The new UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences officially opened on May 24, 2016. Although there was still significant construction activity ongoing, the Department of Surgery was one of the first Departments to move into the new building on May 25th. As I write this update for the newsletter, I am happy to report that the majority of the construction is complete in the new School of Medicine building and the final results are outstanding. In addition to being brand new, the building has significantly expanded spaces, state of the art teaching facilities, increased capacity for research and administrative offices for all of the medical school departments. For those who have not had a chance to visit the new school, please mark on your calendars the date of October 14, 2016 as the official grand opening of the building will be held that day. All members of the Department of Surgery are invited to attend. Please contact Jessica Sobolik in the public relations department at 701-777-6048 or jessica.sobolik@med.und.edu if you have any questions regarding the grand opening ceremony for the new medical school.

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We completed the 2015-16 academic year with our annual Edwin C. James lecture, Research Colloquium, and Graduation Banquet on June 24, 2016. In depth coverage of the end of year activities as well as other activities including the medical school graduation and awards, Frank Low Research Day, the Department of Surgery Awards, American Board of Surgery certification results, and new residents and faculty members are all included in this newsletter. Please note the large number of new faculty and faculty promotions in this issue. It is especially encouraging to see the strong interest that our volunteer faculty have in our Department. I extend my gratitude and congratulations to all of our new and promoted faculty members. As I have said on multiple occasions in the past, both the medical school and the Department of Surgery appreciate our volunteer faculty who in many cases give their time and effort without compensation to educate our medical students and residents in the various aspects of general surgery and surgical subspecialties.

With best regards,
Robert P. Sticca, MD, FACS
Chairman and Program Director
Medical Student News

Medical School Graduation – May 15, 2016:

The medical school awards luncheon and graduation were held on Sunday May 15, 2016 at the Chester Fritz Auditorium on the UND Campus in Grand Forks. 71 new physicians received their MD degrees, with 19 (27%) of them entering General Surgery or surgical subspecialties. Although the surgical specialties are highly competitive residencies, UND students continue to do well in matching in their desired specialties at very competitive programs. The students graduating in 2016 entered several competitive surgical specialties including three in General Surgery, six in Anesthesiology, two in Orthopaedic Surgery, two in Otolaryngology, one in Thoracic Surgery, and one in Urology. The faculty of the Department of Surgery is commended for their continued support and inspiration of the medical students who desire careers in surgical specialties.

The “match”, a national computerized program through the NRMP (National Resident Matching Program), is held each year in March and matches prospective residents and residency programs based on their top choices. This year the following UND students matched in surgical specialties:

General Surgery:
- Jerrod Heermans, MD Prelim year-University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
- Lucas Holkup, MD University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Jeffrey Maddock, MD Prelim year-University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Dakota Orvedal, MD Prelim year-University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Vamshi Mugu, MD Prelim year – Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, MN
- Robert Steininger, MD University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, North Dakota

- Michael Traynor, Jr., MD Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota

Anesthesiology:
- Aaron Baune, MD University of Tennessee Medical Center at Knoxville, Knoxville, Tennessee
- Andrea Carlson, MD, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Program, Newark, New Jersey
- Layne Egan, MD, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Delbert Lamb, MD, Duke University Medical Center Program, Durham, NC
- Ian Roche, MD University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics program, Madison, Wisconsin
- Emma Swanson, MD University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Program, Iowa City, Iowa

Ophthalmology:
- Braden Burckhard, MD, University of Wisconsin Program, Madison, Wisconsin

Orthopaedic Surgery:
- Scott Allen, MD, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Charles Crellin, MD, Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners/Michigan State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Otolaryngology:
- Eric Dowling, MD, Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- David Larson, MD, Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota

Thoracic Surgery:
- Aaron Bettenhausen, MD University of Texas Health Science Center School of Medicine, San Antonio, Texas

Urology:
- Jerrod Heermans, MD University of Nebraska Medical Center/College of Medicine Program, Omaha, NE

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Medical Student News (continued)

Department of Surgery Awards were given to the following graduating medical students:

Department of Surgery Outstanding Student Award

This award goes to the senior student who demonstrates excellence in the specialty of surgery, and is based on a scoring system from both their third and fourth year rotations. Michael Traynor, Jr., MSIV of Fargo, North Dakota was the recipient for the 2015-16 academic year. Michael matched in General Surgery at Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota.

