

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY CHRISTOPHER KANE, MD - CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!



#### We've Grown to the TOP!

As we celebrate this special 100 Year Anniversary, it is a chance to reflect back at all the meetings we attended as residents, how we were encouraged to join and be a part of this association so that we could unify, learn and enjoy the meetings together. The need to connect and learn with colleagues when we are young residents is

efficiently addressed by the Western Section which encourages joining and makes it quite worthwhile. I recently learned from Past President and past Historian Robert Plumb's history of Western Section video narrative early Western Branch originated from the loosely formed California Urological Association 7 decades ago! From those who gave us so much these past 100 years we now celebrate their significant efforts and achievements for our unique specialty. We have seen amazing technology, science, effective tricks of the trade, the rapid prominence of industry, and vast research in our ever evolving urology specialty.

#### A Success Story – Western Section's Early Instigators

We owe much acknowledgement and recognition to three Southern California friends who made the Western Section what it is today. It was Past President and Historian, the late Dr Earl Nation who suggested to the early members that the growing "Western Branch" needed a central, permanent administration and solid management if it was to properly expand as an educational non-profit organization. In 1965, Mr. Frank DeSantis, Executive Director Emeritus, was approached by the late Dr. John Dorsey (past president and past secretary who co-created and signed the articles of incorporation) to help him manage the association. At the time, young Frank was head of the largest medical research facility in the west coast, known as Harbor General Hospital in Torrance, CA, now known as Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and served on the Institute's board with Dr. Dorsey. Frank was asked to have an interview with a few of the officers, so he and his wife, Eileen (who was pregnant with Jeannie) flew to San Francisco to do so. After Frank agreed to the offer, he really got the ball bouncing, so to speak, if

you knew Frank. Since then, the DeSantis Family's Management Company in Santa Ana, CA has successfully administered the activities, committees and annual meetings of the WSAUA for 58 years, making Earl Nation's suggestion a mutually beneficial reality for the enduring future of the Western Section AUA.

I have served as an officer and on several committees over the years due to encouragement from my elder esteemed urologists and past officers to expand my scope and educational resources. I have to admire the courage and tenacity of previous presidents and immediate past president Dr. Harcharan Gill who was president at

the much-anticipated 2023 meeting in lovely Lake Tahoe, CA. Furthermore, I am in awe of Dr. Sia Daneshmand who rolled three big jobs into one over the past FOUR YEARS as the Secretary. His keen insight into science and dedication to the Western Section is much appreciated and will be acknowledged at the Members Business meeting. Western Section officers provide the structure and stability needed to thrive as an organization, we have made superb choices.

#### How the West IS FUN!

The Western Section excels in a value oriented meetings and quality membership.

When I was a new member I was impressed that I could do a sporting event, attend a post graduate course in a desirable location, gain education at the best and most glamorous resorts in the western US, mingle with prestigious colleagues I would never have met otherwise. I later found myself in a leadership role both professionally and as a volunteer in the Western Section. I am very proud of what we have become through all the changes and challenges.

The original three instigators, Earl, Frank and John inspired many more in their path who were guided as I was to participate and provide a remarkable experience for the long term as a member of this prestigious organization. Congratulations to all of us who were lucky enough to attend many of the meetings and make the Western Section meetings known as the "Best in the West". Join in the FUN! Register online at [SurgeWest.org](https://SurgeWest.org)

My wife Nancy and I look forward to seeing all of you in Kauai this October!





# Secretary's Say

Sia Daneshmand, MD

## Western Section AUA - 100 Years of Excellence!

Our 100th Annual Meeting is upon us October 27-November 2, at the beautiful Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort.

The Program Committee has planned a grand educational and exciting meeting including over 400 abstracts with 7 poster sessions, 2 virtual poster session, two Preparation courses, 14 state of the art and panels, interactive sessions along with the Resident Education Program, Round Table Program, GU Tumor Board, APP/Health Professional Program, Young Urologist Forum, Health Policy Forum and courses. We also have a special collaboration with the Asian Pacific Prostate group which will join us for a special session on Monday. We look forward to partnering with them to have an international prostate session. We encourage everyone to attend the informative breakfast and lunch sponsored symposiums which support our association. There is something for everyone! We are pleased to offer over 30 CME credits and bonus of California Radiology Credits. This year after the meeting, a link will be given to instantly receive your CME certificate.

