University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine



SCHOLARS DAY CLASS OF 2016

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SHOWCASING SCHOLARLY PROJECTS
MENTOR AND STUDENT AWARDS
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
STUDENT NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AWARDS

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| STUDENT | PROJECT TITLE | MENTOR | AFFILIATION |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Abraham, Neethu | Perception of pulmonary function in children with asthma and cystic fibrosis | Daniel Weiner, MD | Pediatric Pulmonology |
| Ahn, Brian | HDC expression and histamine in the development of malignant glioma | Hideho Okada, PhD | Neurological Surgery |
| Ahn, Michelle | Novel diagnosis with Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT): Optic nerve imaging | Andrew Eller, MD | Ophthalmology |
| Aninwene, Amanda | Disturbed sleep and emotional learning in adolescents | Dana McMakin, PhD | Psychiatry |
| Au, Jeremiah | Survey examining the use of rituximab for pemphigus vulgaris | Timothy Patton, DO | Dermatology |
| Aveson, Victoria | Microbial determinants of clinical outcomes of patients undergoing the Whipple Procedure | Michael Morowitz, MD | Pediatric Surgery |
| Baidoo, Kevin | A Study of meniscal hoop displacement in an ACL-intact vs. ACL-deficient knee | Christopher Harner, MD | Orthopaedic Surgery |
| Barrington, Elizabeth | Coaching boys into men- Exploring the role of coaches in presenting a gender violence prevention program | Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD | Adolescent Medicine |
| Bintrim, Daniel | Assessing risk for aspiration events using an aspiration prediction model | Katie Nason, MD, MPH | Cardiothoracic Surgery |
| Birkness, Jacqueline | Chromosomal copy number instability in gastric and esophageal adenocarcinoma | Jon Davison, MD | Pathology |
| Black, John | Effect of thrombus type on microbubble- mediated ultrasound therapy in an in-vitro model of microvascular obstruction | Flordeliza Villanueva, MD | Medicine |
| Blackwood, Jonathan | Mobile mental health development, implementation, and adoption considerations | Anne Germain, PhD | Psychiatry |

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|----------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Boakye, Lorraine | Differences in TGF-Beta1 expression in platelet-rich plasma treated vs. saline treated autologous osteochondral transplants: An in vivo rabbit model | John Kennedy, MD | Orthopaedic Surgery |
| Bohnhoff, James | Venous thrombosis in the neonatal intensive care unit | Misty Good, MD | Pediatrician |
| Boiko, Julie (CSTP) | Regulatory T Cells and Graft-Versus-Host Disease after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation | Paul Szabolcs, MD | Pediatrics |
| Brase, Amanda | Exploring the relationship between disturbed sleep and poor heart function | Martica Hall, PhD | Psychiatry |
| Burrow, Michael (PSTP) | Mechanisms of stromal remodeling by corneal stromal stem cells | James Funderburgh, MD | Ophthalmology |
| Cassedy, Joshua | The Development of PTSD in bereaved adolescents and children | David Brent, MD | Psychiatry |
| Chapman, Bhavana (PSTP) | MicroRNA-363 targets myosin 1B to reduce cellular migration in head and neck cancer | Jennifer Grandis, MD and Saleem Khan, PhD | Ophthalmology |
| Chen, Daniel | End-tidal CO2 as a prognostic indicator during ACLS resuscitation | James Menegazzi, PhD | Emergency Medicine |
| Cheng, Carol | Impact of healthtrak on diabetes and hypertension | Ateeva Mehrotra, MD, MPH | Medicine |
| Chitrapu, Anjani | Interaction between Lhx6 deficits and maternal immune activation on cortical parvalbumin and somatostatin neuron development | David Volk, MD, PhD | Psychiatry and Neuroscience |
| Choi, Myung Sun | Cell-spray grafting for second degree burns – The effect of cell storage condition on cell viability and function | Jorg Gerlach, MD, PhD | Regenerative Medicine |
| Choi, Phillip (CSTP) | Apoptotic Pathway Gene Expression and Variation in Traumatic Brain Injury | David Okonkwo, MD, PhD | Neurosurgery |

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|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cody, Ellen | Role of xanthine oxidoreductase in wound healing | Edith Tzeng, MD | Surgery |
| Covell, Benjamin | A retrospective case study of pediatric living-related liver transplantation with two different surgical options | George Mazariegos, MD | Pediatric Transplantation |
| Cui, Liang | Physical and Occupational Therapy Utilization and Patient Outcomes in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit | Ericka Fink, MD | Critical Care Medicine |
| Cummings, Erin (PSTP) | Deficient and Null Variants of SERPINA1 Are Proteotoxic in a Caenorhabditis elegans Model of α1-Antitrypsin Deficiency | Gary Silverman, MD | Pediatrics |
| D'Angelo, Alex | Atrial arrhythmias following lung transplantation: incidence and risk factors in 660 lung transplant recipients | Jonathan D'Cunha, MD, PhD | Surgery |
| Daley, Michael | Impact of periconceptional diet on the development of preeclampsia in obese women | James Roberts, MD | Obstetrics and Gynecology |
| Delahunta, Daniel | Study of available programs that build and analyze high-throughput sequencing data | Michael Barmada, PhD | Biomedical Informatics |
| Dewasurendra, Anusari | The effects of everyday discrimination, ethnic identity, and cultural norms towards pregnancy on risk of teenage pregnancy in african american and caucasian girls | Alison Hipwell, PhD | Psychiatry |
| Dhaliwal, Amardeep | Identification of trabecular meshwork cell progenitor origin using a cytoablative feline immunodeficiency virus vector and photocoagulation | Nils Loewen, MD, PhD | Ophthalmology |
| Dombrowski, Malcolm | Anatomic, MRI, and biomechanical description of the lateral capsule of the knee. | Freddie Fu, MD | Orthopaedic Surgery |
| Eng, Michael | Influence of primary care physicians in supporting successful weight loss | Margaret Conroy, MD, MPH | Internal Medicine |

