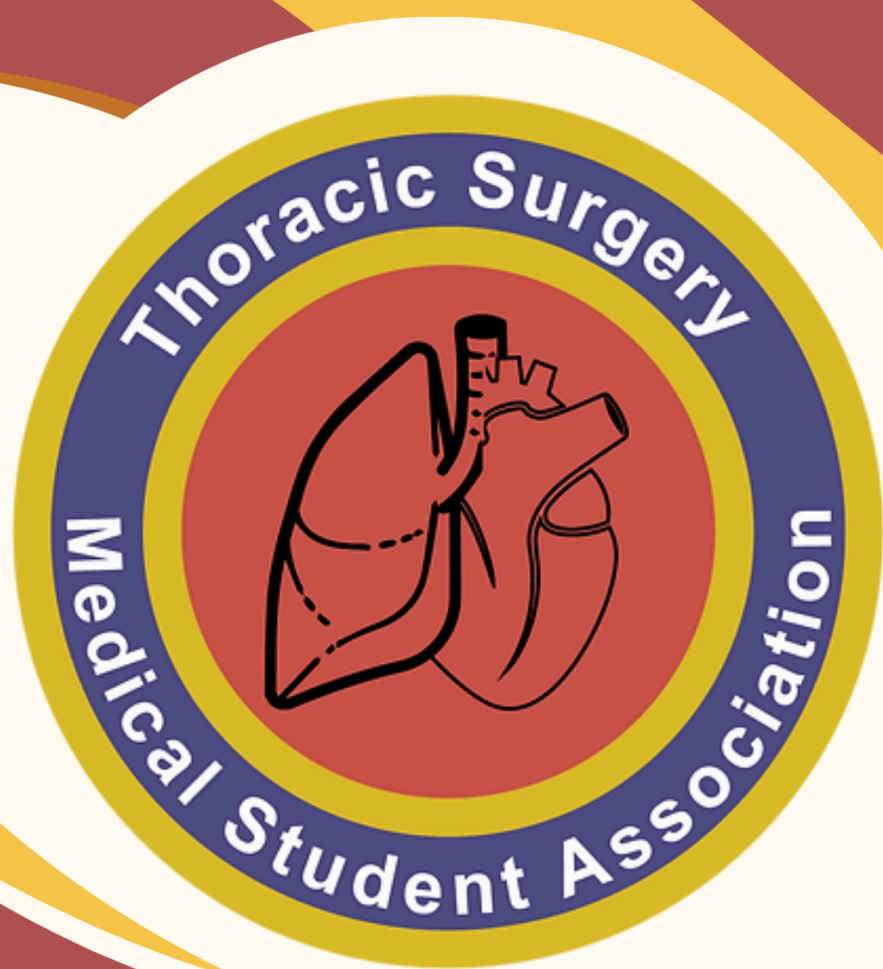


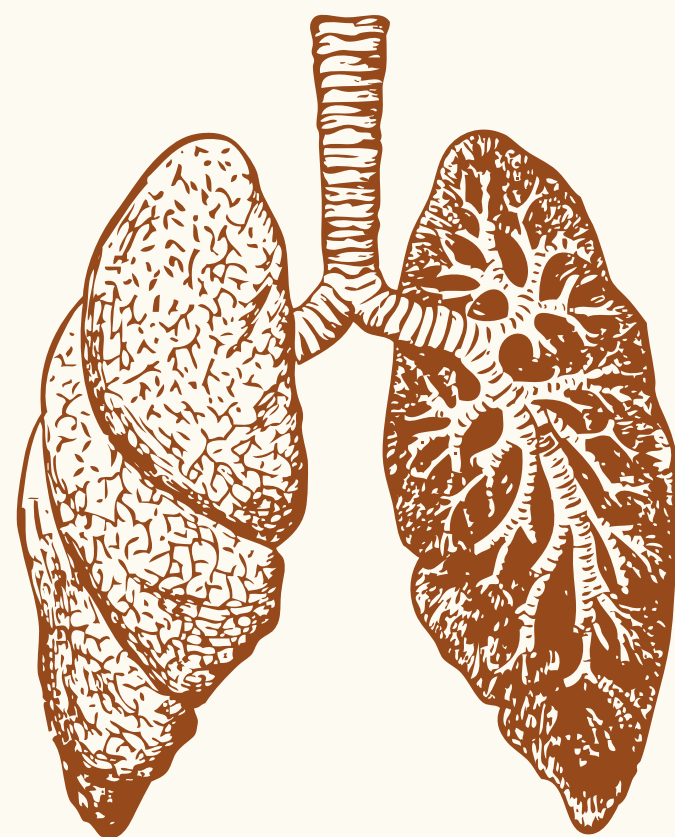
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# The Thoracic Surgery Medical Student Association