Our meetings are successful because of all who participate, whether attending, planning, collaborating, presenting, and moderating... it is all of us together that build and make the WSAUA outstanding - so thank you!

This will be my last year as Secretary and Program Chair, it has been an honor and a pleasure serving the WSAUA. Our next Secretary will be Dr. Dan Lin, who I know will do an excellent job!!

The 2024 Annual Meeting will provide world-class education with all Western Section training institutions participating. The Western Section meetings will showcase our many experts providing the "Best in the West meeting!"

**FOR A MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE SEE PAGE 9 OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND GO TO SURGEWEST.ORG**

Not only will you be able view the overall detailed schedule and sessions, you can also read the abstracts!

### **DONATE TO THE WS FOUNDATION**

**Be a benefactor and support our residents at <https://wsaua.org/residents-support/>**

Your support provides travel scholarships and educational opportunities empowering our Residents to participate in our meetings and continue their interest in urologic research.



**Dr. David Crawford & Dr. Sia Daneshmand pose in front of the 99th year balloons.**

**Congratulations to E. David Crawford, MD, who was chosen as our 2024 Distinguished Member, a much deserved award for his many contributions to urology.**



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## **IN MEMORIAM**

*We are saddened to report the following losses from the WSAUA. All will be remembered at the upcoming Business Meeting. List as of July 20, 2024.*

**Robert C. Bregman MD**, San Diego, CA, Deceased date February 6, 2019, Joined 1986, Senior Member.

**James Bull, MD**, Covington, WA, Deceased March 25, 2024, Joined 1984, Senior Member.

**Roy J. Correa, Jr., MD**, Seattle, WA Deceased November 2023, Joined 1969, Senior Member, Past President, 1987, Past AUA Treasurer and AUA President, 1998.

**Robert H. Graham, MD**, Gold River, CA, Deceased date January 13, 2022, Joined 1974, Senior Member.

**Jeffrey Kaufman, MD**, Irvine, CA Deceased May 25, 2024, Joined 1984, Senior Member, Past President 2015.

**Joy G. Paul, MD**, Torrance, CA, Deceased date August 19, 2022, Joined 1985, Senior Member.

**Lorne D. Sullivan, MD**, Vancouver, BC, Deceased date March 28, 2024 Joined 1973, Senior Member, Past President, 1991.

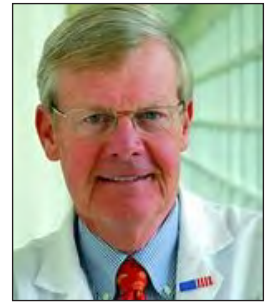
**Emil A. Tanagho, MD**, San Francisco, CA, Deceased March 1, 2024, Joined 1973, Senior Member, Distinguished Member, 1995; Urology Legend Award, 2015; Founder, Emil Tanagho Lectureship, 2016.

**Joseph Evertt West, III, M.D.**, Scottsdale, AZ, Deceased date March 5, 2021, Joined 1984, Senior Member.

# ★ CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS IN UROLOGY ★

## 2024 Distinguished Member - E. David Crawford, MD

**E. David Crawford, MD** is currently a Professor of Urology and the Jack A. Vickers Director of Prostate Research at the University of California San Diego. He is an emeritus distinguished endowed Professor of Surgery, Urology, and Radiation Oncology, and Head of the Section of Urologic Oncology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado. Dr. Crawford received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati and his postgraduate training included an internship and residency in urology at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. He subsequently completed a genitourinary cancer fellowship at the University of California Medical Center in Los Angeles. Dr. Crawford is an internationally recognized expert in benign prostate hypertrophy, urologic cancers, and in particular, prostate cancer. He has authored or coauthored over 810 scientific articles, has published seven textbooks, authored over 60 book chapters and provided more than 2,200 educational talks for patients and physicians. To raise public awareness about prostate health, Crawford in 1989 founded the Prostate Conditions Education Council (PCEC). Dr. Crawford is an active member of many national and international organizations, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology(ASCO), American Urological Association (AUA), the Royal Society of Medicine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Within the AUA, he has been a member of the Committee to Study Urologic Research Funding and the prostate cancer clinical trials subcommittee. Dr. Crawford served on the board of governors, the scientific advisory board of the Southwest Oncology Group and was chairman of the Genitourinary Cancer Committee for 27 years. This group is the largest clinical trials group in the world. Dr. Crawford again won two prestigious 'Freddie Awards' for best medical videos. He is a member of the Best Doctors of America for the past 22 years and was named Healthcare Provider of the Year in the Denver Metro area by the Denver Business Journal. He was recognized as one of the top 20 urologists in the country, for men, by Men's Health Magazine. In 2018 he received the honor of being named the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year from the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine. In May of 2019, he received the Presidential citation from the American Urological Association recognizing for his "tireless role in genitourinary cancer research that has benefited countless urologic cancer patients.". Expertscape has recognized him in the top 0.02% of published authors worldwide on prostate neoplasms from 2010-2023.



