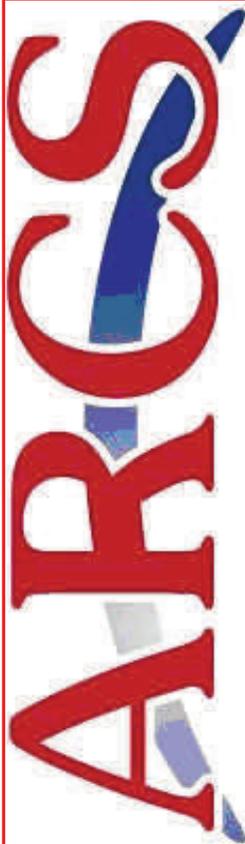


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**SURGICAL EDUCATION WEEK
APDS/ARCS/ASE Annual Meeting
April 8-12, 2014
Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, Illinois**

Just outside, the energy of downtown Chicago awaits. Lending the Fairmont a fashionable and contemporary urban resort attitude, the rich and diverse Grant Park and Millennium Park neighborhood affords your intriguing sense of adventure. The Art Institute and the Field Museum; Navy Pier and Chicago's Lakefront; the acclaimed shopping along the Magnificent Mile and Oak Street street boutiques; Chicago's theaters and nightclubs; the bustling business district and the serene escape of Millennium Park all intersect at one location: Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park.

Rediscover the Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park, which has reclaimed the city skyline as a beacon of modern design, following a dramatic five year-transformation. The artful new lobby of this downtown Chicago hotel beckons with a grand sense of arrival – at once, as fashionable as the city of Chicago – through crisp lines, dark woods and neutral finishes tinged with pops of color.

Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago!

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Message From The President



Happy New Year!!! Now that the holidays are over and most of us are wrapping up our interview season, we can begin to look forward to the ABSITE exam at the end of January, rank lists for February and the NRMP match in March. Then it will be off to Chicago in April - please mark your calendars for April 7-10, 2014. I would like to send a huge THANK YOU to the Executive Committee that once again, has worked so hard during the ACS meeting in October to put together what I hope will be a very educational and informative program in April. I would like to thank everyone that submitted abstracts for

the spring meeting. We had 28 abstracts submitted that were all phenomenal and unfortunately we could not accept them all. For those that were not chosen this year I hope you will resubmit them for the 2015 meeting.

ARCS registration will open on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. followed by our New Coordinator's workshop beginning at 10:00 a.m. (Please note the fee for registration for the New Coordinator's conference on the registration form as well being a coordinator for 0-5 years). The ARCS Executive Committee has put together a very informative workshop for the new coordinators. Jessica Moyer and Brianne Nickel submitted abstracts for the new coordinators workshop that were accepted and will also be presenting on Monday.

The Association of Residency Coordinators will run a full conference beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8th and will adjourn on Thursday, April 10th at noon. (Please be sure to refer to the Surgical Education Week Booklet for the speakers, topics and time of presentation).

The Coordinator's Recognition Award applications were at an all-time high. It was a very difficult decision and all of the candidates were excellent. We hope the Program Directors will continue nominating their coordinator for this wonderful award.

We will also be keeping with our new tradition of a daily door prize and a special award for the newest coordinator. Please remember you must be present in order to win!!!

