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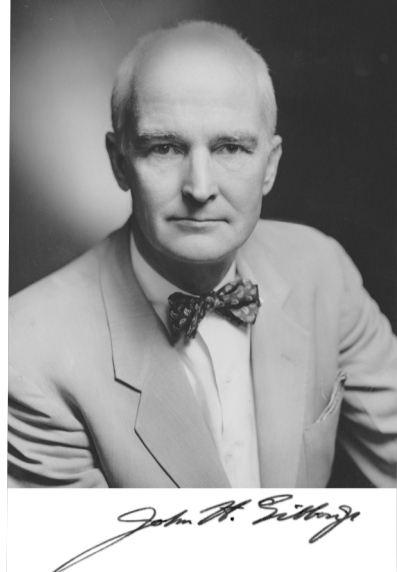
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WHAT IS THE GIBBON SURGICAL SOCIETY?

The Gibbon Surgical Society is the student-run surgical society of Sidney Kimmel Medical College and is dedicated to providing a variety of surgical experiences and educational opportunities for students who have an interest in the field of surgery. It is proudly one of the oldest and largest student-run societies at Jefferson, and aims to uphold the great tradition of excellent surgical education established by such individuals as Samuel D. Gross, M.D. and our namesake, John H. Gibbon, Jr., M.D.



WHO IS THE GIBBON SURGICAL SOCIETY NAMED FOR?

DR. JOHN H. GIBBON JR.**FORMER CHAIRMAN OF SURGERY**

John H. Gibbon Jr., M.D., Jefferson professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery (1956-1967), is renowned in medical history as the inventor of the heart-lung machine, which made possible the world's first successful open-heart operation at Jefferson in 1953. Dr. Gibbon focused international attention on Jefferson by ushering in a new era of cardiac surgery.

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FACULTY LEADERS

CHAIRMAN OF SURGERY

DR. CHARLES YEO

Dr. Charles Yeo graduated from Princeton University in 1975 and attended medical school at Johns Hopkins University, where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies. He completed his residency at Johns Hopkins before pursuing a research fellowship at SUNY Downstate. He joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins in 1985. In 2005, he was named the Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chairman of Surgery at Jefferson. Dr. Yeo's major accomplishments have been in the fields of surgical education, clinical care of patients with complex hepatobiliary diseases, and pancreatic cancer research. Dr. Yeo is well-acclaimed for the Whipple procedure, and was the first to develop the mini-Whipple. He also serves on the Board of Trustees at Jefferson. In his free time, he enjoys all things sports.



DIRECTOR OF SURGICAL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

DR. RENEE THOLEY

Dr. Renee Tholey is a Jeffersonian through and through! She completed medical school and residency at Jefferson before completing her fellowship in Adv. GI and Minimally Invasive Surgery at NY Presbyterian/ Weill Cornell Medical College. She is a bariatric surgeon and has returned to Jefferson to serve as the Director of Surgical Undergraduate Education.



COORDINATOR OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

SHERRY WEITZ

Loved and known by many as one of the pillars of the surgery department, she works closely with the Gibbon Surgical Society and coordinates the surgical rotation for all third year medical students. She is a big fan of Thor and Broadway musicals. Her favorite musical is Les Miserables!



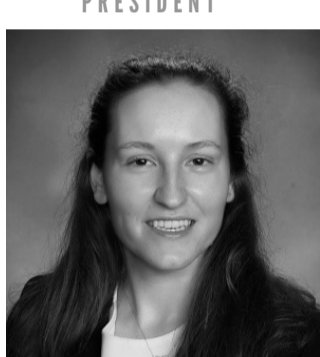
ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

DR. TYLER GRENDA

Dr. Tyler Grenda attended medical school right here at Jefferson before going on to complete general surgery residency and thoracic surgery fellowship at the University of Michigan. He is a thoracic surgeon with special interest in lung cancer. We're so glad he came back to Jefferson to teach us!

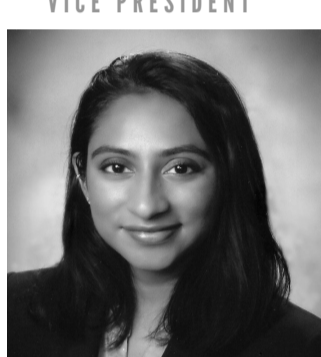
EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT

**ANDREA MCSWEENEY**

Andrea McSweeney (SKMC 2022) is from Needham, MA and is applying to vascular surgery. She spent her gap year before medical school working as a research technician and medical scribe. She enjoys running, skiing, and cooking during her free time.

VICE PRESIDENT

**SHRUTHI DEIVASIGAMANI**

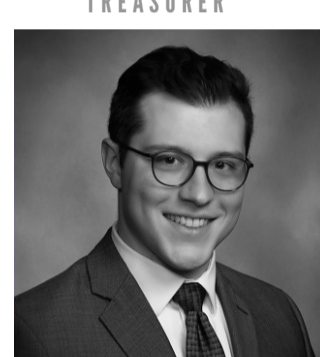
Shruthi Deivasigamani (SKMC 2022) is from Cresskill, NJ. In her gap years, she worked at the NY Center for Child Development in Harlem and did research at Weill Cornell. When she's not in the OR she enjoys painting, woodworking, and bartending.

SECRETARY

**KHALED NOUEIHED**

Khaled Noueihed (SKMC 2022) is from Venezuela and worked as a medical assistant in Boston before starting medical school. He is applying to general surgery. In his free time, he enjoys running and playing tennis and soccer.

