

Spring 2020

# AΩA AT USU

NEWSLETTER OF THE ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA  
MARYLAND GAMMA CHAPTER

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## WELCOME NEW INDUCTEES

A special congratulations and welcome to all our new AΩA Members!

### SOM Class of 2021

Laura Barrera (Stull)  
Kaitlin Beyrau  
Timothy Binkley  
Michael Jeremy Clarion  
Ryan Craig  
Emily Ferraro  
James Fraley  
Ryan Frazier  
Riley Ping Medvigy (Gebner)  
Stephanie Ha  
James Kimball  
Laura Kraemer  
Molly Lonneman  
Amanda Lu  
Ava Lynn  
Naina Mangalmurti  
Jessica Miller  
Steven Mowen  
Kaitlyn Mullin (Wade)  
Brianna Murphy  
Erin Parker  
Samuel Shalov  
Nicholas Tannenbaum  
John Thomas  
Dmitry Treyster  
Alexander Villahermosa  
Morgan Wall  
Andrew Wilsnack

### Faculty

Drew Baird  
Brian Belson  
Kevin Chung  
Ana Markelz  
Robert Ricca  
Matthew Schmitz  
Katerina Shvartsman  
Manish Singla  
John Sladky

### Residents and Fellows

Virginia Baker  
Kelsey Cacic  
Jeannette Collins  
Caitlin Cruz  
Katherine Dengler  
Samuel Douglass  
Allison Eubanks  
Kim Fabyan  
Laura Gilbert  
Joel Guess  
Arthur Holtzclaw  
John Kiley  
Thomas Klotz  
Morgan Manley  
Brian Marcoux  
David Mari  
Sarah McLeroy  
Andrew Mertz  
Lynn Messersmith  
Cody Schlaff  
Rowan Sheldon  
Tyler Swiss  
Melanie Wiseman  
Claire Witmer  
William Zammarrelli



### Alumni

Justin Bandino (Class of 2009)  
Mitchell Hamele (Class of 2006)  
Jacob Hogue (Class of 2005)  
Ruben Salinas (Class of 1999)  
Rachel Sullivan (Class of 2008)  
Scott Williams (Class of 2004)  
Karen Wilson (Class of 2005)

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## MEDICAL EDUCATION ELECTIVE

We have now completed another successful year of the Medical Education Elective for MS4 Students. New student course directors will be announced in the upcoming weeks. Thank you to Jake Wyse and Francesca Ursua for leading the program so well this year!

## BANQUET AND VISITING PROFESSOR

Unfortunately, our end-of-year banquet and annual visiting professor have been canceled in light of the COVID19 pandemic. A special thank you to AΩA officers Russ Newkirk, Lydia Truong, and Chandler Bennett for all their hard work in planning these events despite the cancellation.

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The elections team this year was overwhelmed with the number of amazing applications and nominations they received from students, residents, and faculty across the nation. This year, we had 81 total applicants to our chapter, including 28 faculty, 43 residents/fellows, 8 alumni, and 48 medical students in the USU Class of 2021

## AWARDS

The awards team continues to work hard in order to recognize exceptional members of our community for their outstanding achievements at both a local and national level. Recipients of annual local awards (Faculty Teacher, Faculty Mentor, and Resident Teacher of the Year) are scheduled to be announced in late April/early May. All deadlines for national awards have now passed, and the results of any applications that were submitted remain pending.

Additionally, a special thanks to Katey Osborne for putting together a phenomenal resource for MS4 students describing non-AΩA awards that USU students are able to apply for. This resource will be posted in the upcoming weeks on the OSA intranet site as well as under the "Current USU Student Resources" section on the USU AΩA website.

## UNDERCLASS OUTREACH

This year our chapter launched USU's first Peer Mentorship Program, and we are excited to announce that it is now operating in full swing! The program currently exists as a partnership initiative with OSA. The outreach team has recently completed a utilization survey in order to assess the use of the program and provide concrete information to turn over to the USU Class of 2021 officers. A special thanks to Marc Gutierrez, Shena Kravitz, Sydney Giblin, and Vivek Abraham for taking the lead in the organization of this project.

## ALUMNI OUTREACH

The Alumni Mentorship Program, which targets MS4 students searching for a specialty specific mentor, was launched this year with over 100 USU alumni signing up to mentor current students. Profiles of the available mentors are in the process of being added to the USU AΩA website, and the page is expected to become active for viewing in the next several weeks. Thank you to all alumni who volunteered, and to Morgan Lundstrom for all her hard work to make this program possible.