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|--------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Engeln, Kathleen | The incidence of melanoma in patients with severely dysplastic nevi | Timothy Patton, DO | Dermatology |
| Eseonu, Amarachi | High peak power laser therapy using the 1064 nm Nd: YAG Laser in the treatment of scleroderma and Raynaud's Phenomenon of the hands (Extension) | Suzan Obagi, MD | Dermatology |
| Etchill, Eric | Massive transfusion practices in the non-trauma setting | Matthew Neal, MD | Surgery |
| Ettyreddy, Abhinav | Effect of cetuximab and panitumumab monoclonal antibody therapy on monocyte differentiation | Robert Ferris, MD, PhD | Otolaryngology |
| Farrell, Daniel | The effect of paternal preconception ethanol exposure on offspring | Gregg Homanics, PhD | Pharmacology |
| Filip, Ari | Categorizing feedback from standardized confederates during MOCA simulation courses | William McIvor, MD | Anesthesiology |
| Forsyth, Raelynn | Assessment of glycerol phenylbutyrate as a chaperone in the treatment of patients with MCAD deficiency caused by the common 985 A>G (K304E) mutation | Gerard Vockley, MD, PhD | Medical Genetics |
| Frank, Rachel | Estimation of body weight and effect of weight on defibrillation effectiveness in out of hospital cardiac arrest | Clifton Callaway, MD, PhD | Emergency Medicine |
| Han, Katrina | Minimally invasive resection of hepatic metastases from colorectal cancer reduces time to initiation of adjuvant chemotherapy | Allan Tsung, MD | Surgery |
| Heft-Neal, Molly | Potentiating the cytotoxicity of cisplatin with the fatty acid synthase inhibitor orlistat in ovarian tumor cells | Bennett Van Houten, PhD | Pharmacology |
| Hernandez, Sergio | Evaluation of safety and efficacy of antifibinolytic therapies during heart transplantation | Kathirvel Subramaniam, MD | Anesthesiology |

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| Holt, Douglas (CSTP) | A prospective, phase II study determining the efficacy of pre-operative stereotactic radiosurgery followed by surgical resection for brain metastases | Dwight Heron, MD | Radiation Oncology |
| Howard, Amari | Esophageal diameter as assessed on chest CT predicts pulmonary complication after lung transplantation | Klaus Bielefeldt, MD, PhD | Internal Medicine |
| Hsu, Diane | Comparing peri-operative complications of open and laparoscopic surgeries in cirrhotic patients | Allan Tsung, MD | Surgery |
| Hu, Jennifer | A fluorogen activating protein-based pH detection system for mucin secretion and expansion in cystic fibrosis | Simon Watkins, PhD | Regenerative Medicine |
| Huh, Alexander | Novel prognostic biomarkers in liver failure associated with acetaminophen toxicity | Anthony Pizon, MD | Emergency Medicine |
| Hunter, Oriana | Optimization of hemodynamic monitoring of left ventricular assist devices | Robert Kormos, MD | Surgery |
| Jean, Katie | The performance characteristics of obstetric ultrasound in the detection of congenital heart defects in patients with a prenatal diagnosis of a structural anomaly in comparison to fetal echocardiogram at Magee Women's Hospital of UPMC | Stephen Emery, MD | Obstetrics and Gynecology |
| Jennings, Ryan | Using shock index to assess treatment and outcomes on pediatric critical care transport in patients with suspected sepsis | Ericka Fink, MD | Critical Care |
| Kang, Audrey | The role of c-Myc Dysregulation in pyruvate metabolism | Edward Prochownik, MD, PhD | Pediatric Oncology |
| Kano, Daji | Novel arthroplasty strategies for proximal humeral fracture/dislocations | Ivan Tarkin, MD | Orthopaedic Surgery |

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| Keerthy, Divya | The role of pain catastrophizing in functional abdominal pain in pediatric patients with Crohn's Disease | Eva Szigethy, MD, PhD | Psychiatry |
| Kelly, John | Assessment of the spiritual needs of primary caregivers of children with life-limiting illnesses is valuable yet inconsistently performed in the hospital | Scott Maurer, MD | Pediatric Oncology |
| Khalaf, Alexander (CSTP) | Altered Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Markers of Affective Processing During Treatment of Late Life Depression | Howard Aizenstein, MD | Psychiatry |
| Kilbridge, Matthew | Neck Assessment and Reporting Evaluation System (NARES) | Barton Branstetter, MD | Radiation Oncology |
| Kim, James | An assessment of the Oracle Translational Research Center's ability to meet the specific needs of the Pitt/UPMC gynecologic cancer research program | Rebecca Crowley, MD, MS | Biomedical Informatics |
| Kim, Jee-Hong (CSTP) | The Effect of Medical Treatment of Co- Morbidities in Improving Eustachian Tube Function in Patients with Eustachian Tube Dysfunction | Cuneyt Alper, MD | Otolaryngology |
| Kim, Joyce | Mental health and care seeking among non- heterosexual Asian American women | Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD | Orthopeadic Surgery |
| Kirakossian, David | Anxiety and emotional arousal as mechanisms in Xyclical Vomiting Syndrome | Klaus Bielefeldt, MD, PhD | Medicine |
| Kuhn, Julia | Predictive value of perioperative circumpapillary retinal nerve fiber layer thickness in primary rhegmatogenous retinal detachment macular anatomic outcomes | Joseph Martel, MD | Ophthalmology |

