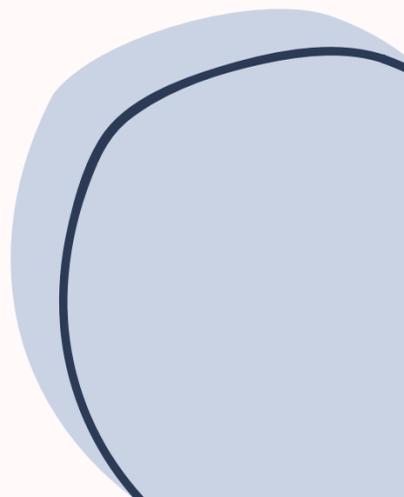
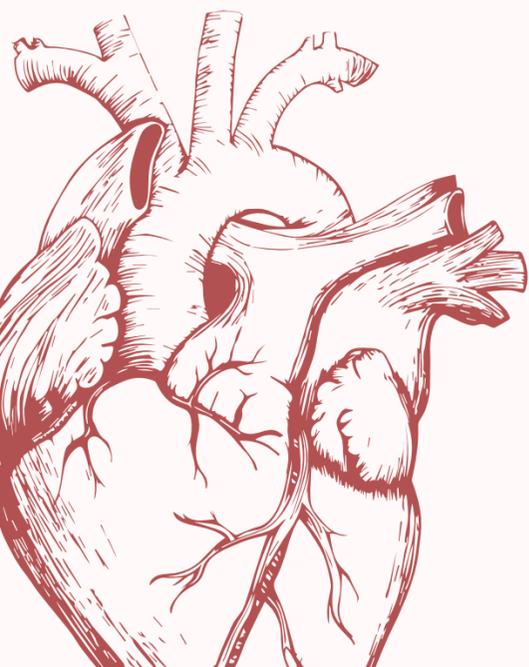


THE THORACIC SURGERY MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

September 2024
Newsletter

A RESOURCE FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS
FOUNDED BY STUDENTS WITH THE GUIDANCE OF FACULTY
ADVISORS AND SUPPORT OF THE TSDA AND TSRA



Meet OUR TEAM

THE THORACIC SURGERY MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSMA) IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO RECRUIT, ENGAGE, AND PREPARE PASSIONATE MEDICAL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY CAREERS. ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT



GIANNA D'AFFLISO

VICE PRESIDENT



ADAM AHMED

SECRETARY



NINA UZOIGWE

TREASURER



SAMI XU

FAST FACTS

- TSMA IS A 501C(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
- LAUNCHED INSTAGRAM
- 4.2 K TWITTER FOLLOWERS
- 4 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS
- 8 COMMITTEES
- 9 COMMITTEE CHAIRS
- 26 COMMITTEE LEADERS

COMMITTEES

- FINANCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- DIVERSITY
- EDUCATION
- MENTORSHIP
- NETWORKING/OUTREACH
- PROJECTS/PROPOSALS
- RESEARCH

FINANCE

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OVERSEES BUDGETING, FINANCIAL PLANNING, AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO SUPPORT TSMA'S INITIATIVES, ENSURING THAT FUNDS ARE USED EFFICIENTLY AND ALIGN WITH TSMA'S GOALS AND PRIORITIES TO ENABLE INFORMED DECISION-MAKING.



**KAUSTAU
CHATTOPADHYAY
COMMITTEE CHAIR**



**KEYANA ZAHIRI
COMMITTEE CHAIR**



**MICHELLE
BURMISTROVA**



SHEENA LUNSFORD



ANNIE LIU

COMMUNICATIONS

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CREATES AND DISSEMINATES CONTENT THAT PROMOTES TSMA'S ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES TO THE MEDICAL STUDENT COMMUNITY THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT OF TSMA'S CHANNELS, INCLUDING NEWSLETTERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WEBSITE.



**ALTHEA TAPALES
COMMITTEE CHAIR**



ALBERT LENG



LOVETTE AZAP

DIVERSITY

THE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE IS IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZING AND PLANNING HOW TSMA CAN FACILITATE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT OF UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER IN CT SURGERY.



**OLUWAMUYIWA W.
ADEBAYO**



TITILAYO SHOBAYO



VICTORIA HART



ALESSANDRA BASSANI



**ALLISON WEIDERHOLD
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

MENTORSHIP

THE MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE LEADS VARIOUS MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE THORACIC SURGERY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (TSRA), AND WORKS WITH THE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE OUTCOMES OF THESE MENTORSHIP INITIATIVES.



