Where did the year go?! With 2016 coming to a close, it is hard to believe that we are underway with yet another residency recruiting season! We have signed excellent fellows for our pain medicine and pediatric anesthesiology fellowship programs, and are currently recruiting for a neuroanesthesiology fellow, led by Jackie Smith, MD. We are working on our critical care fellowship application for submission for next year, under the leadership of Gozde Demiralp, MD. Once we recruit our new OB anesthesiology section chief, we will begin work on our OB anesthesiology fellowship application.

We have been fortunate to have several of our faculty recently receive local as well as regional and national recognition awards. Pam Roberts, MD has been honored with the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. Ed Kosik, DO recently received a teaching award from the Academy of Teaching Scholars. Jackie Smith, MD & Ed Kosik, DO as well as three of our residents, Drs. Aounallah, Fierro-Fine, and Foster won second place at the recent ASA annual meeting Scientific Exhibit competition for their patient education presentation on “Awake Craniotomy: A Patient’s Perspective.” I was recently recognized by the University of Texas McGovern Medical School with the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus award.

I am so very proud of the quality and safety results we have recently received from MPOG/ASPIRE & AQI/NACOR databases. Please keep up the strong work and always continue to improve.

As we enter 2017, we will undergo a change in hospital partnership, from HCA to SSM Health. Leadership is very hopeful that this will be good for our academic medical center. With this new partnership, the hospital will also be getting underway planning for a new adult bed tower.

Cheers to a great 2017 for all!
A QUARTER OF ABUNDANT ACCOLADES!

Jane C.K. Fitch, MD was honored by the McGovern Medical School on October 21st as one of two winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Established in 1987, the purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding contributions of alumni in the areas of medical science and education, or the prevention and treatment of diseases, as well as continued interest in McGovern Medical School and its students.

Already a member of the Academy of Teaching Scholars, Edward S. Kosik, DO was awarded the Dewayne Andrews, MD Excellence in Teaching Award, which was created to recognize extraordinary Oklahoma City and Tulsa faculty based on quantitative and/or qualitative evidence of excellence in teaching— to recognize those who not only teach often, but who teach well. Nominations were received from all over the campuses for those who their directors, co-workers or peers felt deserved recognition for their contributions to medical education.

Drs. Smith, Kosik, Fierro-Fine, Aounallah, and Foster (not pictured) were awarded second place at ASA 2016 for their project, “Awake Craniotomy: A Patient’s Perspective”.

The OUHSC PSH Team, headed by Medical Director Mehmet Ozcan, MD, was recognized at the ASA Learning Collaborative’s National Fall meeting. Out of 59 participating centers, we were 1 of 4 sites recognized. We were presented with an award for “sharing our knowledge & experience” through member sharing calls, teleconferences, and webinars. Thanks to the department for all the information that we were able to share. We look forward to continuing to make the PSH a working reality in order to improve patient outcomes and experiences.

The ICU Trauma Team’s ICU Liberation ABCDEF Bundle team, headed by Pamela Roberts, MD, and our extended Interprofessional team members and patient families were recognized at an SCCM Collaborative Team Meeting in Chicago with 4 certificates for achievement in the following areas: Sustained improvement in the FAMILY Engagement bundle - Reduction in mechanical vent time from 196 to 80 hours - Decrease in ICU stay by 1.5 days - Decrease in hospital stay by 3 days.
Vice Chair, Pamela Roberts, MD was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society along with CA-2 Residents Jeffrey Foster, DO and Ashley Bailey-Classen, DO whose father, Ash Classen, DO received the parallel additional honor that Dr. Roberts received earlier this year, the Arnold P. Gold Humanism in Medicine Award, his through the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists.

The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) recognizes students, residents and faculty who are exemplars of compassionate patient care and who serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine. GHHS members are peer nominated and are the ones that others say they want taking care of their own family. Membership in GHHS goes beyond selection and induction into an honor society. Its members have a responsibility to model, support, and advocate for compassionate, patient-centered care throughout their careers. The creation of a GHHS chapter signifies to the medical community that an institution places high value on the interpersonal skills and attitudes that are essential for the highest level of patient care. Founded in 2002, OU has hosted a chapter of the GHHS since 2005.

Amanda Lee was recognized by the Resident council at their last meeting for her consistently outstanding work and the credit she brings to The Anesthesiology Residency Program and to the department.

CA-2 Resident Clairese Webb, MD was recognized by the anesthesia externs with the Resident Teaching Award for the July-Sept 2016 quarter. They noted that she is a wonderful student advocate, always approachable, and extremely helpful.

CA-2 Resident Aaron Llewelyn, MD was selected to be a 2016 FAER Scholar at the ASA 2016. The FAER Resident Scholar Program provides selected anesthesia residents with the opportunity to attend the Anesthesiology annual meeting each year.

