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Happy June! We hope this summer brings you a mix of rest, fresh momentum, and plenty of sunshine. Below you'll find updates, celebrations, and highlights of MSS members across specialties!

New Spotlight: Dr. Eliana Delgado, MD, MPH

THE MSS SPOTLIGHT SERIES

AVAILABLE NOW!



Dr. Eliana Delgado

Interviewed by Jessica Abrolat

Dr. Eliana Delgado is a Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at UCSF. She completed her orthopedic surgery residency at UCSF and a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at Shriners Hospital for Children – St. Louis. Below is an excerpt from her interview with Jessica Abrolat that is live on the MSS website.

What are you most proud of personally and/or professionally?

Read Here:



“For this one, I can quote Lorraine J. Day, who was the Chief of the General, and she would say ‘if you’re a patient advocate, you’re never wrong’. I’m so proud of being a patient advocate because it’s important to understand things from their point of view in order to connect with and help them. By seeing the world from other’s eyes, we can better understand how we can offer support to help them achieve their best. I also advocate outside of work and can put other words besides patient in there: friend, partner, etc. I love helping people reach their fulfillment.”



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❖❖❖ **Achievements:** ❖❖❖**Dr. Jessica Gosnell, MD**

Congratulations to Dr. Jessica Gosnell, MD, UCSF Endocrine Surgeon, on her appointment as Clerkship Director effective July 1, 2025!

Dr. Sanziana Roman, MD, FACS

Congratulations to Dr. Sanziana Roman, MD, FACS, UCSF Endocrine Surgeon, on her appointment as Co-Interim Associate Dean for Curriculum, Foundations 2 & Career Launch!

**Dr. Merisa Piper, MD**

Congratulations to Dr. Merisa Piper, MD, UCSF Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, for being selected for the 2024-2025 Long-Term Mentor Award!



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✦ Past Events! ✦

Muriel Steele Society x UC Berkeley Pre-medical Honor Society Mentorship Panel and Mixer

This panel and mixer was hosted by UCSF medical students at Parnassus to support undergraduate students at UC Berkeley in their pursuit of medicine. Mentees had the opportunity to meet their medical student mentor and share experiences with academics, extracurriculars, career path, and student life.



End-of-the-Year Muriel Steele Society Match Celebration

Congratulations to the recent graduates on taking the next steps in their medical career! This inaugural event was an opportunity to honor the achievements of fourth-year medical students alongside their peers, residents, fellows, and faculty.





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Spring Gowning and Gloving

This weekend workshop was an excellent orientation to the operating room, including for some MS1s who were new to the OR setting. Medical students learned from surgical residents about sterile procedure in the OR, how to glove and gown, scrub, and be an effective and engaged team member on rotations and in cases.



✦ An Interesting Read! ✦

The Talented and Valiant Female Surgeon Who Joined Allied Forces in WWII and Broke Barriers Along the Way

Read in the *Smithsonian magazine* about Barbara Stimson, American orthopedic surgeon, who helped pave the way for women doctors to serve in the American military.





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AWS Membership Resources

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 Opportunities:

- surgeons can learn about healthcare leadership through the AWS Clinical Practice Committee for the **Surgeons' Career and Leadership Professional Education Lecture Series (SCALPELS)**:
 - **June 12** at 8:00pm ET: Patient Advocacy
 - **June 19** at 8:00pm ET: Peer Advocacy
 - **June 26** at 8:00pm ET: Advocacy & Leadership Panel
- Nominations for the **2025 AWSF Award** have been extended through **June 4th**.
- Save the date for **AWS Annual Conference 2025** in Chicago from **Friday October 3rd to Saturday October 4th**.
- Applications for the **AAST Annual Meeting Scholarships** are due by **June 2nd**.
- Register for the **AWS Resident and Fellow Committee Meeting** happening on **June 5th** at 5:30 pm PST.
- The **AWS Joint Sponsored Travel Awards** that cover the cost to attend the AWS Conference are due **June 12th**.
- See the AWS Events list for additional details:



AWS Membership:

Faculty:

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

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 in SF later this year!

AWS Benefits

Networking Opportunities:

Connect with a global community of 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!

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If you have anything you would like to feature (articles, advice, work photos/achievements, family/personal photos/achievements, etc) in this new section of our newsletters, please send an email to themurielsteelesociety@ucsf.edu.

The Muriel Steele Society is an inclusive community dedicated to inspiring, supporting, and promoting surgeons so they can thrive at all stages of their careers. We will be hosting events throughout the year to foster a strong community of allies and to achieve the goal of continued excellence at UCSF. Our overarching goal is to advocate for a culture of belonging that is focused on expanding the advancement of all surgeons. All surgeons and students interested in surgery are welcome. Please forward to anyone who you think might like to be included in the MSS. If you are interested in membership, please email us at themurielsteelesociety@ucsf.edu.

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.

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