FOUNDED BY STUDENTS  
WITH THE GUIDANCE OF FACULTY ADVISORS  
AND SUPPORT OF THE TSDA AND TSRA

# November Newsletter



# Announcements

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## 2025 STS "YOU BELONG SCHOLARSHIP"

We are happy to help share a new scholarship opportunity brought by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), Association of Black Cardiothoracic Surgeons, and Latinos in Cardiothoracic Surgery!

The STS "You Belong" Equity and Opportunity Scholarship award includes attendance at STS Annual Meeting, Jan. 24-26, 2025, and scholarship valued up to \$2500 for travel and lodging. An STS Member will also be assigned as a mentor to each awardee prior to the meeting.

This application is due December 6th, 2024.

For more information and to apply visit <https://www.sts.org/form/sts-you-belong-equity-and-opport>.



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## GIVING TUESDAY

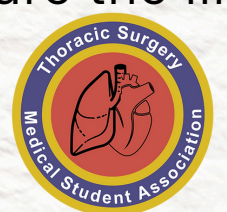
Our annual **#GivingTuesday** social media campaign will be launching November 26th through Giving Tuesday December 3rd.

We are using **#GivingTuesday**, or the holiday Tuesday after Thanksgiving where many donate to their favorite causes, to continue our fundraising campaign to ensure that we can meet our goals for 2024-25 and set ourselves up well for the coming years. Scholarships, in-person conference mixers, awards, funding for TSMA projects - these are just a few of the things that we're fundraising for this year!

We are launching a social media campaign for **#GivingTuesday** with TSMA leader/member testimonials of how TSMA has impacted them. If you're interested in submitting a 30sec video of how TSMA has impacted you and encouraging those online to donate to our cause, email [tsmamedstudent@gmail.com](mailto:tsmamedstudent@gmail.com) before November 20th and you may be considered to be highlighted! Otherwise, please help us spread the word by interacting with us on social media from 11/26 through 12/3 and getting others to donate to TSMA.

We are seeking generous faculty or other donors to help kick off our fundraising campaign for the year. On December 3rd, please go to X or Instagram to comment, retweet, and/or like our messages, and share the link in any way you can, it would be a huge help for our campaign.

**DONATE HERE:** <http://donorbox.org/giving-tuesday-559>



# Giving Tuesday Fundraising Campaign 2024

Donate or engage with TSMA on X (formerly Twitter) from Sunday, Nov 24th through Giving Tuesday on Dec 3rd!

4TH ANNUAL TSMA

## CT SURGERY INTEREST DAY

FEBRUARY 20, 2024 | 8PM EST

FACULTY PANEL

RSVP HERE

JOIN TSMA FOR THIS TWO PART EVENT FEATURING A CT SURGERY FACULTY PANEL FOLLOWED BY A RESIDENT Q&A SESSION!

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## CARDIAC DISSECTION EVENT

Join us for an interactive, live dissection event!

Led by **Deven Patel, MD**  
CT Surgery Fellow  
Johns Hopkins

Friday, April 5th, 2024  
6 PM EST | 3 PM PCT

Register today!

Brought to you by the Research Committee

Post-Match Panel

JOIN US FOR A Q&A WITH RECENTLY MATCHED APPLICANTS!

6/12/24 @ 9 PM EST  
STAY ON THE ZOOM AFTER DR. JACOBS' TALK!

# DONATE HERE

## Cardiothoracic Surgery Conference Handbook

*A Survival Guide for Medical Students*

Thoracic Surgery Medical Student Association

Thoracic Surgery Medical Student Association  
TSMA©

3rd Annual TSMA Cardiothoracic Research Competition

Attending Judges

Resident Judges

Saturday, March 16, 2024 | 3-5PM EST

Register today!