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| Laskow, Bari | Feasibility of community-based self- sampling for HPV testing for non-attenders of cervical cancer screening programs in the Paracentral region of El Salvador – a pilot study | Mirian Cremer, MD | Obstetrics and Gynecology |
| Lee, Andy | Neurotransmitter receptors involved in bladder neuromodulation | Changfeng Tai, PhD | Urology |
| Lee, Jake | Neovascularization as a predictor for abdominal aortic aneurysmal growth | Rabih Chaer, MD | Vascular Surgery |
| Lehman, David | The effects of Omega-3 Fatty Acids on cognition in healthy mid-life adults | Matthew Muldoon, MD | Internal Medicine |
| Lesky, Daniel | Assessment of patients for raised intracranial pressure by ultrasonographic measurement of optic nerve sheath diameter. | Christopher Schott, MD, MS | Critical Care |
| Lin, Liu Yi | Pulse oximetry screening for congenital heart disease in newborn infants at Magee Hospital: 2 Year Overview | Barbara Cohlan, MD | Pediatrics |
| Lo, Ka Yan | Characterization of in-vivo limbal connective tissue architecture | Kira Lathrop, MAMS | Ophthalmology |
| Manchester, Leah | Regional cerebral blood flow alterations and outcome in children following traumatic brain injury and cardiac arrest | Ericka Fink, MD | Critical Care Medicine |
| Markos, Steven | The effects of genetic variation within dopaminergic genes and hormones on multiple outcomes following traumatic brain injury | Amy Wagner, MD | Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation |
| McDermott, Sean | Computer-assisted image analysis in cytopathology | Sara Monaco, MD | Pathology |
| McQueen, Braxton | Retrospective clinical evaluation of the arthrex tightrope femoral suspension device for ACL reconstruction | Stephen Rabuck, MD | Orthopaedic Surgery |

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| Michelson, Sarah | Outcomes of cardiac arrest in nursing homes | Jon Rittenberger, MD | Emergency Medicine |
| Minkoff, David | Prediction of cervical carcinoma response to high-dose rate brachytherapy using quantitative magnetic resonance imaging analysis of tumor response to external beam radiotherapy | Sushil Beriwal, MD | Radiation Oncology |
| Moghul, Ayesha | Immunologic fingerprint of breast cancer patients receiving adjuvant endocrine therapy | Jose Van London, MD, MSc | Oncology |
| Mohanty, Aditya | A comparison of asthma and obesity between races | Fernando Holguin, MD, MPH | Pulmonology |
| Morales, Alejandro | Synergistic effect of ABT-737 and NVP-BKM120 on apoptosis in human malignant glioma cells | Ian Pollack, MD | Pediatric Neurosurgery |
| Moretensen, Peter | Functional manifestations of pressure changes in the middle ear system: An fMRI Study | John Swarts, PhD | Pediatric Otolaryngology |
| Mukherjee, Abhigyan | Development of a wearable motion tracking device to improve knee joint function and mobility during physical rehabilitation | Kevin Bell, PhD | Orthopaedic Surgery |
| Negrin, Isabela | SALT in the 3rd and 4th year medical student anesthesiology curriculum | William McIvor, MD | Anesthesiology |
| Newlon, Claire | Demographic factors in the relationship between readiness to change and weight management success in adolescents with polycystic ovary syndrome | Dana Rofey, PhD | Psychitry |
| Newsome, Hillary | Histological analysis of chronic rotator cuff tears | Richard Debski. PhD | Regenerative Medicine |
| Nieves, Ricardo | Adipose stem cell delivery to enhance peripheral nerve regeneration | Kacey Marra, PhD | Plastic Surgery |

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| Nohar, Ravendra | Clinical manifestations and outcomes of patients with Burkholderia cenocepacia infection after lung transplantation | Minh Hong Nguyen, MD | Medicine |
| Nyman, Katherine | A look at factors influencing breast feeding rates at the GAP practice in Oakland | Debra Bogen, MD | Pediatrics |
| Okafor, Debra | The Implementation of thermoregulation techniques and CPAP on preterm infants: A quality improvement study | Kalyani Vats, MD | Neonatal Medicine |
| Okeagu, Chikezie | Clinical outcome following revision anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction (ACL-R): comparison of allograft vs autograft | James Irrgang, PhD, PT | Orthopaedic Surgery |
| Oluwole, Olubusola (CSTP) | Arterial stiffness and Cognitive functioning in Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease | Enrico Novelli, MD, MS | Medicine |
| Patel, Neeta | Expression and function of LRRN3, a candidate autism spectrum disorder gene | A. Paula Nichols, MD | Neurobiology |
| Perry, Michelle | GEvaluation of paraspinal intramuscular ropivacaine injection for the treatment of acute headache in children | Robert Hickey, MD | Pediatrics |
| Pompa, Anthony | Innate immune signaling in the fetal intestine | Misty Good, MD | Pediatrics |
| Quidgley, Maria | Macrophage polarization in response to inflammatory and neoplastic extracellular matrix | Stephen Badylak, DVM, MD, PhD | Surgery and Regenerative Medicine |
| Rapakko, Salla | Predictors of baseline stress in women undergoing treatment for infertility | Marie Menke, MD, MPH | Obstetrics and Gynecology |
| Rashid, Arif | Distinguishing post-radiation fibrosis from tumor recurrence in PET-CT follow-ups of SBRT-treated Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer patients via dose-cloud spatially segmented data analysis | David Clump, MD, PhD | Radiation Oncology |

