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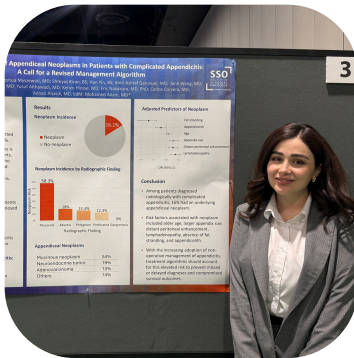
# MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

**Happy April** to all our Muriel Steele Society members, hope everyone is having a wonderful spring so far!

Below you'll find updates, celebrations, and highlights of MSS members across specialties!



## Conference Highlight: ***MSS at AHPBA and SSO 2025!***



Congratulations to all of our MSS members for their incredible representation at **AHPBA and SSO 2025!** The weekend was filled with amazing presentations and our very own Dr. Sosa as the referee of SSO's Surgery Oncology Bowl.





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***Happy International Women's Day!*** ✨

We celebrated International Women's Day 2025 on March 8! Here's to strong women everywhere—those who inspire, lead, and break barriers. Today, we celebrate all the incredible women making history, shaping the future, and lifting each other up.

**Department of Surgery Highlight:  
Surgery Resident-Faculty Gathering** ✨

Sharing a snapshot of last month's UCSF Surgery Resident-Faculty Gathering at Topgolf—because who doesn't love a little healthy competition with a side of great company? 🏌️







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JOIN US FOR A  
**MIXER &  
MEET-&-GREET**

For medical students and surgical  
faculty and residents  
Co-hosted by the Surgery Interest Group (SIG)  
and Muriel Steele Society (MSS)

Wednesday, April 2nd | 6:00–8:00 PM  
Parnassus Campus, CS-0101

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to engage  
with faculty and residents in a relaxed setting,  
network, ask questions, and connect with mentors  
in the field!

RSVP by March 31st

<https://tinyurl.com/r8ahnsd>  
or email [hailey.johnson@ucsf.edu](mailto:hailey.johnson@ucsf.edu)

— Dinner Provided —

**Upcoming Event:**  
**MSS/SIG MSC Meet  
and Greet**

Join us for the **MSS/SIG Meet and Greet**  
taking place on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Parnassus  
Campus (**CS-0101**), where we will have an  
opportunity for UCSF medical students to  
meet with faculty, residents, and fellows from  
a diverse range of specialties and interests.

For our medical students, this is a great  
opportunity to explore surgery and meet  
potential mentors in a more informal setting!  
Dinner will be provided.

**Award Highlight:**  
**Poster of Distinction: ACS Surgical  
Simulations Summit**



Congratulations to Kelsey Ogomori, UCSF  
medical student and MSS member, for  
receiving the award for a **Poster of  
Distinction** at the annual **American College  
of Surgeons Surgical Simulation Summit** in  
Chicago this past month for the poster  
"Usability of a Novel 3D Printed Open  
Inguinal Hernia Repair Simulator"!



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## AWS Institutional Benefits



To all our faculty, residents, and trainees—don't miss out on the **invaluable resources** available through membership in the **Association of Women Surgeons (AWS)**. If you have any questions or need assistance in utilizing your benefits, feel free to reach out to the MSS Communications Committee.

## Upcoming Events:

- **April 10, 7 PM EST: Building an Academic Foundation: Finding and Funding Your Research Niche**
- **April 16, 6:30 AM CST: AWS Coaching Program - Coach Training #3**

## Opportunities:

- **2025 AWS Signature Speaker Series** (Apply by April 17). This series aims to develop and promote mid-career surgeons as experts. It offers training and support for speaking engagements.
- Apply now to be on **AWS volunteer committees**: <https://www.womensurgeons.org/get-involved>
- For full details and event registration information, visit the **AWS Event Calendar**.

## Faculty:

AWS colleagues invite you to join them as a member of the Association of Women Surgeons.


[Learn more!](#)

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## Residents:

All UCSF residents in the Department of Surgery are institutional members of AWS through UCSF—we encourage you to fully leverage the diverse range of benefits AWS membership offers.

## Medical Students:

Medical students are encouraged to join AWS for a fee of \$25—becoming a member will provide multiple networking opportunities for students at the AWS conference taking place later this year!


[Learn more!](#)

## AWS Benefits

## Networking Opportunities:

Connect with a global community of female surgeons, fostering collaboration and mentorship.

## Educational Resources:

Gain access to exclusive webinars, workshops, and publications to stay informed on the latest advancements.

## Mentorship Programs:

Benefit from mentorship opportunities that can provide guidance and support at every stage of your career.

## Career Development:

Access resources aimed at enhancing your professional skills and advancing your career in surgery.

Thanks for reading!

**MSS Communications Committee:**

Resident Leads: Alexis Colley, Fernanda Romero-Hernandez

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**For more information about the Muriel Steele Society**, please visit our website or follow us on Twitter.

**Have an opportunity or event that you'd like to share with the MSS membership?** Email us at [themurielsteelesociety@ucsf.edu](mailto:themurielsteelesociety@ucsf.edu).



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