Brought to you by the Research Committee

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## MANUSCRIPT/EDITORIAL BOARD REVIEW 101

WITH JOANNA CHIKWE, MD

- Manuscript drafting
- Journal selection
- Peer review process
- Submission process
- Response to reviewers

PROFESSOR & CHAIR OF CARDIAC SURGERY AT CEDARS-SINAI

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF THE ANNALS OF THORACIC SURGERY

JOIN US!  
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 | 8 PM EST

Brought to you by the Research Committee

TRAILBLAZERS IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

TSMA DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Vivien T. Thomas was a researcher in causes of hemorrhagic and traumatic shock at Vanderbilt University in 1930. He then became a surgical assistant at Johns Hopkins University, where he played a critical role in developing groundbreaking surgical techniques utilized in correcting Tetralogy of Fallot and Transposition of the Great Arteries. In 1976, Hopkins awarded him an honorary degree and named him an instructor of surgery at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

TRAILBLAZER 01

VIVIEN T. THOMAS

References: <http://tinyurl.com/TSMAx8HM24>



Thoracic Surgery Medical Student Association (TSMA) is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to recruit, engage, and prepare passionate medical students interested in cardiothoracic surgery careers.

# Announcements

## ABCTS PIPELINE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Association of Black Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons (ABCTS) is excited to announce the opening of applications for the **ABCTS Pipeline Program, due on JANUARY 20, 2025**. Submit applications and nominations to [ABCTSPipeline@gmail.com](mailto:ABCTSPipeline@gmail.com)

### **Description:**

A visiting rotation where awardees will spend 1 week to 1 month at academic institutions. Rotations should be completed in the months of May-Sept 2025. Up to a \$5,000 stipend will be provided to cover travel, accommodations, etc.

### **Goals:**

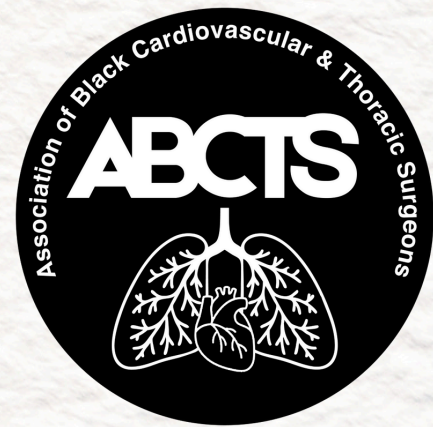
- Build relationships with surgical mentors
- Enhance exposure to Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Increase the strength of applications

### **Anticipated outcomes:**

- Successful pairing of awardees with STS member hosts at academic institutions
- Submitted applications to the NMRP for a Thoracic surgery training program by awardees
- Successful match into Thoracic Surgery training programs by awardees.

### **Host Institutions:**

- Brigham and Women's Hospital (Boston, MA)
- Stanford University (Palo Alto, CA)
- Ohio State (Columbus, OH)
- University of Maryland (Baltimore, MD)
- University California-Davis (Sacramento, CA)



### **Application Requirements:**

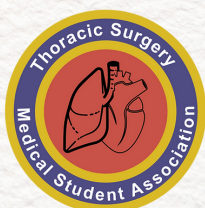
1. CV
2. Essay delineating your interest in CT Surgery (500 words or less)
3. An Endorsement/Letter of Support from their Program Director or Faculty member (highlighting good standing, technical skills, professionalism, etc).

## TSMA RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Research Committee is putting together conference highlights for the upcoming November/December conferences. If you are presenting at the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA) or other CT conferences during this time frame, please fill out the below form.

<https://forms.gle/bkTh3AQ1txQttfWd9>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Alice Zhou at [azhou18@jhmi.edu](mailto:azhou18@jhmi.edu) or



## SOUTHERN THORACIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

71st Annual Meeting • November 7-10, 2024  
We had amazing presentations from the following TSMA members!