## A YEAR IN REVIEW (CONT)

### WEBMASTER

Thank you to AΩA officer Alex Li for streamlining the USU AΩA website and making it more user friendly! Check out the website, complete with new information about the mentorship programs at <http://www.usuaoa.org/>

### SPECIALTY NIGHT

Specialty Night this year was on Nov 19, 2019 and drew 270+ HPSP and USU students as well as over 40+ residency programs from around the country to USU for a night focused on helping current military medical students explore their options for residency.

The event was headed by our AΩA Specialty Night Officers: Morgan Lundstrom, Katey Osborne, and Sarah Wright.

### VOLUNTEERING

We were proud to announce the start of several new volunteering initiatives this year at USU with the help of the Class of 2020's volunteer coordinators. The most significant of these initiatives was the creation of the USU Service Site, a web page located on the OSA intranet which serves to keep students informed about current volunteering opportunities within the local area. Additionally, the website has an active calendar that lists upcoming volunteer events. The web page can be reached from the OSA website under the Student Activities link.

Another initiative that was started this year was the Fisher House Volunteering Project, which is intended to fill the gap in the current student volunteering landscape with an on-base opportunity to give back directly to Walter Reed patients and their families. The first volunteering event took place this Winter and involved cooking a meal for the current Fisher House residents. We look forward to continuing this initiative and expanding volunteering opportunities with the Fisher House in future months and years.

A special thanks to our AΩA volunteering officer David Lieb for keeping us all more involved in the community this year!

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LEADERSHIP

We are grateful to all our class officers and faculty mentors who contributed to the success of our AΩA chapter this year, and we are especially grateful to our class and faculty leadership for their organization, innovation, encouragement, and passion. Your dedication to our school has helped to make this year a successful and memorable one for each of us. Thank you!

Patrick O'Malley - USU AΩA Faculty Lead

Ama Winland - AΩA President, 2019-2020

Lauren Heyda - AΩA Vice President, 2019-2020

Zachary Haynes - AΩA Treasurer, 2019-2020

# AQA CLASS OF 2020 RESIDENCY MATCH RESULTS

**ENS Ama Winland**

General Surgery  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

**2nd LT Lauren Heyda**

General Surgery  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

**2nd LT Zachary Haynes**

Internal Medicine  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

**ENS Alexander Li**

Orthopedic Surgery  
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

**ENS Gregory Schmidt**

Internal Medicine  
Naval Medical Center San Diego

**ENS Leonie Campbell**

Orthopedic Surgery  
Naval Medical Center San Diego

**2nd LT Michael Tshudy**

Transitional Year  
San Antonio Military Medical Center

**2nd LT Sarah Mongold**

Emergency Medicine  
San Antonio Military Medical Center

**2nd LT Phillip Scheanon**

Family Medicine  
Martin Army Community Hospital

**2nd LT John Sommerfeldt**

Transitional Year  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

**2nd LT Jeremy Mears**

Emergency Medicine  
Wright Patterson AFB

**ENS Chandler Bennett**

Otolaryngology  
Naval Medical Center San Diego

**2nd LT Marc Gutierrez**

Internal Medicine  
Wright Patterson AFB

**2nd LT Shena Kravitz**

Dermatology  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

**ENS Vivek Abraham**

Orthopedic Surgery  
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

**2nd LT Sidney Giblin**

Family Medicine  
Eglin AFB

**ENS Eli Raneses**

Transitional Year  
Naval Medical Center San Diego

**2nd LT Cody Ashcroft**

Internal Medicine  
San Antonio Military Medical Center

**ENS Lucy Yuan**

Ophthalmology  
Madigan Army Medical Center

**ENS Russell Newkirk**

Transitional Year  
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

**ENS Lydia Truong**

Transitional Year  
Naval Medical Center San Diego

**2nd LT Morgan Lundstrom**

Psychiatry  
Naval Medical Center San Diego

**2nd LT Katey Osborne**

Emergency Medicine  
Madigan Army Medical Center

**ENS Sarah Wright**

General Surgery  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

**2nd LT David Lieb**

General Surgery  
NYMC Metropolitan Hospital Center

**ENS Jacob Wyse**

Internal Medicine  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

**ENS Eleanor Wade**

Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth