Surgical Notes

From the Chair

Colleagues,

In an effort to increase departmental communication, we have created a VCU Department of Surgery newsletter. Here you will find important updates as they relate to your position, exciting stories, and future events. Our hope is to send this newsletter monthly. If you have a story to tell or an event to promote, email Jessica Carey at jessica.carey@vcuhealth.org and we will be sure to include it!

As always, thank you to everyone for all that you do to make the Department of Surgery the extraordinary place it is!

Vigneshwar Kasirajan, MD
Congratulations are due to Drs. Sudha Jayaraman and Santosh Kale, both recipients of the 2017 Quest Commercialization Fund.

Administered by VCU Innovation Gateway, the Quest Commercialization Fund provides monetary support for VCU PIs to advance their inventions with the ultimate goal of commercialization to the public.

For more information on the Quest Commercialization Fund, go here. Applications for the next round will be due in the Fall.

Congratulations Drs. Jayaraman and Kale!

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**2017 Shining Knight Gala**

Every year VCU Health, in conjunction with many generous sponsors across the Richmond-Metro area, come together to celebrate a life saved and the phenomenal doctors, nurses, and others here at VCUHS who worked to make that possible.

With proceeds from the night's festivities benefiting the Department of Surgery's [Injury and Violence Prevention Program](#), the Shining Knight Gala highlights one particular trauma patient, detailing their incredible story of healing and recovery. To check out this year's story, watch this amazing [video](#).

Thanks to our many sponsors and to the VCUHS Team Members who helped give this story a happy ending!

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**Faculty Contracts**

Faculty Contracts are being finalized with an anticipated distribution date of June 16th.

Upon dissemination, contracts will need to be signed and returned by June 29th. Failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of the contract offer by the University.

More information to follow!

Questions? Call Jessica Carey (828-9662) or Nikki Meador (827-1033).

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**IHI and ELM Due!**

*Don't Forget!*

IHI and ELM Training is **overdue**!

Contact Nikki Meador with any questions or concerns.
Upcoming Events

CrossOver Moo & Brew 5K

Come support our very own Administrator, Paola Basar, and other Surgery Faculty and Staff at the CrossOver Moo & Brew 5K this Saturday, June 3rd!

The race starts at 5:30PM with a party to follow!

With VCUHS as a sponsor, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, Virginia's largest free clinic, aims to provide high quality healthcare services to the underserved populations in the Richmond-Metro area. Proceeds from the race will help support their important mission.

To join the Surgery Team (to run or just to party!) register here!

Research Master Plan Town Halls

A new Research Master Plan is being prepared for VCU’s research facilities. Once complete, the master plan will shape the strategic research investment priorities and policies for the University.

Have ideas or input to share? Attend one of the sessions below:

**Monroe Park**
Tuesday June 6th
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
University Student Commons
907 Floyd Avenue
Richmond, Salons I and II

**MCV Campus**
Wednesday June 7th
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Kontos Medical Sciences Building
1317 E. Marshall Street
Room 104 and 105

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Wednesday June 7th
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Kontos Medical Sciences Building, Room 104-5