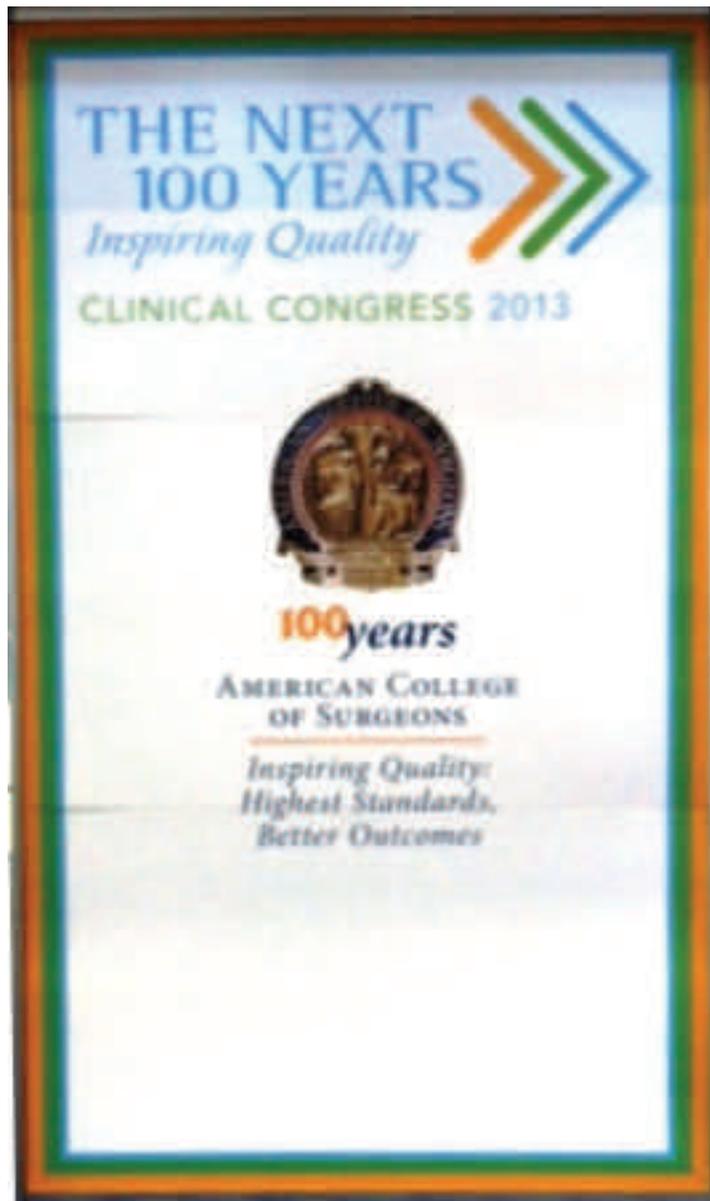
I would like to take a moment and thank Lillian Figueroa for her dedication to ARCS and the American College of Surgeons. Lillian's term expired with the Executive Committee April of 2013 and she offered to continue her role as the ACS Liaison for the Clinical Congress Meeting that was held in Washington, D.C. in October 2013. Lillian as always did a fantastic job and the presentation was very well received. (Please see the newsletter article on the ACS Medical Student Program 2013) THANK YOU LILLIAN!!!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the **Windy City** in April. Until then, I hope that each of you had a peaceful and safe New Year. Best wishes that 2014 will bring you love, health, happiness and countless blessings in everything you do and in the lives of everyone you touch.

If you have any questions, suggestions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at mary.burda@utoledo.edu.

Mary Burda

President, Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery



The ACS Clinical Congress Meeting was held in Washington, DC on Monday, October 7, 2013. The ARCS Executive Committee members, Program Directors, Associate Program Directors, and surgical residents participated in the ACS Medical Student Program. Total number of medical students that attended the program on Monday was **278** which **included both US and international** medical students. The total number of students that attended the three day program was **424**. On Monday, three sessions were held titled “ERAS – *Tips and Tricks from the Experts*”, “*Useful Information for the International Medical Students*”, and “*Roundtable Reception by Specialty, Practice Setting, and Other Topics.*” The average scores for the three sessions were 3.53, 4.23, and 4.78. The medical students appreciated very much the sessions and commented in the evaluation from the resident panel to the roundtable talks that “*all portions of the program were very beneficial.*” (For additional information, *the ACS Medical Student Program 2013 is available in the ARCS website.*)

At the ARCS Executive Committee Planning Meeting in Washington, DC. Kim Molteg, C-TAGME, was elected to be the new 2014 ARCS Liaison Representative to ACS as I completed my journey and responsibilities as the liaison representative. Kim will continue to work with

ACS and the Medical Student Committee to provide support to the medical student program and as a professional representative in the American College of Surgeon (ACS).

I wish Kim Molteg the very best as she begins her journey with ACS.

It has been an amazing journey for me and I enjoyed the ride for the past three years!

Best wishes,

Lillian Figueroa

Kim Molteg

ARCS Liaison Representative for ACS 2014



Lillian Figueroa, ARCS Liaison Representative for ACS 2010-2013



ARCS Executive Committee at ACS 2013 in Washington, DC

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UPDATES

Mentor - Mentee Program

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.

At the spring 2013 meeting, there were thirty-two requests made by new coordinators for a mentor.

For those of you who have not yet participated in the Mentor / Mentee Program, there will be an opportunity for you to sign up either as a “mentor” or as a “mentee” at the 2014 Surgical Education Week that will be held in Chicago, IL. Besides having the opportunity to sign up at our annual meeting, you may also contact the Mentor / Mentee Program Chair, Laura Warner, C-TAGME, at warner_laura@guthrie.org or at 570-887-3585 for more information.

