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Message From The President



On behalf of the executive committee and myself as your President, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery. In all things, we are guided by our motto “which includes, but is not limited to: professionalism, promoting a positive learning environment, exhibiting good judgement, and demonstrating respectful behavior in response to those whom we serve”.

I have been a program administrator for the past 19 ½ years and I consider ARCS as part of my surgical family of friends and colleagues. It will be my privilege to provide each and every one of you superior education as educators in your role. Your education, and the responsibility of preparing you for your future, is our priority. Know that the executive committee is committed to providing a learning environment that is challenging, yet supportive of your personal interests and needs. It is our goal to ensure not only that you succeed while you are here and in your present position, but also that you are well-prepared for your life and work beyond ARCS.

Your education, experiences, and desire to help others have led you to this amazing organization. As you embark on this chapter of your lives and careers, remember that you are among a select group of scholars who show tremendous promise, and we the executive committee believe you have unlimited potential to become an outstanding program administrator. For that you should be most proud.

Your time spent in your position with the surgery residency programs will be some of the most personally demanding and challenging years of your life. They will also be the most productive, rewarding, and enlightening. It is my sincere hope that ultimately we will instill in each of you the unshakable conviction that there is no greater calling than to serve your program, program director and faculty. As a program coordinator you will have significant responsibility filled with rewards and one that will define the lives of residents from here forward.

I would like to thank the executive committee and each and every one of you for your support this coming year and hope that you will be able to join us April 18-20, 2017 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA. We promise that we will work hard to have a vibrant and informational conference for you. The call for submission of abstracts was just released and we hope that you will think about being a part of the spring conference. One final note to those who are not members, I do hope you think about joining as a member of the ARCS organization. The networking opportunities are invaluable. “Being a member of ARCS allows a connection with others experiencing the same trials and tribulations.”

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and that your 2016-2017 academic year is the best ever! If you have any questions or just need to talk, please feel free to contact me any time at lbadurina@mchs.com.

See you in San Diego in April of 2017!

Lillian Badurina
ARCS President 2016-2017

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Meet the 2016~2017 ARCS Executive Committee



Lillian Badurina
Mount Carmel Health System
Columbus, Ohio

President — Lillian has been the Program Administrator for General Surgery at Mount Carmel West Hospital since 1997. She has two Children, Angela and Nikola and three grandchildren. Outside of work she enjoys walking with friends, traveling and spending time with her family. Lillian is the Administrative Director of a Croatian Group called Selo of Columbus, which performs the songs and dances of Croatia. She loves college football, especially the Ohio State University Buckeyes. She also sells buckeye necklaces at all the home games.



S. Darlene Norton, C-TAGME
Greenville Health System
Greenville, South Carolina

President Elect — Darlene has been the residency coordinator for the Greenville Health System, Ramage Center for Teaching and Learning, Department of Surgery, since 2010. She has over 24 years of experience in graduate medical education. She served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Family Medicine Administration from 2006-2011. In 2009, she served as President. She and husband, Myron, have two children, Michael 28 and Melissa 24. She enjoys reading, music and spending time with family and friends.



Susan Ratliff
Emory University
Atlanta, GA

Membership & Certificates Chair & SCORE Representative — Susan, an employee with Emory University in Atlanta, GA for 20+ years, joined the General Surgery Residency program in 2011. She previously managed the Geriatric Medicine and Hospice/Palliative Medicine educational programs in the Department of Medicine and was a program coordinator in the Department of Medicine's Office of Education. She graduated from Georgia State University and has plans to become TAGME certified within the next year. Susan is originally from New Orleans, LA and currently resides in Lithonia, GA. She enjoys traveling, reading, music and spending time with her family and friends.



SuAnn White
University of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, OK

Mentor/Mentee Chair & ARCS Liaison Representative to ACS — SuAnn has been a residency program coordinator at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine since 2009. She started her career on campus in Student Affairs handling medical student scheduling in 2007. She and her husband, Chuck, reside in a historical section of Oklahoma City and spend a lot of free time working to restore their home that was built in 1933. She has many four legged children which bring much love and enjoyment to her life.