TREASURER

**TYLER FOX**

Tyler Fox (SKMC 2022) is from Ridley Park, PA and is applying to general surgery. He worked as a laboratory technician for one year before medical school. In his downtime, he enjoys playing guitar, bouldering, and weightlifting.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

MS 1

**AMRITA IYER**

Amrita Iyer (SKMC 2025) is from Milpitas, CA and during her gap year worked as Program Coordinator for the Dept. of Population Health in Oakland, CA, including setting up mobile COVID testing sites and organizing vaccine education and outreach efforts. She is interested in trauma and cardiothoracic surgery. She loves singing, playing piano, painting, gardening, hiking, and has a black belt in karate!

MS 2

**JENNA MANDEL**

Jenna Mandel (SKMC 2024) is from Ambler, PA and took two gap years before medical school during which she worked at a biopharmaceutical startup. Her varied surgical interests include cardiothoracic surgery, vascular surgery, and surgical oncology. During her free time, she enjoys playing with her dog Charlie, exploring National Parks, and weightlifting.

MS 3

**ANJALI PATEL**

Anjali Patel (SKMC 2023) is from Warren, NJ and is interested in breast surgery and cardiothoracic surgery. Before med school, she worked on research at Penn doing surgeries on rat hearts. She enjoys any and all creative pursuits including photo editing, henna designs, and making handmade cards. For groups of 4-5, she recommends going to Pietro's Italian restaurant and ordering family style vodka rigatoni.

**ARI AUGUST**

Ari August (SKMC 2025) is from Rehoboth Beach, DE. She is excited for her position as first year rep and eager to explore different surgical subspecialties. Her hobbies include camping, cooking, and crafting. A fun fact about Ari is that she works as a Simulated Patient.

**SHALE MACK**

Shale Mack (SKMC 2024) is from Deerfield, IL. His interests include thoracic surgery, pediatric surgery, and surgical oncology. He enjoys running, reading, and skiing in his free time. He recommends Talula's Garden as a great place to eat in Philadelphia!

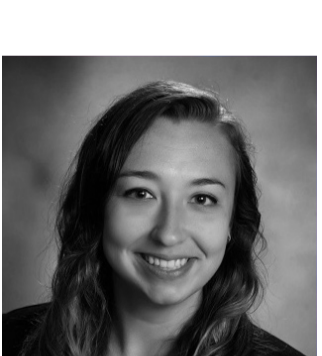
**TIFFANY YU**

Tiffany Yu (SKMC 2023) is from Honolulu, HI and is interested in trauma and general surgery. She worked as a research technician at Weill Cornell during her gap year. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, singing, painting, and cooking. For a good place to eat, she recommends Chatayee Thai!

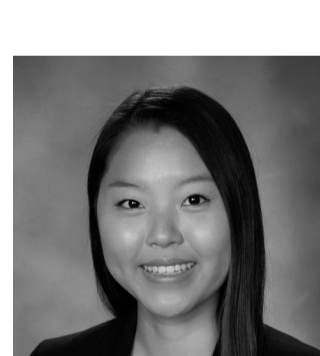
SCALPELS TEAM

**RYAN NACHWALTER**

Ryan Nachwalter (SKMC 2022) is from Livingston, NJ. He loves all types of surgery and is a proud member of Gibbon! His hobbies include skiing, running, and playing football. He recommends that you check out Sampan!

**ALLISON DOERMANN**

Allison Doermann (SKMC 2022) is from Menomonee Falls, WI. In her gap year she taught middle school math with AmeriCorps. She is interested in colorectal and breast surgery and surgical oncology. Her favorite restaurant is Little Nonna's!

**JULIA GONG**

Julia Gong (SKMC 2022) is from Wayne, PA. Her surgical interests include breast surgery, vascular surgery, and minimally-invasive surgery. When she's not in the OR, she is a loving plant mom and also enjoys yoga and baking.

ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN SURGEONS COMMITTEE

FRANCESCA PONZINI

Francesca Ponzini (SKMC 2024) is from Wayne, NJ. She has been actively involved with the Jefferson Pancreas, Biliary and Related Cancer Center since her M1 year and wants to pursue a career in surgical oncology. She was a competitive dancer for 10 years and enjoys dancing, baking, and watching 90s sitcoms in her free time.

**BRIGITTE ANDERSON**

Brigitte Anderson (SKMC 2023) is originally from Wilmington, DE. She worked with a colorectal surgeon during her gap year before medical school, which was instrumental in confirming her love for surgery! A fun fact about Brigitte is that she has dual citizenship in the U.S. and Switzerland.

COORDINATORS

CLINICAL SKILLS COORDINATOR

**MICHAEL CHOI**

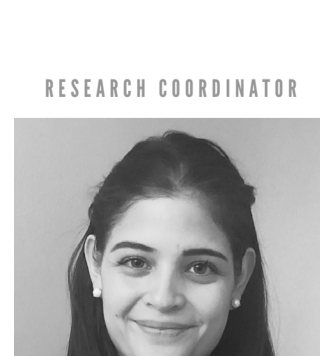
Michael Choi (SKMC 2022) is from Centerville, VA. He will be dual applying to both Integrated Vascular Surgery and General Surgery. For his favorite restaurant, he recommends you check out Green Eggs Cafe.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR

**ANNA LIN**

Anna Lin (SKMC 2022) is from Batham, NJ. She is going into MIS/ Bariatric Surgery. Her hobbies include climbing (bouldering and ropes), listening to podcasts, and reading. She loves going to Penang in Chinatown!

RESEARCH COORDINATOR

**DIANA JIMENEZ**

Diana Jimenez (SKMC 2023) is from Wellington, FL. She is interested in general surgery and has been involved in both Gibbon and surgical research since her first year of med school. Her favorite restaurant is Kanela Grill!

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