HECONG QIN



AMARTYA DAVE



**CARTER GLENN
COMMITTEE CHAIR**



EMILY LARSON



ISAAC ALDERETE

EDUCATION

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS IN CHARGE OF DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL CONTENT FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS SUCH AS LECTURES, HANDBOOKS, AND EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS PERTAINING TO CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY.



ANDREW MORSE



SYDNEY GRAY



PREETHA
PAMIDIGHANTAM



SAMUEL HOENIG



**ANDREW KALRA
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

NETWORKING / OUTREACH

THE NETWORKING/OUTREACH COMMITTEE COORDINATES NETWORKING EVENTS FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AT VARIOUS SURGICAL MEETINGS, FACILITATES VIRTUAL NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES, AND ACTS AS A LIAISON WITH OTHER SURGICAL SOCIETIES.



KEVIN XIAO



SHUBHAM GULATI



AHMET BILGILI

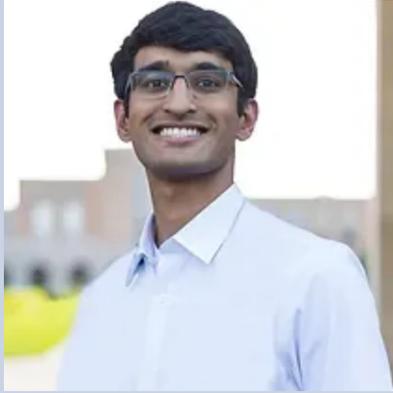


ANDREW VOGEL



BETEMARIAM SHAREW
COMMITTEE CHAIR

PROJECTS/ PROPOSALS

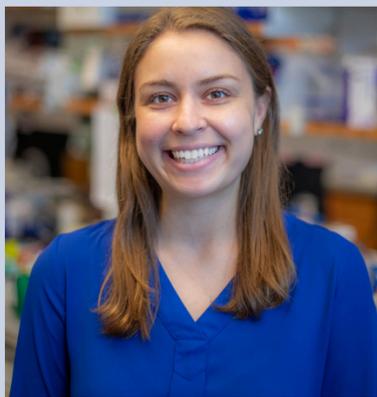


ALLEN KUNCHERIA



MOHAMMED BAPPE

THE PROJECTS/PROPOSALS COMMITTEE SERVES AS A LIAISON AMONG ALL OTHER TSMA COMMITTEES WHO ARE CONDUCTING INTERNAL PROJECTS AND ALSO SOLICITS EXTERNAL PROPOSALS FROM INTERESTED STUDENTS AND SOCIETIES.



JULI BUCHWALD
COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



ALICE ZHOU

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



JACK F. DONAGHUE

RESEARCH

THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE FINDS AND COORDINATES RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS JOURNAL CLUBS, ADVISING PANELS, AND THE ANNUAL TSMA RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM. THEY ALSO WORK WITH THE PROJECTS/PROPOSALS COMMITTEE TO REVIEW EXTERNAL PROPOSALS FOR POTENTIAL TSMA RESEARCH PROJECTS.