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Education Update - Pramod Chetty, MD

It’s the busiest time of the year in Education! We’re currently in the process of completing interviews and making a rank order list of applicants who would begin their residencies in the summer of 2017. In 2016, we matched 12 PGY-1 positions, which included 5 OU graduates.

The first of two fall mock oral exams was conducted on November 5th, and the second is scheduled to be conducted on December 10th. There will be two spring mock oral dates, which are both TBD at this point.

We are very pleased with the resident participation at ASA 2016 and are excited about the initiation of the Scholarly Projects Bulletin Board. We work tirelessly to select the best medical students to add to our program and then work continuously to develop and provide the best possible resident experience once they arrive.

A big thank you to everyone who helps with the education of our medical students, residents and fellows!

Catching Up With Our CRNA’s - Erica Buel, CRNA

Welcome to our newest CRNA’s!

Ashley Gallup grew up in the small town of Stratford, OK which is the Peach Capital of the state. Her second home is Crescent City, CA, home of the Redwoods and the Pacific Ocean. Her favorite hobbies include watching her children play sports, coaching her daughter’s basketball team, and scuba diving. She has two wonderful children and a Goldendoodle, which is like having a third wonderful child! Ashely attended the University of Central Oklahoma for her undergraduate degree and Newman University in Wichita for her graduate degree. Ashley likes her job because it is diverse, complex, high paced and challenging. She is an adventurer and enjoys the mountains and any activity located close to warm beaches and water.

Libu Kurian is a graduate of Newman University. He is originally from India, but has lived in Oklahoma for the last 12 years. He and his wife have four children. Libu enjoys traveling to Florida and would someday like to explore Europe. The thing he likes most about nurse anesthesia is the autonomy to care for patients. A fun fact about Libu-- he speaks 4 languages: English, Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam!

Please welcome Ashley and Libu to our anesthesia care team!
The department sponsors a Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship each year for students between their MS1 and MS2 years, fulltime, for 7-10 weeks. The program is designed for students interested in pursuing anesthesiology and clinical science and it allows them to gain an inside look at the specialty. The selected students, as well as some volunteers, work with faculty mentors throughout the summer on their research projects. They meet with our research team weekly for lectures on research design, data management, analysis, and statistics. Specific research projects vary, but students get hands on experience in aspects of research and work through challenges that they encounter. They analyze their data and present results at group meetings. The students present their work at a departmental conference and some summer projects have been presented at the American Society of Anesthesiology’s annual meeting, Anesthesiology 2016, as well as locally at the Academy of Teaching Scholars Education Day. Drs. Broussard, Eiszner, Duncan-Azadi, Tinker, Basile, Mehmet Ozcan, Demiralp, Shah, Kosik, Windrix, de Armendi, Kanaparthy, and Roberts served as mentors in 2016.
Staff Updates: Introducing Michele Doughty - Brandi Wilson

Throughout 2016, we have reorganized many of the job duties of our administrative staff. As the needs of our department continue to grow, our staff continues to grow in size! We recently added Michele Doughty to our team in the role of Administrative Manager. Michele joins us from the University’s travel department and brings many years of campus experience with her. In addition to her time in travel, Michele has worked in the College of Allied Health. She has been on campus for almost 10 years. Michele started with us on November 14th and offices in the Allergy Clinic.

Michele will be working closely with me over the next couple of months learning our department’s operating procedures. She will be responsible for scheduling, assisting with vacation and meeting request processing, and overseeing the hospital staff. We anticipate a couple of months of training before we start transitioning these duties directly to her. Over the next few months, you may contact Michele or myself for any issues regarding scheduling. Once we have completed training Michele will take all of my duties related to scheduling. Please welcome Michele Doughty to our Anesthesiology Staff!

Resident Reflections, The Benefits of Attending Anesthesiology 2016

Nathan Overbey, MD –Chief Resident & Tyler Kloven, DO– Co-Chief Resident

- The ASA Conference gives residents a first-hand look into the future of anesthesiology. It is always amazing to see the progress of our specialty and focus on improved patient care.

- The educational opportunities are endless. As a group, we attended multiple workshops, including regional, echo, and ultrasound workshops. Additionally, we heard from many of the nation’s top speakers in regards to the current practice and future of anesthesia.

- We enjoyed spending time with fellow residents and attendings in a social environment, both those from within our department and those working across the country. We were able to compare experiences and network with potential future colleagues. And of course it was exciting to be in Chicago as the Cubs celebrated the NLCS Championship the week we were there and went on to win the World Series the following week.
Catching Up With Featured Faculty Member Jennifer Chesnut, MD

Dr. Chesnut hails from Enid, Oklahoma. She joined the department as faculty in July after completing her residency here at OU in June. So far she has really enjoyed getting to work with residents, CRNAs, and medical students who make every day different and offer lots of opportunities for continued learning.