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| Rizvi, Afshan | Cost-effectiveness of LMWH for the prevention of pregnancy complications in high risk populations | Margaret Ragni, MD, MPH | Medicine |
| Rosenbaum, Lucy | Investigating the role of immune evasion in invasive lobular carcinoma | Steffi Oesterreich, PhD | Pharmacology |
| Ross, Mitchell | A matched pair analysis of multicenter long term follow-up after split liver transplantation | George Mazariegos, MD | Pediatric Transplantation |
| Roy, Nikita | Parkin-induced mitophagy following mitochondrial depolarization in rat midbrain neurons | Sarah Berman, MD, PhD | Neurology |
| Sadowsky, David | Impact of CMT-3 on intertwined physiological, biochemical, and inflammatory networks in Porcine Sepsis/ARDS | Yoram Vodovotz, PhD | Pathology |
| Salomon, Morgan | A histological assessment of the role of subclinical pelvic inflammatory disease in infertility | Harold Wiesenfeld, MD | Obstetrics and Gynecology |
| Samarendra, Vishnupriya | Protein Phosphatase 1's Role in Schizophrenia | Robert Sweet, MD | Psychiatry |
| Santizo-Deleon, Elsy | A follow-up study of externalizing psychiatric symptoms and disorders in young adults with Sickle Cell Disease and comparison peers | Robert Noll, PhD | Pediatric Behavioral Medicine |
| Scanlan, Bethany | Association of nutrition habits with weight loss in an online weight loss trial – results from the OCELOT Study | Margaret Conroy, MD, MPH | Internal Medicine |
| Scanlon, Matthew | KICG to assess hepatic recovery and dysfunction following orthotopic liver transplantation | Ali Al-Khafaji, MD | Critical Care Medicine |
| Sears, Sarah | Effects of hypoxia and oxidative stress on trophoblast steroidogenesis | Jacob Larkin, MD | Obstetrics and Gynecology |

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| Shafir, Adi | Assessing what homebound patients and their primary caregivers consider ideal quality care | Yael Schenker, MD, MAS | Internal Medicine |
| Suter, Daniel | Neurobiological correlates of PTSD symptom clusters in veterans of OEF/OIF conflicts | Anne Germain, PhD | Psychiatry |
| Tao, Sunny | Determining differences in metabolic biomarkers in obese women during pregnancy to discriminate risk for preeclampsia | James Roberts, MD | Obstetrics and Gynecology |
| Teng, Cindy | Integrating the anterior and posterior visual pathways in glaucoma with neuroimaging | Ian Conner, MD, PhD | Ophthalmology |
| Thomas, Roxanne | Evaluation of health service utilization within a homeless medical home model of care | Adam Gordon, MD, MPH | Internal Medicine |
| Toocheck, Corey | Effect of the early administration of the Nuclear Factor ?B (NF- ?B) inhibitory peptide NBD on Serotype 9 Adeno-Associated Viral (AAV9) minidystrophin gene transfer to the mdx mouse model | Paula Clemons, MD | Neurology |
| Villanueva, Hugo | Endometrium characteristics in morbidly obese bariatric surgery candidates | Faina Linkov, PhD, MPH | Obstetrics and Gynecology |
| Vu, Nicholas | Role of escitalopram in patients with late- Life depression using fMRI | Howard Aizenstein, MD, PhD | Psychiatry |
| Wang, Kayllie | Incidence of postoperative bleeding in pediatric patients with mild bleeding disorders | Peter Shaw, MD | Pediatric Hematolgoy and Oncology |
| Wang, Steven | Retrospective study examining outcomes of trabectome vs tube shunt in the treatment of glaucoma | Nils Loewen, MD, PhD | Ophthalmology |
| Wang, Yanting | Role of Heme-oxygenase in mice model of traumatic shock. | Brian Zuckerbraun, MD | Surgery |

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| Wasserman, Deena | Recreating the niche: Examining the role of non-epithelial cell support of intestinal stem cell growth in the generation of artificial intestine | David Hackam, MD, PhD | Pediatric Surgery |
| Wayne, Max | Remote ischemic conditioning for ST elevation myocardial infarction patients transferred for primary percutaneous coronary intervention | Francis Guyette, MD, MS, MPH | Emergency Medicine |
| Welborn, Seth | The role of the thoracic surgeon in image- guided interventions | Matthew Schuchert, MD | Cardiothoracic Surgery |
| White, Allana | Recurrence and Cosmesis in Nipple Sparing Mastectomy Compared to Breast Conserving Surgery and Total Mastectomy | Priscilla McAuliffe, MD, PhD | Radiology |
| White, Whitney | Intimate partner violence among teenage mothers | Jeannette South-Paul, MD | Family Medicine |
| Whitney, Janelle | Responding to relationship abuse and unintended pregnancy among adolescent females in foster care | Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD | Adolscent Medicine |
| Woo, Jean | Effects of mindfulness meditation in chronic pain and mental health in the older adult | Natalia Morone, MD | Internal Medicine |
| Xie, Maylene | TLR2 activation and platelet function in angiogenesis and muscle regeneration post-ischemia | Ulka Sachdev, MD | Vascular Surgery |
| Xu, Karen Mann | Dosimetric predictors of duodenal toxicity in gynecological cancer treated with intensity-modulated radiation therapy to paraaortic lymph nodes | Sushil Beriwal, MD | Radiation Oncology |
| Yi, Jinny | Evaluating a new questionnaire to screen for paradoxical vocal fold movement disorder | Fernando Holguin, MD, MPH | Pulmonology |

