



MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

JULY 2021 EVENTS AND UPDATES

Dear Muriel Steele Society Members,

Happy Summer, and welcome to our new trainees! For those of you just joining UCSF, we are thrilled to introduce you to the Muriel Steele Society. The Muriel Steele Society is an inclusive community dedicated to **inspiring, supporting, and promoting women 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.

As many of you know, each September is the AMA's **Women in Medicine Month**. This year, we are hoping to celebrate #WIMMonth by highlighting the **diversity and mentorship** of women surgeon trainees and faculty at UCSF. We invite all MSS members to take 3 minutes to fill out this [survey](#) **by July 15**. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted! Stay tuned for an exciting September!

During last month's Department of Surgery Achievement and Education Awards Ceremony, we announced the recipient of this year's Muriel Steele Society Award - **Dr. M. Margaret (Peggy) Knudson**. The Muriel Steele Society Award is given annually by the senior general surgery residents to a woman faculty member who embodies the spirit of Muriel Steele - a trailblazing woman working to identify and address the unmet needs among our surgical patients and whose research and/or clinical work is shifting the paradigms within our field in order to positively impact the experiences and outcomes of our current and future patients. Congratulations Dr. Knudson on this well-deserved award - we are all fortunate to work with and learn from you!



Last month, we hosted our first Wellness Journal Club and discussed **Gender Differences and Differential Achievement in Surgery**. Thank you to everyone who participated in a thought-provoking discussion.

This summer, we are excited to bring back some **in-person, outdoor wellness events**, with our first being THIS MONTH (July) to welcome our new trainees. Stay tuned for more information.

We wanted to share some cool news - the **California Academy of Sciences** has an onsite and online exhibit called "**New Science**" that highlights women and gender minority, intersectional, and LGBTQ+ scientists who are "revolutionizing how science gets done". Both **Dr. Julie Ann Sosa** and **Dr. Sanziana Roman**, endocrine surgeon-scientists here at UCSF, were selected to be featured among **23 women scientists**. We invite you all to check it out, [online](#) or in-person at the Academy!

Next month, we will share a brand new spotlight. In the meantime, to read our prior **MSS Spotlights**, the interviews are uploaded [here](#) on the MSS website.

Thanks for reading, and we hope everyone has a lovely Independence Day Holiday!

Your **MSS Communications Committee**

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All women surgeons or medical students interested in surgery are included in the society but we recognize that some women may have been inadvertently left out of these emails. 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](#).

See what's coming up next on the [Muriel Steele Society's calendar of events](#).

Have an opportunity or event that you'd like to share with the MSS membership? Email us at themurielsteelesociety@ucsf.edu.

Want to become more involved with the Muriel Steele Society? We especially welcome women in other surgical departments to join our Executive Council! Email co-chairs Mika Varma (mika.varma@ucsf.edu) or Lucy Kornblith (Lucy.Kornblith@ucsf.edu) for more information.