Honors Award for 3rd year medical students

In order for a student to achieve Honors they must score above the 90th percentile on the NBME shelf exam, score 8 or higher on the oral exam and be recommended for honors by the majority of their preceptors. Honors awarded for the 2015-16 year: SW Campus in Bismarck – Malia GrossKreutz (Honou, HI), Cole Laber (Napoleon, ND), Lucy Ledyard (Whitefish, MT). From the SE Campus in Fargo: Anna Bury (Bismarck, ND), Christopher Traynor (Fargo, ND). From the NW Campus in Minot: Cassandra Cross (Oregon City, OR), Wesley Halseth (Minot, ND). From the NE Grand Forks: Amy Borys (Cando, ND).

Wayne M. Swenson, MD Award by the North Dakota/South Dakota Chapters of the American College of Surgeons

Medical students from first to fourth year, attending the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, are eligible to submit papers on surgery related research. Papers are judged and selected by a selection committee in the Department of surgery for submission to the joint North Dakota/South Dakota Chapter meeting. The paper that is selected is presented by the student at the joint North Dakota/South Dakota Chapter meeting. The award recipient will receive a $300 check and the Wayne M. Swenson, MD, Award plaque.

The 2015 recipient was Jamie Odden, MSIV for his research paper “Femoral neck Fractures”

This year we had 2 medical students, Michael Traynor, Jr, MSIV and Jared Sander, MSIV, who had their poster accepted by the International Endocrine Society’s ENDO 2016 Annual Meeting April 1-4, 2016 in Boston, MA. The title of the poster is “Clinical Performance and Utility of Afirma GEC in a Community Hospital practice”. The Department of Surgery provided partial funding for the students to attend the meeting and present their poster.

American Board of Surgery Board Certification Results

Recent graduates of the UND Surgical Residency Program have continued to do satisfactory on the American Board of Surgery (ABS) Examination. The recently published data from the ABS shows that the UND General Surgery Residency Program 5 year 1st time pass rate on the Qualifying Exam (written exam) is 87% (13/15 passing) and for the Certifying Exam (oral exam) is 77% (10/13 passing). Our congratulations to our recent graduates who have successfully obtained board certification.

Jay MacGregor, MD – 2011 Graduate
Wen-yu Vicky Haines, MD – 2015 Graduate
Christopher Maki, MD – 2015 Graduate
Residency Program Activities

Frank Low Research Day

Frank Low Research Day provides a forum where faculty and students can be exposed to the latest research interests and activities of their colleagues. Held for the first time in the spring of 1981, Research Day was dedicated in the name of Frank N. Low, Ph.D., upon his retirement as a gesture of recognition for his contributions to research at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Every year the general surgery residents submit their abstracts to the Frank Low Research Day. This year Drs. Patrick Kane, PGY III, BreAnn Neiger, PGY V, Daniel Persinger, PGY IV, Cody Pratt, PG III and Travis Swartz, PGY IV presented posters at the Frank Low Research Day.

13th Annual Edwin C. James Lectureship which was established in honor of Edwin C. James, MD who was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery from 1980-89 and was the founder of the Surgical Residency Program. Each year we invite a nationally recognized speaker to honor this lectureship. This year’s Lecturer was Jay L. Grosfeld, MD, FACS, Emeritus Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine. His talk was on Long-term Outcomes of Childhood Cancer.

15th Annual Surgical Resident Research Colloquium was held June 24th and was attended by over 60 physicians, students and friends. The fourteen presentations by the PGY III, IV, and Vs were judged by Jay Grosfeld, MD, FACS (Emeritus Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine), Gary Wease, MD, FACS (Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery and Clerkship Site Director in Minot) and Scott Engum, MD, FACS, Professor of Surgery at UND.

To add to the day, junior residents presented posters on the preliminary findings of their research projects. This afforded each resident the opportunity to discuss their projects with fellow surgeons and researchers to further improve their research.

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The top two presenters are honored at the Chief Resident Graduation Banquet that follows the same evening. This year we had a number of excellent presentations, many of which will be subsequently submitted for publication or presentation at regional or national meetings. The colloquium also includes presentations that are judged for the North Dakota Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer Competition and the North Dakota Chapter of the American College of Surgeon Committee on Trauma Competition. New this year is judging of the posters for Best Research Poster.
2015 Resident Research Colloquium Winners

Surgery Resident Research Colloquium Winners:
presented by Dr. Mary Aaland

Colloquium Winners:

1st place: Eric Anderson, MD PGY-V “Validation of the Universal Definition of Perioperative Bleeding Score After Cardiac Surgery”

Honorable Mention: Travis Swartz, DO PGY-IV “Medical Supplies Exposed to an Environmental Control System Failure: The Final Chapter”

Best Poster: Patrick Lamb, MD – Poster titled: “Snowmobile Trauma: Risk Factors and Injury Patterns”

North Dakota Chapter American College of Surgeons Resident Competitions:

Commission on Cancer: presented by Dr. Michael Bouton

1st place: Zachary Ernst, MD PGY-V “Survivability and Surgical Complications Associated with Locally Advanced Distal Esophageal Adenocarcinoma Following Neoadjuvant Chemoradiation and Surgical Resection: Is Surgical Resection Necessary?”