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| Zaker Shahrek, Babak | A sensorimotor microelectrode brain- machine interface for allowing sensory feedback in neuroprosthetics | Elizabeth Tyler- Kabara, MD, PhD | Neurosurgery |
| Zhang, Dongning (PSTP) | Acute Somatosensory Recording in Rhesus Macaque Dorsal Root Ganglion | Douglas Weber | Bioengineering |
| Zhang, Xiaoran (CSTP) | IDH Mutant Gliomas Escape Natural Killer Cell Immune Surveillance by Downregulation of NKG2D Ligand Expression | Nduka Amankulor, MD | Neurosurgery |
| Zolin, Samuel | Characterization of the effects of the early sex-hormone environment following injury | Jason Sperry, MD | Surgery |
| Zou, Richard | Outcomes of foot and ankle surgery in diabetic patients who have undergone solid organ transplantation | Dane Wukich, MD | Orthopaedic Surgery |

SCHOLARLY PROJECT O'MALLEY AWARDEES

The Bert and Sally O'Malley Awards for Outstanding Medical Student Research

Bert and Sally O'Malley awards were given for outstanding Scholarly Projects in each of the following categories:

A basic science project carried out by a student during the traditional 4 years of medical school;

A clinical science project carried out by a student during the traditional 4 years of medical school;

A basic science project carried out by a student who has taken a year off for research and completed medical school in 5 years;

A clinical science project carried out by a student who has taken a year off for research and completed medical school in 5 years.

4 Year Basic Science Research winner

Mr. Brian Ahn

Mentor: Hideho Okada, PhD; Neurosurgery

Project: HDC expression and histamine in the development of malignant glioma

4 Year Clinical Science Research winner

Mr. Eric Etchill

Mentor: Matthew Neal, MD; Surgery

Project: Massive transfusion practices in the non-trauma setting

5 Year Basic Science Research winner

Ms. Bhavana S. Vangara Chapman

Mentors: Jennifer Grandis, MD and Saleem Khan, PhD; Ophthalmology

Project: MicroRNA-363 targets myosin 1B to reduce cellular migration in head and neck cancer

5 Year Clinical Science Research winner

Ms. Olubusola Oluwole

Mentor: Enrico Novelli, MD; Medicine

Project: Arterial stiffness and cognitive functioning in individuals with Sickle Cell Disease

SCHOLARLY PROJECT CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARDEES

Ms. Lorraine Boakye

Mentor: John Kennedy, MD; Orthopaedic Surgery

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transplants: An in vivo rabbit model

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antitrypsin deficiency

Ms. Rachel Frank

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Mr. Alexander Khalaf

Mentor: Howard Aizenstein, MD; Psychiatry

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Mr. Mitchell Ross

Mentor: George Mazariegos, MD; Pediatric Transplantation

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Mr. David Sadowsky

Mentor: Yoram Vodovotz, MD; Pathology

Project: Impact of CMT-3 on intertwined physiological, biochemical and inflammatory networks in Porcine

Sepsis/ARDS

Mr. Sam Zolin

Mentor: Jason Sperry, MD; Surgery

Project: Characterization of the effects of the early sex-hormone environment following injury

SCHOLARLY PROJECT FACULTY MENTOR AWARDS

Mentor awards are based on nominations from graduating students.

Philip Troen, MD, Excellence in Medical Student Research Mentoring Award

Misty Good, MD; Assistant Professor, Division of Newborn Medicine

Matthew Neal, MD; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

Richard Steinman, MD, PhD; Associate Professor of Medicine & Pharmacology

Yoram Vodovotz, PhD; Professor of Surgery

Medical Student Research Mentoring Merit Award

Abbe de Vallejo, PhD; Associate Professor of Pediatric Rheumatology & Immunology

Robert Hickey, MD; Associate Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Greg Homanics, PhD; Professor of Anesthesiology

James Irrgang, PhD, PT, ATC, FAPTA; Professor and Director of Clinical Research in Orthopaedic Surgery

Christian Martin-Gill, MD; Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Edward Prochownik, MD, PhD; Professor of Molecular Genetics & Biochemistry

Margaret Ragni, MD, MPH; Professor of Medicine & Clinical Translational Sciences

Jose Van London, MD; Director, UPMC Cancer LiveWell Survivorship Programs

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following lists of publications, manuscripts in submission, and national, state and local awards were compiled from the Scholarly Project Final Reports submitted in February 2016. 121 students participated in the Scholarly Project course.