Chi Quach
University of California
Los Angeles, California

Past President & Consultant to the President — Chi has been residency coordinator for the Department of Surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles since 2000. She graduated from the University of California, Irvine. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

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Meet the 2016/2017 ARCS Executive Committee, cont.



Dawn Fountain, C-TAGME
University of Kansas
Wichita, Kansas

Professional Development & Webmaster Consultant — Dawn Fountain has been with the General Surgery Residency Program at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita since 2007. She is also involved with GME at a local level, most recently serving on the APE sub-committee at the GME office. She enjoys grilling, and has a collection of over 20 vintage grills. Dawn is a volunteer coach for Girls on the Run, and also enjoys working in the yard and on their home, listening to vinyl records, and going to estate sales hunting for treasure.

Kim Molteg, C-TAGME
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
New Brunswick, New Jersey



ACS Consultant — Kim Molteg joined Rutgers (formerly UMDNJ) Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ in 1987. Since coming to RWJMS, she has spent the past 16 years as the General Surgery Residency Coordinator. Prior to working with the residents, Kim worked as the Medical Student Coordinator for 10 years. Her professional career also includes serving on the Tools Review/Assessment Committee of the National Board of Certification for TAGME (Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education) and as a member of STAC (Surgical Training Administrators Certification Board). Kim is currently involved in a variety of different organizations which include: The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville VFW Post 4699 and the Sayreville Historical Society. She enjoys the Jersey Shore, traveling, crafts, home decorating, gardening and making delicious home cooked meals and desserts. Kim cherishes the time she spends with her family and friends especially her daughter, Holly and friend, Tom. She has a love for animals.

Welcome to the Newest ARCS Executive Committee Members

Please join us in welcoming the following as the newest members of the ARCS Executive Committee and for their help during our most recent ARCS meeting in Boston.

Donna Heyduk
Lankenau Medical Center / Main Line Health System
Wynnewood, PA



Executive Secretary; Sunshine, Roommate and Social Event Chair — Donna has been an employee at Main Line Health System since 2005. Previously, she managed the Continuing Medical Education for the system and in 2012 she joined the General Surgery Residency Program. Donna and her husband, Bob, have 3 grown children and 2 dogs they enjoy spending their time with. When Donna is not sitting by the phone waiting for her oldest son, currently serving in the US Navy, to call she enjoys crocheting, cooking, and traveling.

Jessica Roof
Carolinas Medical Center
Charlotte, NC



Professional Development Chair; Media & Publications Chair— Jessica joined the general surgery residency program at Carolinas Medical Center on April 8, 2014 at the annual ARCS meeting in Chicago, IL but has been with the system since June 2009 serving as the vascular and cardiothoracic coordinator initially. Prior to that she was the general surgery and surgical critical care coordinator for 3 years at the University of South Carolina/Palmetto Health and remembers fondly attending previous ARCS meetings in Washington, DC and Toronto, Canada. She is married to her husband Jason and together they have two sweet little boys, Slade (4) and Brooks (7 months). When she is not chasing children she enjoys curling up with a good book or working on her next crochet project.

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Departing Executive Committee Members



At the end of our meeting in Boston, MA it was time to say thank you and goodbye to Stephanie Burnham. Stephanie joined the ARCS EC in 2011. During her four years with the ARCS EC, Stephanie held positions as the SCORE Representative, Newsletter Chair, Website Manager, Dine Outs, and most recently Past President and consultant. Stephanie was a great inspiration, mentor and support to ARCS and the Executive Committee. Stephanie, thank you for all your hard work, leadership and dedication to ARCS, not to mention all the smiles, throughout the years! She will be missed greatly!

2016-2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please consider applying to become a member of the ARCS Executive Committee. The committee is comprised of nine members and is responsible for the leadership of the organization and the development of our annual educational meeting. Each year the committee reviews all applications and tries to appoint one Community and one University based coordinator based upon open positions.

Criteria for applicants to the Executive Committee:

- Be a current member of ARCS
- Have attended at least three APDS/ARCS meetings
- Show written and financial support from your program director and/or chair to attend two meetings each year, the fall planning meeting in conjunction with the ACS and the spring SEW meeting
- Be able to attend all Executive Committee planning sessions (at least 2 meetings per year to include APDS/ARCS Spring conference) & conference calls
- Be willing to host a planning meeting if elected president
- Not have served on the committee during the past four years

Applicants should model professionalism. This includes, but is not limited to: promoting a positive learning environment, exhibiting good judgement, and demonstrating respectful behavior in response to those whom they serve. Applicants should also positively influence and promote a healthy work environment by consistently placing first the interest of other members and the organization as a whole. They should strive to guide and promote the success and advancement of the ARCS organization.

An electronic application is available on the ARCS website under the "Executive Committee" tab. You will be required to submit a photo, your CV and a letter from your Program Director/Chair.

Applications will be accepted until **September 12, 2016**.



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ARCS Membership Update

There are currently 376 coordinators listed in our membership directory! We are very excited that the membership continues to grow on a yearly basis. Please take a moment to review your contact information on our website. If any changes are needed, please contact Susan Ratliff at sratlif@emory.edu.

If you're not yet a member but have wanted to join, the process is simple. The membership application is available online at www.arcsurgery.org. Your application must include your current CV and a letter of support from your Program Director. All items should be mailed to:

APDS/ARCS Headquarters Office
6400 Goldsboro Road
Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20817-5846

New ARCS Members

Twenty-eight coordinators were approved for membership at the April 2016 APDS Board of Directors Meeting in Boston, MA.

Please join us in welcoming the following new members of ARCS!

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New ARCS Members, continued

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2016 Coordinator Recognition Award Judith A. Olenwine



The 2016 Coordinator Recognition Award was presented to Judith A. Olenwine of Lehigh Valley Health Network. Judith was nominated by her Program Director, Dr. Michael Badellino, and has served for over 20 years as the residency coordinator. She is responsible not only for General Surgery but also for the colon/rectal, plastic surgery and surgical critical care program. She annually attends and participates in the APDS and ARCS conferences. She is on the ARCS Steering Committee. She is a leader in our field. She is the Chair of Surgery Training Administration Certification and the Chair of Assessment Tool Quality Review Committee. Dr. Badellino states Judith’s “knowledge of the ACGME, NRMP, ABS requirements go well beyond that required to oversee a program”. Judith has an incredible work ethic and is committed to her residents and her peers.

Congratulations Judith!!

Newest Coordinator Award



Each year ARCS recognizes the coordinator in attendance that has been in their job for the LEAST amount of time.

The winner of the title “Newest Coordinator” at our Boston meeting was Montreka Dansby, Program Manager—Surgical Education at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. Montreka started on March 7, 2016, just a couple of weeks before our meeting.

Montreka received a gift bag which included office supplies and other necessities for the successful residency coordinator.

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Each attendee at the ARCS conference in Boston was given an entry into our daily door prize drawings. Winners had to be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Each winner received a gift bag which included various small gifts donated by the ARCS Executive Committee members. Door prize winners were:

- Eileen Kleffner from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas
- Jeannine Bottis from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, Massachusetts



CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners!



Attendees of the New Coordinators Workshop held at the Boston Meeting on April 13, 2016

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Mentor-Mentee Update

ARCS has had a mentor program in place for many years. The idea is for a new coordinator to be paired with a seasoned coordinator and for those individuals to form a relationship, share information, and ask questions of one another. Every attempt is made to match coordinators in the same geographic region and in similar institutions (University, Community, Military), but is not always guaranteed.