Dr. Chesnut enjoys the intensity of Anesthesiology here at OU and thrives on having to think and act quickly, though if anyone has advice on night shift recovery, she is all ears! Having two active kids doesn’t give her a lot of extra rest time. When Dr. Chesnut is not working, she enjoys spending quality time with her kids. Her son is 11 and plays a variety of sports. In fact, he has been running a football boot camp for her this year, so you might want to think twice about disagreeing at work, because you just might be facing a tackle! Her daughter, 10, also keeps the family busy with a year-round volleyball schedule.

As it cools down here in Oklahoma, Dr. Chesnut and her family already have their sights set on next summer, as they are planning a road trip to Yellowstone National Park. If she has her way, the menu will feature pizza every day. Dr. Chesnut loves professional baseball, her team is the Oakland A’s, and so summer is her favorite season just for the baseball!

Getting To Know Super Staff Member Kalin Chambless, Accountant

Kalin Chambless has been on staff in our department as an accountant for two and half years. Since most of us probably have no idea what he really does, he was nice enough to explain the details. Kalin collaborates with Dan Ridings on payroll as well as on surveys. He prepares materials monthly for reconciliation of department accounts, assigns chart fields to incoming faculty, prepares cost transfers, and quarterly discretionary account allocations for all faculty and associate faculty. Still don’t understand all of what Kalin does? I think it’s safe to say that means it’s a good thing he’s here to do it!

Kalin hails from Duke, Oklahoma, though he has spent time all over the country from Alaska to South Carolina. When he’s not at work or school (Kalin is pursuing a masters in Accounting) or doing homework, he likes to catch old episodes of Friends on Netflix or take things apart. He’s a tinkerer and usually does this with computers, which leads us to what he might be doing if we didn’t have him here with us: building custom computers for people! Sign us up!

If you’re headed out to lunch with Kalin or having him over for dinner, keep in mind that Turnips should stay off the menu. He’s a pizza lover, but willing to try almost anything and is best won over by Mexican food.

As may or may not come as a surprise to his colleagues, Kalin was an avid Quiz Bowl player in high school. He was the resident chemistry buff on his team, but also good for the off-the-wall questions such as, “What is the name of the fine hairs that cover the body of an earthworm and help it move in the ground?” Setae, of course! Trivia night anyone? I think we all know who we’d want on our team.
Anesthesiology 2016
Faculty, Residents and Medical Students Take on Chicago with 17 Posters and 1 Multi-Media Presentation

Drs. Ozcan and Gibson took some time to enjoy lakeside running by competing in the Run4Warriors Charity 5k!
Recent Publications


Welcome Aboard To Our New Hires

Ashley Gallup, CRNA & Libu Kurian, CRNA
Brandi Dickey, NP
(Pain Clinic)
Michele Doughty
(Administrative Manager)

Staff Member Of The Quarter

Praise for Fayeann Shaw from her colleagues:

“Fayeann is such a wonderful person and a pleasure to work with. She is always willing to help when needed. She is my go-to girl, a great asset to the department, and makes everyone feel special!”

“Fayeann is such a pleasure to work with. We are very lucky to have her in our department. Fayeann is our go-to person when needing to know who, what, or where. She loves to decorate and remembers everyone on their birthdays, and the list goes on! Thank you, Fayeann, for being you! You’re awesome!”

Fayeann Shaw
Administrative Assistant
DAC

Save These Dates!

MOCA— Dec 3rd (Mindy Holt)
ACLS/BLS: Dec 17th, Jan 21st, Mar 25th, Apr 8th, Jun 17th (Danielle Summers)
PALS: Feb 8th & May 27th (Danielle Summers)
Mock Orals— Dec 10th (Matthew Wilson)
April 22nd: Annual Symposium (June Fish)
June 24th: Resident Graduation (Amanda Lee)

Tip Time!

Faculty, please help us spread the word and grow the Anesthesiology Interest Group (AIG) by promoting the organization in your classes with first and second year medical students.

The Anesthesiology Interest Group (AIG) is a student run, faculty supervised, interest group with several purposes. It serves to promote Anesthesiology as a specialty as well as an education avenue for medical students to learn more about the specialty. Partially as a result of this exposure among the students, the OU Department of Anesthesiology receives a high status of respect and is prominent during third year rotations, externships and specialty decision making.

Contact Drs. Heimbach or Windrix for more information.
Congratulations, Gale!
Jase Raylan, born November 19th, 5:57am, 9.6lbs / 21 inches

Wacky Games 2016!

Celebrating Bosses Day 2016
Thanks for being the best, Dr. Fitch & Susan VanGundy!