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DUCCS Training Goes International

A group of 30 physicians at the Catholic University in Buenos Aires, Argentina, have received DUCCS support in their advanced heart failure training.

This support included program content and exam questions as well as an opportunity for a few students to visit Duke and observe LVAD rounds. Thanks to DUCCS board member Alex Barbagelata for facilitating this project!



DUCCS Board Member Alex Barbagelata (bottom row, center)
with his Advanced Heart Failure students



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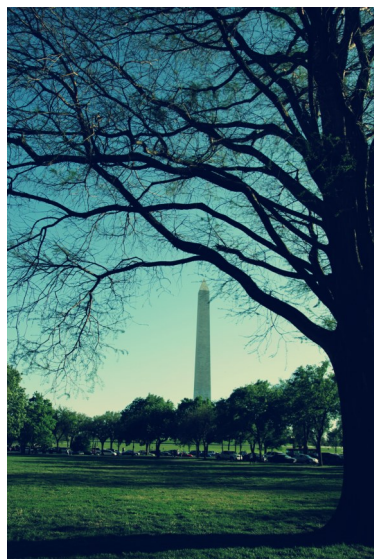
Date Announced for DUCCS Dinner with Fellows at ACC

We are looking forward to our next DUCCS dinner with fellows at ACC's Scientific Sessions in Washington, DC. Please join us as we bring together our longest-standing members, our newest fellows, and everyone in between.

DUCCS Dinner with Fellows at ACC

Friday, March 17, 6:30 pm EDT
ACC 2017, Washington, DC

We will announce location details closer to the date. Hope to see you there!



Washington Monument - Washington DC (Explored!) by Vinoth Chandar

Membership Survey Is Live — Please Share Your Feedback!

What can DUCCS do for you?

Are you interested in clinical trial participation? CME opportunities? Keeping in touch with your colleagues?

In response to a suggestion made at our AHA Board Meeting, we have sent out a brief survey to learn more about the needs of DUCCS members and Duke cardiology fellowship alumni. We hope you will take a few minutes of your time to respond.

Please use the following link to complete our survey:

https://duke.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_exOVGs2UGjG2uqh

Thank you to those of you who have responded already. We appreciate your time and your insight.

Save the Date! Women in Cardiology Music Event Feb. 24

DUCCS and The Duke Program for Women in Cardiology are planning a special event in February centered around learning to find time for your medical practice as well as other passions in your life.

The event is scheduled for **Friday night, February 24th**, and features Suzie Brown Sax, a transplant cardiologist from Vanderbilt who pursues music and songwriting in her spare time. All are invited including significant others. Suzie will share her thoughts about career choices and then perform after dinner. Drinks and light fare will be served.

This will be a great time to gather current and former fellows and faculty and learn about each other's lives outside of work.

We hope you can join us. For more information about Suzie Brown Sax, please visit <http://www.suziebrownsongs.com/>



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Thank You, Renewing Members!

DUCCS is grateful to those of you who have renewed your memberships for 2017 and beyond.

Three-Year Renewals, 2017-2019

Name	Class of...	Institution
Warren Holland	1970	
Stephen Culp	1992	Culp Private Medicine
Kenneth Zabel	1995	Cardiovascular Specialists of Lawrence
Michael Hudson	2000	Henry Ford Health System
David Whellan	2002	Jefferson Health
Gregory Egnaczyk	2010	Christ Hospital
Sudarshan Rajagopal	2013	Duke University Medical Center
Louis Kohl	2015	Hennepin County Medical Center
Arun Krishnamoorthy	2016	Piedmont Heart Institute
Bleakley Chandler		University Cardiology Associates

We hope you will take advantage of the benefits of DUCCS membership. As a member, you can...

- Return to Duke as a visiting professor
- Post job announcements for fellows and other job seekers
- Take advantage of CME opportunities
- Participate in studies as part of the DUCCS network
- Access Duke library resources
- Mentor fellows and new graduates
- Propose and lead new DUCCS studies

One-Year Renewals, 2017

Name	Class of...	Institution
Stafford Warren	1974	Parkersburg Cardiology Associates
Robert Vranian	1978	Virginia Cardiovascular Consultants
Dean Bramlet	1981	Cardiovascular Diagnostic Center
Ricky Schneider	1983	Holy Cross Hospital
Stephen Greer	1987	Arkansas Cardiology
William Kraus	1988	Duke University Medical Center
Robert Sorrentino	1991	Augusta University
Kenneth Mahaffey	1996	Stanford Medicine
Gery Tomassoni	1998	Baptist Health Lexington
Adam Berman	2006	Augusta University
Andre Tse		Jacksonville, FL
David Adler		Cardiovascular Associates, Ltd.
Wayne Old		Sentara Heart Hospital

In addition, your membership dues go to support networking and mentorship activities for current Duke cardiology fellows.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, there's still time! Please contact Megan Honig at megan.honig@duke.edu for payment instructions.



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Spotlight on... DUCCS Member Melissa Burroughs Peña

We're using our Spotlight On... feature to get acquainted with current fellows, longtime DUCCS members, and more.

This month, meet DUCCS member and USCF Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine Melissa Burroughs Peña.



Clinical interests: I currently practice general cardiology and echocardiography. I see patients with a wide spectrum of cardiovascular conditions mostly in the acute care setting.

Research interests: My research focuses on the effects of public policy on cardiovascular disease in vulnerable populations in global and US settings. My most recent work was on air pollution and cardiac structure and function in Peru. This study gave me tremendous insight into the ways in which public policy from other sectors outside of health care, including energy and urban planning, has direct effects on cardiovascular disease risk. I have also worked on projects with US cohorts such as the Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos and the Women's Health Study.

Something nobody knows about you: One of my favorite hobbies is genealogy. I recently traced the Burroughs family back to Moore County, North Carolina during the time of the American Revolution. I had no idea that we had North Carolina roots.

A question you hate being asked: Where are you from?

The story behind the photo: The picture is from last summer when I attended Monique Anderson's wedding at Duke Chapel. We had not been in Durham since we moved to California last year. It was a special time because it was great to reconnect with many Duke colleagues. Both of my children were born in Duke Hospital so they will always have that connection.