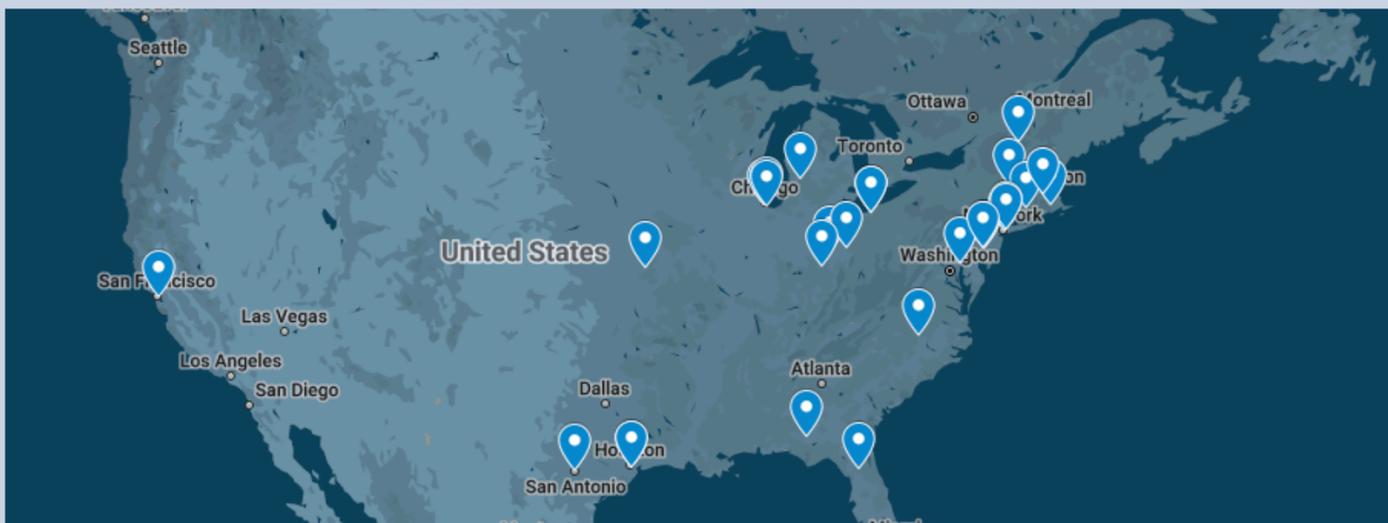


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ISAAC FAITH

WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE A DIVERSE LEADERSHIP BOARD FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR FROM MEDICAL SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, DIFFERENT ACADEMIC YEARS, AND VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS. WITH EACH OF OUR UNIQUE EXPERIENCES, WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH BY WORKING TOGETHER.



MS2
31%

MS3
42%

MS4
26%

DEGREES BEYOND UNDERGRADUATE

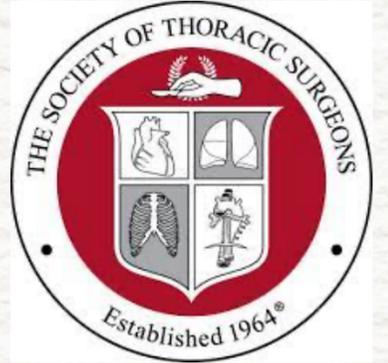
- 5 have MS
- 1 has MHS
- 1 has PhD
- 2 are in an MD/PhD program

Announcements & Features



STS LOOKING TO THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The STS Looking to the Future Scholarship program is a best-in-class education and workforce development program that provides mentorship for the best and brightest medical students to help them navigate a future career in cardiothoracic surgery.



Scholarship recipients will receive free registration for the 2025 STS Annual Meeting (January 24-26, 2025 in Los Angeles, CA). This includes a 3-night stay at an STS-designated hotel and travel reimbursement up to \$700.

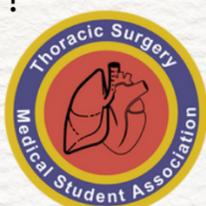
All 2025 STS Looking to the Future Scholarship materials (application, essay, CV, letter of commitment from a Dean or Program Director, and letter of recommendation) must be received by 11:59 p.m. CT, Friday, September 23, 2024. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Notifications will be sent out in mid-November 2024.



TSMA X STS MENTORSHIP SERIES

In partnership with STS, we are excited to offer a new mentorship program for medical students interested in cardiothoracic surgery to learn more about the field and gain training, career, and other advice from a cardiothoracic surgery resident, fellow, or attending. Click below to apply to be matched with a mentor!

<https://www.sts.org/form/medical-student-mentee-seeking-r>



CALLING ALL 2025 ERAS CYCLE I-6 APPLICANTS

Please complete this survey! This is to investigate the interview format preferences for I-6 applicants. This data will help inform the interview format for this cycle and allow for analysis of bias and preference. Please contact Carter Glenn at glenncl@mail.uc.edu for more information

<https://tinyurl.com/16-Survey>

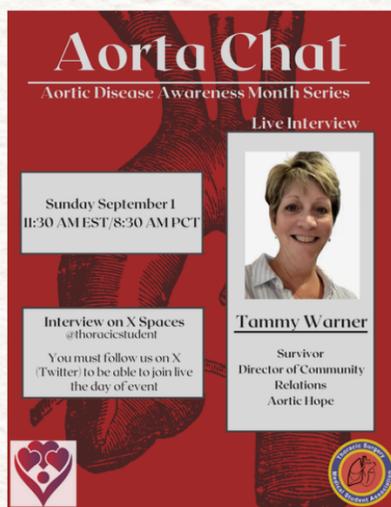
*Survey is not administered directly through TMSA but it is endorsed by TSMA