Number of publications = 145

Number of manuscripts submitted = 41

Number of national or state awards = 45

Number of local awards = 88

In addition:

- Students in the class of 2016 were authors on 257 presentations at national and international meetings.
- 106 students participated in research during the summer between their 1st and 2nd years of medical school (2013). These students received competitive funds from the Dean of the School of Medicine, Children's Hospital, the Departments of Pathology and Psychiatry and NIH T35 grants to individual UPSOM research groups.

Ahn, Brian

Ahn BJ, Kohanbash G, Ohkuri T, Kosaka A, Chen X, Ikeura M, Wang TC, Okada H. Histamine Deficiency Promotes Accumulation of Immunosuppressive Immature Myeloid Cells and Growth of Murine Gliomas. *Oncoimmunology*. 2015 May;4(11):e1047581. [PMID:26451324]

Ahn BJ, Pollack IF, Okada H. Immune-checkpoint Blockade and Active Immunotherapy for Glioma. *Cancers*. 2013 Nov; 5(4): 1379-412. [PMID:24202450]

Okada H, Butterfield LH, Hamilton RL, Hoji A, Sakaki M, **Ahn BJ**, Kohanbash G, Drappatz J, Engh J, Amankulor N, Lively MO, Chan MD, Salazar AM, Shaw EG, Potter DM, Lieberman FS. Induction of Robust Type-1 CD8+ T-Cell Response in WHO Grade II Low-grade Glioma Patient Receiving Peptide-based Vaccines in Combination With Poly-ICLC. *Clinical Cancer Research*. 2015 Jan;21(2):286-94. [PMID:25424847]

Crane CA, Han SJ, **Ahn BJ**, Oehlke J, Kivett V, Federoff A, Butowski N, Chang SM, Clark J, Berger MS, McDermott MW, Prados MD, Parsa AT. Individual Patient-specific Immunity Against High-grade Glioma After Vaccination With Autologous Tumor Derived Peptides Pound to 96kd Chaperone Protein. *Clinical Cancer Research*. 2013 Jan; 19(1):205-14. [PMID:22872572]

Crane CA, **Ahn BJ**, Han SJ, Parsa AT. Soluble Factors Secreted by Glioblastoma Cell Lines Facilitate Recruitment, Survival, and Expansion of Regulatory T Cells: Implications for Immunotherapy. *Neuro-Oncology*. 2012 May; 14(5):584-95. [PMID:22406925]

Au, Jeremiah

Kalash R, Berhane H, **Au J**, Rhieu BH, Epperly MW, Goff J, Dixon T, Wang H, Zhang X, Franicola D, Shinde A, GreenbergerJS. Differences in irradiated lung gene transcription between fibrosis-prone C57BL/6NHsd and fibrosis-resistant C3H/HeNHsd mice. *In Vivo*. 2014, Mar; 28(2): 147-71. PMID: 24632969

Kalash R, Epperly MW, Goff J, Dixon T, Sprachman MM, Zhang X, Shields D, Cao S, Franicola D, Wipf P, Berhane H, Wang H, **Au J**, Greenberger JS. Amelioration of radiation-induced pulmonary fibrosis by a water-soluble bifunctional sulfoxide radiation mitigator(MMS350). *Radiation Research*. 2013, Nov; 180(5): 474-90. PMID: 24125487

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NATIONAL AND STATE AWARDS

Black, John

2013-2014 HHMI Research Fellow

Boakye, Lorraine

- 2014 Research Fellow in Orthopaedic Surgery, VuMedi (Educational Platform for Physicians)
- 2013 Medical Student Summer Research Fellow, Hospital for Special Surgery
- 2015 Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society Medical Student/Resident Workshop Scholarship Recipient

Boiko, Julie

- 2015 American Society of Hematology Abstract Achievement Award
- 2015 American Medical Association Foundation Seed Grant Research Program
- 2014 American Society of Hematology Honors Award

Chapman, Bhavana

2014 MD Anderson Symposium on Cancer Research Young Investigator Travel Fellowship Award 2013–2014 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Medical Research Fellow

Cheng, Carol

2014 NIH NIMH Pre-doctorate Scholar

Cummings, Erin

2013-2014 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Medical Research Fellowship

Dhaliwal, Amardeep

2014 National Eye Institute ARVO Travel Grant

Dombrowski, Malcolm

NREF Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship

Etchill, Eric

2016 Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) Medical Student Scholarship Award Winner

Heft-Neal, Molly

2nd place in the category of Cancer Biology at 11th Annual American Medical Association (AMA) Research Symposium

Holt, Douglas

- 2014-2015 NIH T32 Research Training Grant Fellowship (PI Dwight E. Heron)
- 2006 Science Research Mini-Grant, Utah State University (PI Alvan Hengge)
- 2015 Departmental Travel Award for ASTRO, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute
- 2015 Departmental Travel Award for ACRO, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

Huh, Alexander

NIH T35-Training Grant

Kim, Jee-Hong Peter

2014 Best Poster Award 1st Place- Furlow Palatoplasty: The Sticky Note Method (Society for Ear Nose Throat Advancement in Children), St.Louis, MO

2015 Best Poster Award 3rd Place- Tubomanometry For Eustachian Tube Function Testing (Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meeting-American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology) Boston

NATIONAL AND STATE AWARDS

Kuhn, Julia

2013 Abstract Achievement Award American Society of Hematology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

Laskow, Bari

Basic Health International Fellowship

Lee, Jake

2014 Society of Vascular Surgery Travel Scholarship. Boston, MA. Invitation to participate in the Open and Endovascular Simulation Training workshop and Surgical Skills Competition

2016 Triological Society Medical Student Travel Award. Miami Beach, FL. Fund to cover travel expenses for my poster presentation titled, Diagnosing Rongue Vase Obstruction in Infants With Pierre Robin Sequence: Is Sleep Endoscopy Superior to Awake Endoscopy?

