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SURGICAL SOCIETY

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## *News from the MVSS*

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### **Upcoming Events - New Horizons Webinar Series - January 14, 2021**

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### **Thank you for your Service 2020-2021 Executive Council and Committees.**



### **Welcome New Members in 2020**

The Society's strength comes from the support and involvement of all of its members. We encourage members to attend our educational programs; Annual and Business Meetings and become engaged in the Society through participation on Committees, submitting and sponsoring your colleagues' abstracts; and encouraging your trainees to participate in the Mock Orals and Medical Student Education Programs.

We welcome the trainees who joined the Society and we hope to welcome you as an Active Member in the near future.

### **We also would like to acknowledge the following 2020 New Active Members:**

Brian R. Beeman, MD, RPVI  
Scott D. Bendix, MD, RPVI  
Chelsea A. Dorsey, MD, RPVI  
Vivian Gahtan, MD, RVT

## **Message from MVSS President**

### **Kellie R. Brown, MD**

It is truly a privilege and honor to continue to serve as the Midwest Vascular Surgical Society's 43rd President. I am proud of the tradition and sense of community embodied by our Society and have been truly honored to serve the Society in the past several years.

On behalf of the entire Executive Council, I want to thank our Members who approved and supported the decision for our current Officers, Executive Council and Committees to remain in place for one more year due to the COVID pandemic and our pivot to a Virtual Annual Meeting this year. We appreciate the gratitude and support of our members and are thankful for the opportunity to continue our commitment and service to the Society.

Charles A. Hartranft, DO, MS, RPVI  
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Mona S. Li, MD  
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Natalie Sofia Weger, DO, RVT, RPVI  
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#### **Associate Group Members**

Kathryn Bernotavicius, BS, MHA, RVT  
Diane M. Less, MS, PA-C  
Parin Katwala, NP  
Tina Mary Mathew, MSN, FNP-BC

**For Membership Information and Applications go to [Join MVSS](#)**

## **Congratulations 2020 Research Award and Poster Competition Winners**

We would like to recognize and congratulate our Midwest Vascular 2020 Research Award and Poster Competition Winners.

#### **2020 D. Emerick Szilagyi Award**

**Alexander H. King, MD**, Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy, UH Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

#### **2020 Charles C. Guthrie Award**

**Frank M. Davis, MD**, Vascular Surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

#### **2020 John R. Pfeifer Best Venous Paper Award**

**Indrani Sen, MD**, From: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

#### **2020 Best Poster Award**

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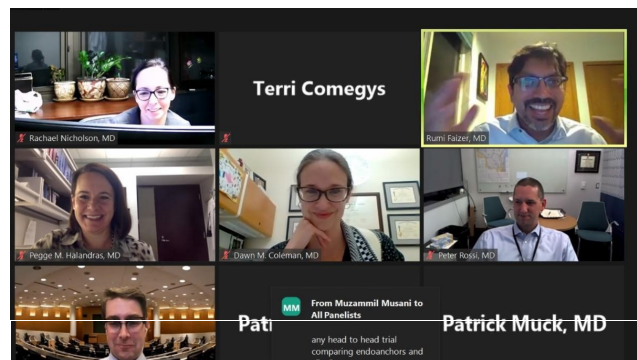
## **Highlights of our Fall New Horizons Webinar Series**

2020 brought with it many obvious challenges and changes, including to hosting traditional teaching models such as our New Horizons program.

In an effort to continue disseminating information on cutting edge and current treatment options, the Executive Council formed the New Horizons Webinar Series and Committee, which launched in October, under the leadership of Dr. Ross Milner and Dr. Patrick Muck.

The first of these took place in October and was met with great enthusiasm with 99 Midwestern Vascular members, guest physicians, advanced practitioners and trainees registered. October's webinar, sponsored by W.L. Gore, covered aortoiliac occlusive disease. Dr. Eanas Yassa provided an overview of the disease while Dr. Nicolas Mouawad and Dr. Trissa Babrowski reviewed the available data on types of iliac stents. Dr. Carolos Bechara presented data comparing open to endovascular options.

Our November's webinar was also a success with 122 registered. November's webinar, sponsored by Medtronic, explored endovascular treatment options for abdominal aortic aneurysm. Dr. Rachael Nicholson provided an overview of 30 years of EVAR, while Dr. Nicholas Osborne and Dr. Rumi Faizer presented the current data on the prognosis of and management of aneurysm sac changes and endoleaks. Dr. Pegge Halandras rounded out the session with an overview of the management strategies for challenging aortic necks.



**Matthew C. Chia, MD**, Northwestern  
Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

### **Meet the Winners**



We hope that we will be able to meet in person in Chicago in September.

The Call for Abstracts submission deadline will be announced soon.

### **Keep Updated on Annual Meeting News**

The New Horizons Webinar Committee was changed to the newly formed Educational Outreach Committee and we're pleased to welcome Dr. Rachael Nicholson and Judith Lin to the Committee and also pleased to announce the resumption of the series in January.

January's webinar will cover hemodialysis access with topics ranging from updates to the K-DOQI Guidelines, how to evaluate a new dialysis patient or one with failed access, and the role of early access graft technology presented by a group of Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society members who are leaders in the field. The Society is grateful to Getinge for sponsoring January's webinar.

The New Horizons webinars will continue to be offered complimentary to MVSS Members in good standing, advanced practitioners and allied health professionals and trainees.

## **Coverage of Midwestern Vascular 2020 - *Vascular Specialist***

The virtual 2020 Annual Meeting was a great success featuring 45 scientific presentations; two simultaneous poster sessions; the 2020 Medical Student Education Program and Mock Orals program hosting 24 fellows.

The Society wishes to thank all of the presenting authors, speakers and Committee members who help make our pivot to virtual programming a huge success.

Read more coverage of the scientific sessions at Midwestern Vascular 2020 in [\*\*Vascular Specialist\*\*](#)

## **Attention Members - It's Time to Renew Your 2021 Membership - Renew Here**

Members may now Renew their 2021 Membership. Current Members [\*\*Renew Here.\*\*](#)

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