Surgical Council on Resident Education – SCORE UPDATE

Please refer to the list serve updates for SCORE. Laura Warner is our SCORE Rep. Please let her know if you have questions or concerns. We are all looking forward to Dr. Klingensmith’s address at our annual meeting.

Professional Development

We have some great professional development sessions scheduled for our spring meeting in Chicago, including a coordinator favorite, Dr. Juanita Braxton. It is ARCS goal to help its members increase competence, performance, improve and broaden the coordinator’s knowledge and skills and develop the personal qualities required in their professional lives. Remember, that these lectures can be used toward your initial TAGME certification, or counted towards the continuing education required for continued certification, so keep your certificate in a safe place! We can't wait to see you in Chicago!

New Coordinators Workshop

Calling all new coordinators with 0-5 year of experience! The new coordinator workshop will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014. It will be interactive with fun activities. The workshop will start at 10:00 am with lunch at 1:30 pm. The workshop will conclude at 5:00 pm. We hope you can join us.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have over 200 members and are very excited that the membership continues to grow on a yearly basis. Just a friendly reminder to please take a moment to review your information on our website to make sure your information is correct. If you have any changes that need to be made please contact Lillian Badurina at lbadurina@mchs.com.

An updated membership listing will be put on the thumb drive for you at our annual meeting in Chicago.

**Please join the Executive Committee in welcoming the
new members of ARCS. The following coordinators were
approved for membership at the
October 2013
American College of Surgeons Meeting**

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Are you a member of the Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery (ARCS)?

ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENCY COORDINATORS IN SURGERY

If not, you should be.

While being a member provides you, the coordinator, with several tangible benefits, the true impact of belonging to a professional organization comes from being an active member of that organization and supporting its goals and helping it to grow and become stronger. By doing so, you develop a vested interest in your own growth, your own success and your own professional future, as well as the organization's.

The networking opportunities within the membership are invaluable. Our coordinators are one of our best sources of information, ideas, support, and friendship. Each year, men and women of the organization exchange ideas, form new friendships, and feel a collective sigh of relief as we realize that we are not alone.

There is strength in numbers and ARCS is a large, strong leader among the specialties. ARCS affords its members the opportunity to meet people from all across our country, contributing to that all-important networking system. Besides sharing with one another, ARCS provides a venue to become involved nationally, which in turn promotes your program and helps it to be recognized. Lastly, professional membership confers a special status on those individuals who hold it.

It is important to note that when you pay the registration fee for the Spring APDS / ARCS meeting, it is the registration fee only, and does not automatically secure your membership. The APDS Board of Directors review membership twice a year, at the fall ACS meeting and the spring APDS meeting.

To become a member of ARCS, you must first be an Associate Member of the APDS. Associate Membership can be obtained by completing and submitting an application form, copy of your current curriculum vitae and a letter of support from your Program Director. Feel free to contact any Executive Committee member to discuss the process for membership or follow the link at www.arcsurgery.org for additional information and an application. Yearly dues are \$225.00.

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See You in Chicago See You in Chicago

April 7-10, 2014 at our *27th Annual Meeting*

ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENCY COORDINATORS IN SURGERY

Can you think of a better place than Chicago to get together and learn more about topics that most of us are already familiar with? Well, also be prepared to learn new innovative ideas and information you did not know much about.

Please join us in Chicago for our upcoming ARCS Meeting. As you attend the conference take advantage of gathering with people who work in the same field, while catching up with friendships and making new ones, as well as talking and learning from one another.

Also, while in Chicago, don't forget to try and catch some of the sites. Step off the ledge at the Willis Tower, eat dinner at the panoramic John Hancock Building Signature Room Restaurant, or take a stroll through Millennium or Navy Pier Parks. General admission tickets for the Willis Tower are \$18.00 each. If we can gather a group of 20 or more people together, tickets can be purchased at \$11.50 each. I will be happy to coordinate if interested, so let me know. For those who plan on spending additional time in the Windy City, can purchase a Chicago CityPASS.

Double click on the link <http://www.citypass.com/chicago> for more information.

If funding is an issue at your institution when making hotel reservations, then sharing expenses could be the answer. If you would like to split the cost of a room with someone, please contact Kim Molteg at moltegke@rutgers.edu.



THE ARCS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKED VERY HARD IN WASHINGTON, DC TO PUT TOGETHER AN APPEALING AND MOTIVATING PROGRAM FOR THE UPCOMING 2014 MEETING!

We hope that you will be able to join us in Chicago, Illinois. Stay warm and we look forward to seeing you in the spring!

The ARCS Executive Committee