Announcements & Features

AORTA CHATS

SEPTEMBER IS AORTIC DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH. THIS ENTIRE MONTH TSMA WILL BE POSTING EDUCATIONAL TWEETS EVERY TUESDAY TO THURSDAYS AND HAVE 2 LIVE INTERVIEWS EVERY WEEK WITH AORTIC DISSECTION SURVIVORS AND AORTIC SURGEONS!
FOLLOW @THORACICSTUDENT ON TWITTER/X

Past Chats

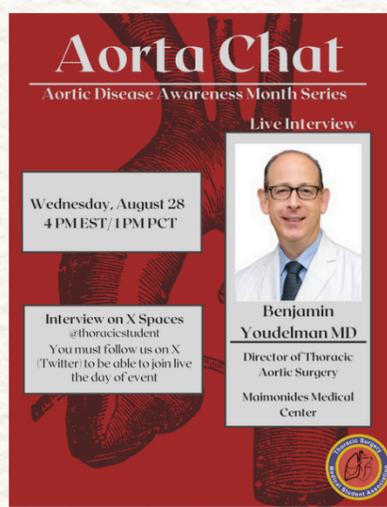


Aorta Chat
Aortic Disease Awareness Month Series
Live Interview

Sunday September 1
11:30 AM EST / 8:30 AM PCT

Interview on X Spaces
@thoracicstudent
You must follow us on X (Twitter) to be able to join live the day of event

Tammy Warner
Survivor
Director of Community Relations
Aortic Hope

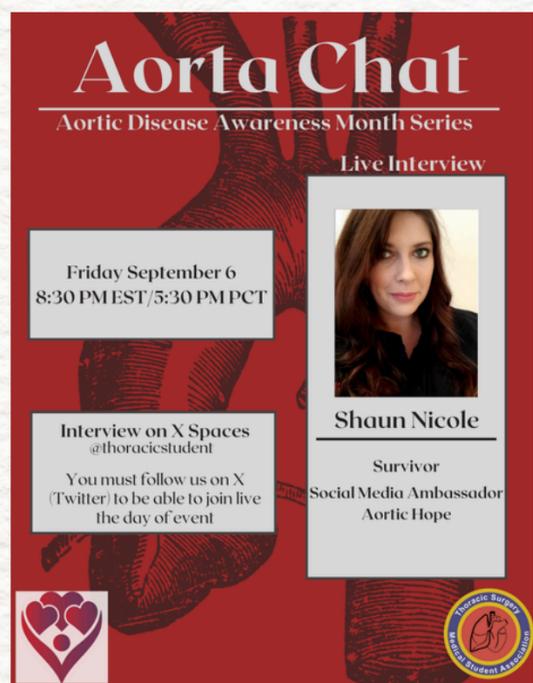


Aorta Chat
Aortic Disease Awareness Month Series
Live Interview

Wednesday, August 28
4 PM EST / 1 PM PCT

Interview on X Spaces
@thoracicstudent
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Benjamin Youdelman MD
Director of Thoracic Aortic Surgery
Maimonides Medical Center



Aorta Chat
Aortic Disease Awareness Month Series
Live Interview

Friday September 6
8:30 PM EST / 5:30 PM PCT

Interview on X Spaces
@thoracicstudent
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Shaun Nicole
Survivor
Social Media Ambassador
Aortic Hope

Upcoming Chat

Follow us to join and for more on Aorta Chats!

OFFICIALLY 501c3 INCORPORATED!

TSMA is proud to announce that we have received an official determination from the IRS as a 501c3 incorporated non-profit organization! This allows our donors to deduct any contributions they make to our organization when they donate here <https://donorbox.org/giving-tuesday-559>

Reach out to our finance chair at tsmamedstudent@gmail.com with your questions on donations.

COLLABORATE WITH TSMA

Do you have any ideas for events that you think may benefit the TSMA community? TSMA is looking for projects, proposals, and ideas related to CT Surgery from medical students. Fill out the form below and our projects/proposals committee will review your response.



TSMA INSTAGRAM



TSMA is proud to launch our Instagram page. Follow us @thoracicstudent

TSMA TWITTER/X



Be sure to follow us on twitter/X @thoracicstudent to stay connected and stay informed!

TSMA WEBPAGE



Visit our webpage <https://www.ctmedstudent.org> to discover everything TSMA has to offer and learn more about the team dedicated to helping you elevate your journey!