



MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

Dear Muriel Steele Society Members,

Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter! As we transition into the warmer months, we have exciting updates, inspiring stories, and valuable insights to share with you. Whether you're looking to learn something new, be inspired, or simply stay informed, we've got you covered!



We are delighted to invite you to read [Dr. Camille Rogine's](#) thought-provoking poem, recently featured in *JAMA Surgery*. Dr. Rogine's poem, "It was", offers a poignant reflection on the profound connections between surgeons and their patients, and the emotional complexities that can arise in the course of medical care.



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Grand Rounds

May
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We're thrilled to have Dr. Alvord as our honored guest for Grand Rounds on May 31st! [Dr. Lori Arviso Alvord](#) was the first Navajo woman to become a board-certified surgeon. She has devoted her professional life to ensuring that Native Americans receive high-quality healthcare, and she has led the charge for healthcare equality. Dr. Alvord has won multiple honors for her contributions, including the Women's Health Care Award from the American Medical Women's Association and the Outstanding Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons. We want to invite you to read Dr. Alvord's remarkable book "[The Scalpel and the Silver Bear](#)" which explores the battles to bring modern medicine to the Navajo reservation and to bring her people's ideals to a medical care system that is losing its heart.

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The scalpel is my tool...but my 'Silver Bear', my Navajo beliefs and culture... are what guide me.

-Dr. Lori Alvord

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PARENTING MENTORSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH PARTY

On April 22nd, we celebrated the launch of the Parenting Mentorship Program! This event was filled with laughter, fun games, and amazing company. It was a spectacular gathering, indeed! The event was a testament to the amazing work that the parenting program will achieve. We want to thank Ava Yap, Alexis Colley, Kelsey Ogomori and Dr. Vu for organizing this event!



IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

If you missed the **UCSF Office of Graduate Medical Education Town Hall** meeting on March 13th, don't worry! You can still catch up on the discussion of the new UC trainee fertility preservation and treatment benefits by following this link:

<https://ucsf.app.box.com/s/hf5l0ql15ax53m130f2os4v97v2nktqp>

Congrats!



Congratulations to **Dr. Rita Mukhtar** for presenting her 2023 Abstract on "Breast Conservation Surgery and Mastectomy" at the American Surgical Association's 143rd Annual Meeting

Congratulations to **Dr. Marissa Boeck** for being awarded the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Annual Scholarship



Thanks for reading!

Your MSS Communications Committee

Save The Date



Family Building in Medicine with Dr. McQueen and Dr. Noel as guest speakers at 7 pm.



Grand Rounds with Dr. Lori Alvord as the guest of honor at 7 am.



FROM MSS MEMBERS



See below for this month's "From MSS Members" section.



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 themurielsteelsociety@ucsf.edu.

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. The Muriel Steele Society is dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion of colleagues, trainees, and learners at UCSF and beyond, who identify as women, transgender, and nonbinary in surgical fields. Our overarching goal is to advocate for a culture of belonging - free of bias and discrimination - that is focused on expanding the advancement of all genders and the broader LGBTQ+ community in surgery. 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 themurielsteelsociety@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 themurielsteelsociety@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.