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2015 Resident Research Colloquium Winners (continued)

Committee on Trauma: Presented by Dr. Randolph Szlabick

1st Place: Shawn Olson, MD PGY-IV “10-Year Retrospective Review of Injury Patterns Between 4-Wheelers and Side-by-Side ATVs”

2nd place: Kai Sharbono, MD PGY-V “North Dakota Trauma Death Analysis-A Three Year Autopsy Review”

Click here to see the Edwin C. James Lectureship and the Surgical Resident Research Colloquium brochure and agenda.

32nd Surgical Chief Resident Graduation Banquet was held on Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Ramada Plaza & Suites in Fargo. The graduating residents were:

Eric Anderson, MD has joined Sanford Health in Fargo for 2016-17 year and then will enter into a Cardiothoracic Fellowship at Rush University in Chicago in July 2017.

Zachary Ernst, MD has joined Health Partners Central Minnesota Clinic in Sartell, Minnesota.

BreAnn Neiger, MD has joined Sanford Health in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Kai Sharbono, MD will be entering the Louisiana State University Health Clinic in New Orleans, LA for a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship.

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2015 Resident Research Colloquium Winners (continued)

Graduating residents with Chair & Program Director Dr. Robert Sticca, and Associate Program Directors Drs. Enej Gasevic and Randolph Szlabick. (L to R) Drs. BreAnn Neiger, Eric Anderson, Randolph Szlabick, Enej Gasevic, Robert Sticca, Zachary Ernst, and Kai Sharbono

Residents, family, and guests at the Graduation Banquet

Dr. Grosfeld, Edwin C. James Lecturer and Dr. Scott Engum with their wives visiting during the Graduation Banquet

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First Year surgery residents with Dr. Robert Sticca, Chairman and Program Director after receiving their certificates for their first year. (L to R) Dr. Raelene Zospah, Dr. Adeseye Adekeye, Dr. Mallory Yelenich-Huss, Dr. Robert Sticca, Dr. Matthew Heberer and Dr. Cecilia Benz.

Dr. Wayne Anderson, 1st graduate of UND Surgical Residency and Dr. William Becker with his wife Pat

Dr. Opgrande was presented a plaque for his 36 outstanding years of service as a teacher. (L to R) Dr. Robert Sticca, Dr. J. Donald Opgrande, and Dean Joshua Wynne
**Awards**

David R. Antonenko Award is in recognition of and appreciation for the many years of excellence in teaching and dedication to the Surgical Residency Program. Given to the resident who has excelled in clinical performance, knowledge, education, research and scholarly activity in general surgery.

Dr. Robert Sticca presented Dr. Eric Anderson, PGY V with the David R. Antonenko Award for 2015-16 year.

Resident Achievement Award: is given to the resident who has also accomplished above average milestones in their clinical performance, knowledge, education, research and scholarly activity in general surgery.

Dr. Robert Sticca presented Dr. Katie Senter, PGY V with the Resident Achievement Award for 2015-16 year.

Eric Anderson, MD, Chief Surgical Resident received the AOA Resident award.

**Residency Program News**

Several of our surgery residents attended and/or presented at the Southwest Surgical Meeting this year in Coronado, CA.

Dr. Shawn Olson with his Fiance Emilee Froiland, Dr. Travis Swartz, Dr. Erin Clough with Wil Hanson, and Dr. Dan Persinger with his wife Dr. Christine Lee.

Dr. Kai Sharbono, PGY V and her husband Dr. Eric Cohen welcomed their son Knox Cohen on January 29, 2016. Congrats!

Dr. Patrick Kane, PGY III and his wife Dori welcomed their daughter Victoria June on June 13, 2016. Congrats!
New Incoming Residents started July 1, 2016

Dakota Orvedal, MD – PG I Preliminary – born in Alaska. Undergraduate – BS in nursing from North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND. Medical School - University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, ND. He was accepted into Radiology-Diagnostic at Virginia Mason Medical Center Program, Seattle, WA which will begin July 1, 2017.