2016 Triological Society 2016 Combined Sections Meeting 2nd Place Poster Award. Miami Beach, FL. 2nd Place award at this national conference in the Pediatric Otolaryngology section for my 1st authored poster titled, Diagnosing Tongue Base Obstruction in Infants with Pierre Robin Sequence: Is Sleep Endoscopy Superior to Awake Endoscopy?

Liu, Lin

2014-2015 National Institute of Mental Health Medical Student Research Fellowship

2015 Watson's Humanism Honor Society Award

2015 Association of Medicine and Psychiatry Medical Student Travel Award

Frank, Rachel

2012 American Heart Association Resuscitation Science Symposium Young Investigator Award

McDermott, Sean

Medical School Scholarly Project Program Travel award for oral presentation at 2014 American Society of Cytopathology meeting

Oluwole, Olubusola

American Society of Hematology - Honors Award recipient American Society of Hematology- Merit Award recipient

Rashid, Arif

2014 Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Medical Student Grant

Shafir, Adi

2013 Medical Student Training in Aging Research Program, AFAR

Tao, Sunny

2014 Preeclampsia Foundation Award for Young Investigators

Teng, Cindy

2015 National Eye Institute Travel Grant to ARVO Conference in Denver, CO 2015 Abstract awarded "Hot Topic" at 2015 ARVO Conference

White, Allana

Susan B. Komen Pittsburgh Small Travel Grant

Xie, Maylene

2014 Society of Vascular Surgery Student Research Fellowship

2014 Society for Vascular Surgery Basic Science Poster Competition - Finalist

NATIONAL AND STATE AWARDS

Xu, Karen Mann

2015 Research selected as press highlight for July/August issue of Practical Radiation Oncology 2014 Abstract selected for American Brachytherapy Society annual meeting Plenary Session 2014 ASTRO Poster selected for ARRO Poster Walk with a Professor program

Birkness, Jacqueline

Dean's Summer Research Project Certificate of Merit

Black, John

2012 Dean's summer research project – Excellence in Biomedical Research Award

Boakye, Lorraine

- 2013 Medical Student Summer Research Fellow, Hospital for Special Surgery
- 2014 Research Fellow in Orthopaedic Surgery, VuMedi (Educational Platform for Physicians)
- 2015 Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society Medical Student/Resident Workshop Scholarship Recipient

Bohnhoff, James

2013 Dean's Summer Research Program Scholarship recipient

Boiko, Julie

2012 University of Pittsburgh Dean's Summer Research Program

2014-15 University of Pittsburgh Clinical Scientist Training Program – University of Pittsburgh Clinical and Translational Science Institute (National Institutes of Health UL1 TL1TR000005)

Brase, Amanda

Translational Research Training in Sleep Medicine, T32 Grant

Burrows, Michael

2011-2016 Physician Scientist Training Program Fellowship Recipient, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine 2013-2014 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Research Training Fellowship Recipient, 2013-2014, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Chapman, Bhavana

2011–2016 Physician Scientist Training Program

2014 Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Grant

Choi, Phillip

2012 Dean's Summer Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA

2014 Walter Copeland Summer Medical Student Scholar, The Pittsburgh Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA

Dombrowski, Malcolm

Dean's Summer Research Grant Awardee—University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Harris H. and Gertrude M. Harris Foundation Scholarship

Etchill, Eric

2013 Stanley Prostrednik Nationality Rooms Scholarship for Research Abroad, Summer

2013 International Studies Fund for Research in Sub-Saharan Africa, Summer

2013 Dean's Summer Research Project Grant

2013 Medical Alumni Research Scholarship

Farrell, Daniel

2013 Stephen Phillips Award for Outstanding Basic Science Research

Han, Katrina

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Dean's Summer Research Program University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Travel Grant University of Pittsburgh Graduate & Professional Student Government Travel Grant

Holt, Douglas

2012 Dean's Summer Research Program Grant, University of Pittsburgh SOM

2012 Research Merit Abstract Award, Dean's Summer Research, University of Pittsburgh

2014-2015 Clinical Scientist Training Program Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

2015 Departmental Travel Award for ASTRO, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

2015 Departmental Travel Award for ACRO, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

Hu, Jennifer

2013 Dean's Summer Research Program Grant for Identification of Vulnerable Community-Dwelling Elders in the Emergency Department using a Multi-modal Assessment. Hu, J., Suffoletto, B.P.

