# Education Highlight

## Welcome 2021-22 New Surgery Residents

The Department of Surgery welcomes our new, first-year 2021-2022 residents. The Department is proud to have this group begin their surgical education journeys towards being leaders in their fields.



Allen, MD

General Surgery R1



Stuart Allyn, DDS, MD Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery R1



Pano Apokremiotis, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Malia Brennan, MD General Surgery R1



Daniella Cordero, MD Plastic Surgery R1



Nicholas Eustace, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Thais Calderon, MD Plastic Surgery R1



Karanpreet Dhaliwal, MD, MS Cardiothoracic Surgery R1

Kristin

Goodsell, MD

General Surgery R1



Jason Carter, MD, PhD General Surgery R1

Sarah Doe-Williams, MD, MS Preliminary Surgery R1



Damian Hall, MD, MBA, MS Preliminary Surgery R1

Each year we ask our new residents a series of questions to introduce our readers to this remarkable group of future surgical leaders...

#### WHY DID I CHOOSE UW DOS RESIDENCY?

"Its reputation as a **strong and active advocate for minority surgeons** while being an excellent Cardiothoracic Surgery training program made this a MUST for me."

"UW has a reputation for its **positive work culture**, **excellent teaching faculty, and ideal location** in the heart of Seattle. These factors all wrapped into one package truly sets UW residents up for success!"

"Top notch faculty, strong clinical training, and first-hand testimonials from current and prior residents."

"UW's **reputation for training excellent, competent, independent surgeons**. I could not turn away the opportunity to take part in this training."

"I chose UW because I wanted to be surrounded by **open**minded, compassionate problem solvers who care for a diverse set of patients as well as for each other."

"The high volume and acuity of cardiothoracic surgery patients who receive care at UW made my choice for fellowship training extremely easy. Additionally, I felt a true connection between the surgical staff, residents, and APPs, and am excited to join the UW cardiothoracic surgery family."

"Awesome location, diverse and experienced faculty, institutional resources, commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts."

"UW is undoubtedly an excellent program but the "aha" moment for me was my interview. Every conversation with faculty members and current residents felt natural. It was apparent I was talking with **people who I would feel fortunate to call my mentors**, colleagues, and friends. I immediately **felt at home**."

"I was impressed by the welcoming, enthusiastic and close-knit UW residents and faculty. I was also looking for an academic program with diverse training sites and a commitment to serving vulnerable and marginalized populations."

"I was looking for a residency program that would provide exceptional training in a supportive environment to ensure that I had a solid foundation of skills before my Dermatology training. The fact that UW is located in one of the most beautiful and exciting parts of the world was the icing on the cake!"

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### Welcome 2021-22 New Surgery Residents (cont.)



Robert Johnson, DDS, MD Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery R1



Herman, MD General Surgery R1



Arthur Lanoux-Nguyen, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Junggu Lee, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Andrew Liechty, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Alice Liu, MD Plastic Surgery R1



Heydi Malave, MD General Surgery R1



Stanley Moore, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



David

Mitchell, MD

Preliminary Surgery R1

Blake Murphy, MD Vascular Surgery R1



Mohammadi, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Narang, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Patrick Palines, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Mariam Raheem, DO Preliminary Surgery R1

### WHAT EXCITES ME THE MOST REGARDING MY RESIDENCY?

"The ability to train in a supportive department with world class mentors."

"Learning to manage complex patients alongside a great co-resident class!"

"I am most excited to be contributing to patient care in a **team-oriented environment**. This, in combination with critical thinking and problem-solving, has brought me a great deal of satisfaction during my time at UW so far."

"The clinical training and the people I work with."

"I am excited for the **fast-paced learning** that is residency, as well as the opportunity to explore the broad field of surgery. In addition, I am excited to work aside colleagues with similar career aspirations."

"Expanding my knowledge base and applying it daily in the care of my patients."

"I am excited to develop my surgical skills through a balanced cardiothoracic fellowship by learning complex cardiac and thoracic operations at a **world-class institution**."

"My co-residents!"

"Developing as a surgeon!"

"The opportunity to pursue cardiothoracic surgery in a supportive and diverse training environment surrounded by people who are invested in my success."

"Increased responsibility for my patients, rapid growth in knowledge and technical skills."

"Every day offers up **new challenges and opportunities to learn.** You are challenged to be the best physician you can be alongside kind and hardworking individuals. As a resident, I don't think you can ask for much more than that."



Scott O'Neil, MD

Preliminar

Surgery R1

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### Welcome 2021-22 New Surgery Residents (CONT.)



Charlotte Read, MBBS Preliminary Surgery R1



Erik Risa, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Jamie Schnuck, MD General Surgery R1



Abra Shen, MD Plastic Surgery R1



Nicolas Stafforini, MD Vascular Surgery R1



Andre Wakim, MD Preliminary Surgery R1



Leena Zurayk, DDS, MD Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery R1



#### WHY DO I WANT TO BE A SURGEON?

"I am drawn to the *intricate anatomy and extreme diligence* it takes to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. The ability to help and play a role in protecting this organ seems to me an ideal way to help serve."

"I want to **improve peoples' quality of life** by using my hands in a team environment like the OR."

"Surgery requires a combination of **technical skill and logical reasoning** that makes sense in most scenarios. In addition to this, managing patients with common (or uncommon) comorbidities creates special considerations for every operation."

"Being able to provide impactful tangible care to patients."

"Surgeons have the power to **impact someone's life** if a very specific yet powerful way. It is an awesome privilege and responsibility."

"For the opportunity **to impact patients**, especially those who often have no other recourse, in a tangible way."

"I find great satisfaction in **working with my hands and honing my craft**, whether that be with a chef's knife, a painter's brush, or a surgeon's scalpel. I value the ability to marry my appreciation for technical expertise with healing my patients through surgical precision. There is no greater honor in my mind that to be able to serve my community with my surgical skill, and I find it personally and professionally fulfilling to use my hands to provide that surgical care to for my community."

"Taking care of patients at their most vulnerable time, assisting in the generational evolution of a surgical subspecialty, and navigating the challenges of the operating room is why I want to be a surgeon!"

"I want to be a surgeon because I want to use my hands-on skills and critical thinking abilities to actively and acutely improve the quality of life of patients. Plus, I love being in the OR!"

"I desired the relationships I saw between my surgery mentors and their patients - a unique level of ownership and responsibility is required to instill the level of trust required to allow someone to operate on you. It maintains the cerebral side of many other medical specialties, but also has a technical side that I enjoy."

"As a future Dermatologist, I believe it is incredibly important to be sufficiently trained in surgery to ensure that you can **be the best doctor** for your patients not only in a medical sense but also in a surgical sense too."