Jacqueline Nichole Wright, MD – PG II Preliminary – Born in Tulsa, OK, Undergraduate - BS in Biology and Neurobiology from the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. Medical School – Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA. Nichole did a Preliminary year in General Surgery at Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

Jeffery Maddock, MD – PG I Preliminary – born in Bismarck, ND, Undergraduate – BS in Psychology at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND & Biology at Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND. Medical School – University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, ND. He was accepted into Radiology-Diagnostic at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Program, Lebanon, NH which will begin July 1, 2017.


Michael D. Dixon, MD – PG I Rural Categorical – born in Rockford, Illinois. Undergraduate – BS, Biology, Minor in chemistry, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL. Medical School – University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, Rockford, IL.

Lukas M. Holkup, MD – PG I Categorical – born in Breckenridge, MN. Undergraduate – BA in Chemistry with Minor in Biology at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. Medical School – University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, ND.

Lukas J. Mueller, MD – PG I Categorical – born in Sioux Falls, SD, Undergraduate – BS in Biochemistry with University Honors Program with Distinction, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE. Medical School – University of South Dakota School of Medicine, Vermillion, SD.

Robert Steininger, MD – PG I Rural Categorical – Born in St. Paul, MN, Undergraduate-BS in Biology with Minor in Business Administration with University Honors Program from Creighton University, Omaha, NE. Medical School – University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, ND.

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New Incoming Residents started July 1, 2016 (continued)

The annual resident orientation was held on June 30, 2016

Dr. Sticca with all 28 surgery residents in the general surgical residency as of July 1, 2016

Residency Program Alumni News

Dr. Corey Kroetsch (2011) and his wife Dr. Laura welcomed their twins daughter Sonja Marie and son Beckett Steven on March 29, 2016. Congrats!

Faculty News

Mary Aaland, MD, Director of Rural Surgery Support, attended and spoke to the 8th grade class during Careers in Medicine Day in Watford City, North Dakota.

Congratulations to the following faculty on their promotions:

Syed Osman Ali, MD, Promoted from Clinical Instructor of Surgery to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. He is a Cardiothoracic Surgeon located on the NE Campus in Grand Forks.

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Faculty News (continued)

High School Students in the Surgical Anatomy Lab

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Robin Severud, MD, Promoted from Clinical Instructor of Surgery to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. She is an Anesthesiologist located on the NE Campus in Grand Forks.

Jonathan Haug, MD, Promoted from Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. He is an Anesthesiologist located on the NE Campus in Grand Forks.

Alan Johnson, MD, Promoted from Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. His specialty is ENT located on the NE Campus in Grand Forks.

Kevin J. Mork, MD, Promoted from Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. He is an Anesthesiologist located on the NE Campus in Grand Forks.

Michael S. Bouton, MD, Promoted from Clinical Assistant to Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery. He is a General Surgeon specializing in Breast Surgery located on the SE Campus in Fargo.

Vijay Gaba, MD, Promoted from Clinical Assistant Professor to Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery. He is an Anesthesiologist located on the SE Campus in Fargo.

S.M. Farhan Khan Galzie, MBBS, Promoted from Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. He is a Urologist located on the SE Campus in Fargo.

Timothy Lindley, MD, Promoted from Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. He is a Neurosurgeon located on the SE Campus in Fargo.

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**Welcome**

**Johanna Askegard-Giesmann, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery is a Pediatric Surgeon on the SE Campus in Fargo. She trained at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN for General Surgery and did Fellowship training at Nationalwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH for Trauma Critical Care/Surgical Critical Care and Pediatric Surgery. She is board certified in General and Pediatric Surgery and Surgical Critical Care.

**Chad Carlson, MD**, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is an Orthopaedic Surgeon on the SW Campus in Bismarck. He trained at Grand Rapids Medical Education & Research Center, Grand Rapids, MI. He also did a two Fellowships at South County Orthopaedic, Laguna Woods, CA.

**Kwame Eagleton, MD**, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is an Anesthesiologist on the NE Campus in Grand Forks. He trained at University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, TX.

**Jason Erpelding, MD**, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is an Orthopaedic and Hand Surgeon on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained Creighton University/University of Nebraska health Foundation and did a Hand fellowship at Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. He is Board certified in both orthopaedics and hand surgery.

**Randolph Gibbs, II, MD**, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is a Hand surgeon on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at The Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY and did a Hand and upper Extremity Fellowship in Buffalo, NY. He is board certified in General Surgery.

**Hong J. Jun, MD**, Promoted from Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. He is a General Surgeon located on the NW Campus in Minot.