I am proud to say that the ARCS Executive Committee recognized a mentor for going above and beyond the call of duty at the ARCS Spring meeting in Boston. Darlene Norton with Greenville Health System was the 2016 mentor recognized. Her mentee Sherri Mountain from Grand Strand Medical Center wrote "My mentor, Darlene Norton, is amazing! I came into this position with no prior experience to residency. I was panicked and struggling with the CCC meeting and what I needed to do and what data to pull for the committee. Darlene spent about 30 minutes on the phone with me explaining the process she follows and the data she pulls. She also forwarded me some documents that she created that I will be using at our upcoming CCC meeting next week. Her assistance truly was invaluable because I had no idea of how to approach this task. I always feel comfortable making a call to her to ask for help". This is what mentor/mentee is all about!

To become either a mentor or a mentee, you can visit the ARCS website at www.arcsurgery.org and complete the online form. There are also announcements made and sign-up sheets available at the spring meeting each year. In addition, you may contact the Mentor / Mentee Program Chair, SuAnn White, at suann-white@ouhsc.edu or at 405-271-6308 for more information.

Did you know???

ARCS members have the added benefit of being able to access our Photo Gallery where they can view LOTS of pictures from our Boston meeting and other past meetings!

www.arcsurgery.org

Sunshine Committee

The purpose of this group is to relay the care and concern of fellow members in times of need by sending wishes of encouragement or sympathy. The Sunshine Chair will send a card to members for the following reasons:

- Serious illness
- Death of a member (sent to a designated family member)
- Death of an immediate family member [parents, spouse, children, stepchildren]

If you are aware of a fellow coordinator who is ill, lost a loved one, needs cheering up, or is going through a tough time, let us know.

Also, if you hear of someone who has received a promotion or an award with respect to her/his position as a residency coordinator, we would like to acknowledge this accomplishment.

Please email the Sunshine Chair, Donna Heyduk, at heydukd@mlhs.org, with the name, address and reason for the card.



Mark L. Friedell, MD

March 3, 1951—July 10, 2016

Dr. Mark Friedell passed away at St. Luke's Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri on July 10. Dr. Friedell was the president of APDS in 2012 and has

served the organization in a number of roles including being in charge of industry relations and being the SCORE representative. A celebration of Dr. Friedell's life was held on July 17 in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Friedell was an accomplished educator and clinician. Most recently, he was Chair of the Department of Surgery at University of Missouri - Kansas (UMKS) School of Medicine and Truman Medical Centers. He also served as the Ralph R. Coffey Endowed Chair of Surgery at UMKC. Prior to his position at UMKC, Dr. Friedell was the Program Director of the Surgery Residency at Orlando Health and a Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Friedell received his medical degree at the University of Bologna, completed his Surgical Residency at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, and his Vascular Surgery fellowship at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

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Professional Development

The Professional Development sessions were a success again this year. We had 157 attendees and 393 certificates were sent out to attendees. Reviews of the sessions were overall positive.

If you participated in the sessions and turned in your evaluation and have not yet received your certificate, please contact Jessica Roof at: jessica.roof@carolinashealthcare.org.

We will begin planning the professional development series for San Diego during our October planning meeting. Please let us know if you have any ideas for speakers or topics.

ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENCY COORDINATORS IN SURGERY



Save the Date: 2017
ARCS Meeting
April 18-20, 2017
San Diego, CA

Call for Abstracts

Please plan on joining us for our annual meeting at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront in San Diego, CA April 18-20, 2017. More information will be available on the website soon!

Be a part of the meeting!! If you have an idea for a presentation, speaker, panel discussion or break out session, we want to hear from you. The committee is responsible for the development of the spring conference and we need everyone's input regarding new topics and sessions that attendees will find beneficial to plan a successful conference. Even if you have an idea for a presentation or a topic you would like to hear more about but are not willing to present, please complete the abstract form and the committee will try to find a way to incorporate it into our conference.

Abstract Deadline is September 12, 2016.

You may submit an abstract by going to our website and completing the abstract form:

www.arcsurgery.org