surgery Residency Program

Brian J. Cook, MD Abdominal Transplant Fellowship,  
University of Washington

Sarah M. Kolnik, MD, MPH Surgical Critical Care Trauma  
Fellowship, University of Kentucky

Vimukta M. Mahadev, MD Surgical Critical Care Trauma  
Fellowship, University of Washington

Amer H. Nassar, MD Harvard University/BIDMC, Plastic  
and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship

Francys C. Verdial Argueta, MD, MPH Breast Surgical Oncology  
Fellowship, Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center

Jay Zhu, MD Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship,  
University of Washington

## FELLOWS FINISHING JUNE 2020

Jeff Anderson, MD Surgical Critical Care

Navin Bhatia, MD Surgical Critical Care

Chelsea Boe, MD Hand Surgery

Mert Calis, MD Craniofacial Surgery

Peter Joseph Edpao, MD Transplant Surgery

Colette Inaba, MD Minimally Invasive Surgery

Abbie Jensen, MD Surgical Critical Care

Nicole Kurnik, MD Craniofacial Surgery

Stephanie Mason, MB, PhD Surgical Critical Care

David Miranda, MD, MS Surgical Critical Care

Ugochi Okoroafor-Ridgway, MD Hand Surgery

Rachel Payne, MD Surgical Critical Care

Lela Posey, MD, MPH Surgical Critical Care

Brian Pridgen, MD Hand Surgery

Marko Rojnica, MD Pediatric Surgery

Joel Sternbach, MD Cardiothoracic Surgery

Rebecca Ur, MD Vascular Surgery

Kent Yamaguchi, MD Hand Surgery

Usually Fall and the new academic year brings a busy season for the Harkins Society with our annual Harkins Symposium, annual society dinner in Seattle and annual social gathering at the American College of Surgeons meeting. However, due to the extenuating circumstances of this year, we were unable to hold these events in the traditional fashion. We held the Harkins Symposium virtually on Friday October 16th with honored Strauss lecturer Dr. Edward Cornwell III M.D., FACS, FCCM. Dr. Cornwell is the Surgeon-In-Chief at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. as well as Chair of the Howard University College of Medicine Department of Surgery. We were regrettably unable to host the usual dinner following the symposium during which we normally would honor a distinguished Harkins Society alumnus of the year. Similarly, we missed seeing our friends and colleagues at our American College of Surgeons reception this year given the virtual format.

We sincerely missed seeing you all at these events and hope that we can reunite next Fall- cheers to a better year in 2021!

Sincerely,  
Nicole K. Zern MD, FACS  
President, Harkins Society