**Stephen Lin, MD**, Promoted from Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. He is an Anesthesiologist located on the NW Campus in Minot.

**Derek Kane, MD**, Promoted from Clinical Assistant Professor to Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery. He is a General Surgeon located on the SW Campus in Bismarck.

**Robert Riddick, MD**, Promoted from Clinical Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery. He is a General Surgeon located in Dickinson.

**Alexander Drofa, MD**, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is a Neurosurgeon on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB. He also did a Clinical Indovascular Neurosurgery Fellowship in Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH. He is board certified.
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Brett Glawe, MD, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is a General Surgeon on the SE Campus in Perham, MN. He trained at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, IA. He is board eligible.

Ian Lalich, MD, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is an Otorhinolaryngologist located on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at Mayo Graduate School of Medical Education, Rochester, MN. He is board eligible.

Matthew Miller, MD, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is an Otolaryngologist on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR and did a fellowship in Otology, Neurotology, and Skull Base Surgery at The Johns Hopkins university School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD. He is board certified in Otolaryngology.

JP Naughton, DPM, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is a Podiatrist on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at the INOVA Fairfax medical Campus, Falls Church, VA. He is board eligible.

Brent Nichols, MD, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is an Otolaryngologist on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. He is board eligible.

Benjamin Noonan, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery is an Orthopedic Surgeon on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at Yale University School of medicine, New Haven, CT and he did a Sports Medicine & Shoulder Fellowship at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

David O’Regan, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery is an Orthopaedic Surgeon on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at Ottawa Civic Hospital, Ottawa, Ont. and also did a fellowship in Arthroscopy and Knee Ligament Reconstruction at the same institution.

Jonathan Peterson, MD, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is an Orthopaedic Surgeon on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at University of Iowa for general orthopaedic and Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego, CA for Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery. He is board eligible.

M. Brook Redd, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery is a General Surgeon in Thief River Falls, MN. He trained at the Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. He is board certified in general surgery.
Welcome (continued)

Ryan Smart, DMD, MD, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is an Oral/Maxillofacial Surgeon on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. He is board certified in Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery.

Daniel M. Tuvin, MD, Instructor of Surgery is a Surgical Oncologist on the SE Campus in Fargo. He trained at National Hospital, Oslo, Norway for Organ Transplant, National Research Surgery Center, Moscow, Russia and Waterbury Hospital, Waterbury, CT for General Surgery and a Fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY for Surgical Oncology. He is board eligible.

Daniel C.M. Williams, MD, Clinical Instructor of Surgery is a Hand Surgeon in the NW Campus in Minot. He trained at Howard University Hospital, Washington, DC for general surgery and did a Fellowship at Penn State medical Center, Hershey, PA for minimally invasive/bariatric surgery and another Fellowship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS for upper extremity surgery. He is board certified in general surgery.

Faculty Awards

The Following Faculty were honored by receiving the Dean's Special Recognition Award for the Outstanding Volunteer Faculty Award: Congratulations to all.

Faculty Awards

Interviews dates with residency program applicants are October 24, November 14, 28, and December 19, 2016.

Christmas Party – Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the home of Dr. Robert Sticca, Chairman, Department of Surgery.

ABSITE Exam: Saturday, January 28, 2017 Surgery Department faculty may participate for review of current practice or preparation for American Board of Surgery Recertification.

The Edwin C. James lectureship, Surgical Resident Research Colloquium, and Graduation Banquet will be held on Friday, June 23, 2017 at the Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center in Fargo. More detailed information to follow.

Dr. Andrew R. Hetland, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery and alumnus (MD Class of 2004).

Dr. Donald Fry, Executive Vice President, MPA Healthcare Solutions in Chicago is our 2017 Edwin C. James Lecturer.
Surgical Volunteerism within the Department of Surgery

Mission work:

Dr. Mary Aaland, Associate Professor of Surgery spent a week in January 2015 in San Lorenzo, Ecuador with the San Lorenzo Clinic which is run by Jane Weaver, MD.

Dr. Robert Sticca, Chair and Program Director of Surgery, spent a week in February, 2016 in Ambato, Ecuador with the Medical Mission Ecuador team. While there Dr. Sticca performed over 15 surgeries and contributed to the education of the Ecuadorian physicians, residents and medical students with a grand rounds presentation on “Current Management of Peritoneal Carcinomatosis.”

Dr. Robert Sticca, Chair and Program Director of Surgery, spent a week in January 2016 with FM Haiti Medical Mission Team.

Medical Student Alumni News

Former UND medical students who are in surgical specialties please email us with news!