November 7, 2024

- Ye In Christopher Kwon
- Andrew Kalra
- Catherine Stauber
- Nafiye Busra Celik
- Emily Larson

November 8, 2024

- Albert Dweck
- Alice Zhou
- Busra Cangut

November 9, 2024

- Andrew Kalra
- Alice Zhou

# Event Recap & Features

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TSMA gives a special shout out to our incredible leadership team who represented us so well at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society!

**Ahmet Bilgili**, Projects/Proposals Committee Member  
**Andrew Vogel**, Projects/Proposals Committee Member  
**Allison Weiderhold**, Mentorship Committee Chair  
**Gianna Dafflisio**, President



TSMA is grateful to the Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society for their commitment toward trainee programming as we continue to evaluate the impact of a longitudinal research mentorship program for medical students.

"Since doing this [program], I feel much more comfortable with the entire [research] process, and I've even helped so far on one more paper... I wouldn't have been able to contribute and help out as much as I did, had I not gone through this program."

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# *Event Recap*

## AORTA CHATS

SEPTEMBER WAS AORTIC DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH. TSMA POSTED EDUCATIONAL TWEETS AND SHARED WEEKLY INTERVIEWS WITH AORTIC DISSECTION SURVIVORS AND AORTIC SURGEONS!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO SHARE THAT ALL AORTA CHATS HAVE BEEN RECORDED AND UPLOADED TO OUR OFFICIAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL - [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/3JC6KKNN](https://tinyurl.com/3JC6KKNN)

BE SURE TO LISTEN AND SHARE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY. AND AS ALWAYS, IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH AORTIC HOPE AND OTHER PATIENT ADVOCACY INITIATIVES, DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT!

## *Special Thanks*

### *Surgeons*

#### **Benjamin Youdelman MD**

Director of Thoracic Aortic Surgery  
Maimonides Medical

#### **Joseph Coselli MD**

Executive Vice-Chair of the Division  
of Cardiothoracic Surgery Baylor  
College of Medicine

#### **Megan Chung MD**

Cardiothoracic (I6) Resident  
Columbia University Medical  
Center

#### **Hiroo Takayama MD, PhD**

Chief of Adult Cardiac Surgery  
Columbia University Medical  
Center

#### **Eric Roselli MD**

Chief of Adult Cardiac Surgery,  
Director of the Aorta Center  
Cleveland Clinic

### *Survivors*

#### **Tammy Warner**

Director of Community Relations  
Aortic Hope

#### **Shaun Nicole**

Social Media Ambassador  
Aortic Hope

#### **Terri Cook**

Vice President  
Aortic Hope

#### **Bill Barnhart**

Director of Community Relations  
& Marfan Liaison  
Aortic Hope

#### **Carin Anderson**

Founder and President Aortic  
Hope

#### **Timothy O'Reilly**

Talks highlighted the importance of not stereotyping; aortic disease can affect a diverse range of patients, making individualized assessment and care essential.

Encourage patients to be proactive in their healthcare, seek information, and connect with support networks to navigate their medical journeys effectively.

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# Event Recap

## TMSA PROJECTS AND PROPOSALS COMMITTEE

Thank you for joining the UF CT Surgery interest group for Q+A panel with our i-6 residents on Monday (10/7/24) at 5:30 PM EST.

## TSDA MATCH 2025 ERAS WEBINAR

TSDA held a webinar for Integrated Cardiothoracic Residency Applications. Program Directors reviewed the current recommendations for the 2024-2025 1-6 recruitment cycle and provided additional ackground on the Universal Offer Date and Program Signaling and how they will be used this year.

Special thank you to Dr. Rita Milewski - Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Ahmet Kilic - Johns Hopkins and D. Sara Pereira - University of Utah Health.

## THE TSMA DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The TSMA Diversity and Inclusion Committee presented the Highlighting Success Stories Series, showcasing exemplary cardiothoracic surgeons from diverse backgrounds. Each story celebrated accomplishments and provides actionable insights. We believe representation matters, empowering the next generation of surgeons to pursue their dreams with determination!

Celebrating:

Dr. Élan Burton, M.D., MHA - Stanford University.

Dr. Chawannuch Ruangsri, M.D.- Stanford University

Dr. Loretta Erhunmwunsee, M.D. - City of Hope

Dr. JaBaris Swain, M.D. - Global Health Scholar

## 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](mailto: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!