Kang, Audry

2013 Merit award for Dean's Summer Research Abstract

2013 T35 NIH training grant for Hem/Onc Research (Dean's Summer Program)

2015 University of Pittsburgh GPSG Travel Grant for Conference

2015 University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine SEC Travel Grant for Conference

Kano, Daiji

2013 Nationality Room Graduate Award

2013 Dean's Summer Research Award

Kelly, John

NIH Grant T35AT005933-04

Kim, James

2013 Dean's Summer Research Program Grant

Kim, Jee-Hong Peter

2012 NIH T-35 Training Grant in Heme/Onc University of Pittsburgh, PA, United States

Kim, Joyce

NIMH T32 Training Grant

Lee, Jake

2013 Dean's Summer Research Project Grant. Cardiovascular surgery research at the UPMC-affiliated transplant hospital in Palermo, Italy

Lesky, Daniel

2013 **Daniel N. Lesky**, Melanie J. Grubisha, Teresa T. Liu, Donald B. DeFranco. The Impact of Androgen Deprivation on a Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) Cell Line. Dean's Summer Research Symposium, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Pittsburgh, PA

Manchester, Leah

2013 Dean's Summer Research Project Stipend

2014 Best Graduate Student Poster, Local MRI Research Conference at CMU

Markos, Steven

2013Merit Award for Excellence in Biomedical Science Research

2013 NIH (T35) Grant for Student Research Training in Integrative, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine

2015 2nd place prize for oral presentation at Safar Symposium (Pittsburgh, PA)

McDermott, Sean

Medical School Scholarly Project Program Travel award for oral presentation at 2014 American Society of Cytopathology meeting

Michelson, Sarah

2016 2nd place Clinical Presentation, American Heart Association Fellows' Research Day

2013 DSRP (different project) funded by the T-35 Training Grant in Renal, GI, Endocrine, and Epithelial Biology, Grant #:

DK065521, NIH/NIDDK, PI: Thomas Kleyman, MD

Mukherjee, Abhigyan

NIH T35 Research Training Grant

Moghul, Ayesha

Arthur Mirsky Student Research Award for Clinical Investigation

Mortensen, Peter

2013 Dean's Summer Research stipend

Newsome, Hilary

Newsome H. Ye J, Mushal V. Predictors of Failed Rotator Cuff Repair. Dean's Summer Research Program University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Nyman, Katherine

Dean's Summer Research

Medical Alumni Association Travel Grant

Okafor, Debra

2013 Dean's Summer Research Award: **Okafor, Debra C.**, Pagano, Duilio MD, & Spada, Marco MD, PhD. An Experience in Pediatric Liver Transplantation:Long-Term Outcome Analysis of 15 Year Follow Up Graft and Extrahepatic Complications. Poster presented at: Dean's Summer Research Program Research Symposium; Pittsburgh, PA

2015 CEED II Scholars Program: **Okafor, Debra C.**, Ardell, Stephanie MD, Vats, Kalyani MD. The Implementation of CPAP on Preterm Infants: A Quality Improvement Study. Poster presented at: 4th Annual CEED Scholars Poster Presentation; Pittsburgh, PA

Oluwole, Olubusola

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Dean's Summer Research Award recipient

Quidgley-Martin, Maria

2013 NIH-sponsored T35 training grant funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

Rapakko, Salla

2013 Innovative Methods in Pathogenesis and Child Treatment Program T32 pre-doctoral training grant

Rosenbaum, Lucy

2013 Dean's Summer Research Seminar Merit Award

2013 NIH T35 Training Grant for Research in Hematology and Oncology

Ross, Mitchell

2013 Dean's Summer Research Program Grant

Roy, Nikita

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Dean's Summer Research Grant Recipient

Sadowsky, David

2013 Dean's Summer Research Project

Scanlon, Matthew

2013 Dean's Summer Research Project Grant Recipient

Sears, Sarah

2013 Merit Award, Dean's Summer Research Project

Shafir, Adi

David C Martin Award - Travel scholarship to the American Geriatrics Society annual conference from the Western Division of the Pennsylvania Geriatrics Society

Suter, Daniel

2013 T32 Translational Research Training in Sleep Medicine Award at UPSOM

Tao, Sunny

2013 Dean's Summer Research Program, Arthur Mirsky Award for Outstanding Biomedical Science Research

Teng, Cindy

2013 Stephen L. Phillips Award for Outstanding Basic Science Research, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

2013 NIMH T32 Summer Training Fellowship, Charles Reynolds, III, MD

2014 University of Pittsburgh Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Award

2014 University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Travel Grant

Toocheck, Corey

2013 Dean's Summer Research Project

Quidgley-Martin, Maria

2013 University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Dean's Summer Research Program Abstract Merit Award for Excellence in Biomedical Science Research

Teng, Cindy

2013 Stephen L. Phillips Award for Outstanding Basic Science Research, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine 2014 University of Pittsburgh Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Award

Vu. Nicholas

2013 NIH Grant T32 MH19986 awarded

Wang, Steven

Scholarly Research Project Travel Grant

White, Allana

Scholarly Research Project Travel Award

Susan B. Komen Pittsburgh Small Travel Grant

Xie, MayleneDeans Summer Research Fellowship

Xu, Karen Man

2013 NIH T35 Hematology and Oncology fellowship (Summer Research)

Zhang, Xiaoran

Clinical Scientist Training Program

Zolin, Samuel

2013 Dean's Summer Research Merit Award

2016 Scholarly Project Administration

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Gwendolyn Sowa, MD, PhD

Associate Dean for Medical Student Research Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Judy Chang, MD, MPH

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Margaret Conroy, MD, MPH

Assistant Dean for Medical Student Research Department of Medicine

Rebecca Hughey, PhD

Assistant Dean for Medical Student Research Department of Neurobiology

James Irrgang, PhD, PT, ATC, FAPTA

Assistant Dean for Medical Student Research Department of Orthopedic Surgery

Scholarly Project Administration:

Suzann Beardsley

Medical Student Research Administrator

Pamela Harlow

Medical Student Research Coordinator