**Dr. Crawford will be honored on Thursday, Oct. 31 during the Annual Business Meeting.**

## Congratulations AUA Awardees



**Beth Andersen, MD** selected as **2024 Gallagher AUA Health Policy Scholar**. For outstanding contributions to advancing healthcare policy. The Gallagher Health Policy Scholar Program is a year-long, competitive training program run by the American Urological Association (AUA). The program aims to attract urologists who are interested in health policy and advance urology's health policy agenda.



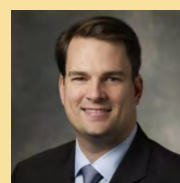
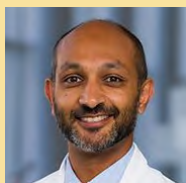
**Hillary L. Copp, MD, MS** awarded the **2024 President Citation**. For dedicated service and leadership in pediatric urology and the education of pediatric urology fellows.



**Kelly Swords, MD, MPH, FACS** awarded the **2024 Young Urologist of the Year for the WSAUA**. For her tireless patient advocate and humanitarian. Participation in global health efforts through IVU Med, Society of Pediatric Urology Global Task Force and Society of Women in Urology.

### The WSAUA - AUA 2023/2024 Leadership Class:

**Aditya Bagrodia, MD, Gwen Grimsby, MD, Kathleen Kieran, MD & John Leppert, MD.**





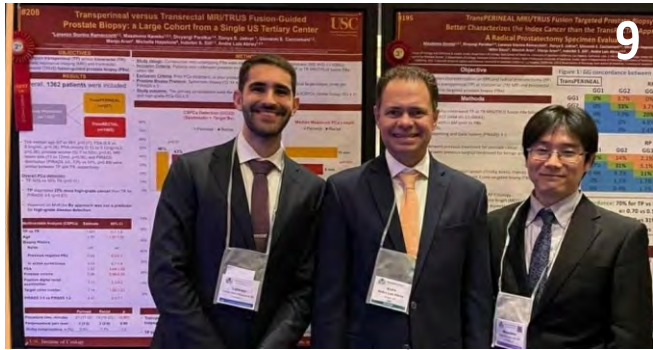
# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 99TH

## ★ CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEETING STARS ★



(1) Incoming President Dr. Christopher Kane presents outgoing President, Dr. Harcharan Gill the Presidential plaque of service.  
 (2) Honored Distinguished Member, Dr. Sakti Das and Sadoughi Lecturer, Dr. Scott Eggener.  
 (3) Dr. Anne Schuckman was recognized as Local Arrangement Chair.  
 (4) (L-R): IVU Presenter: Felix Victor Chen, MD; Miley B. Wesson Resident Essay Winners: First Place: Heiko Yang, MD, PhD (Dr. Sia Daneshmand, Secretary & Program Chair); Second Place: Kevin Shee, MD; Third Place: Adri Durant, MD.  
 (5) Anthony Middleton Grand Prize Poster Winner: Cale Hinkle is awarded by Drs: Frankel

& Rhee.  
 (6) First Place History Essay awarded to Samhita Mallavarapu, BSA.  
 (7) Round Table Awards: Henry Hadley Award awarded to Miko Filon, MD & The Bodner Stegemann Award awarded to Sharon Lo, MD along with Judges: Dr. Dean Hadley, Dr. John Prince and Dr. Harcharan Gill.  
 (8) Jeffrey Kaufman Grand Prize Health Policy Essay Award awarded to Dr. Jerad Harris by Dr. Eugene Rhee, Health Policy Chair.  
 (9) Presenters from USC stand next to their best of session poster.  
 (10) Dr. Chris Twiss delivers the Tanaho Lecture





# ANNUAL MEETING

## ★ INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

## Round Table Program

## Resident Education Program



## Women of the West Reception

## California Urological Assoc.



2023 History Exhibit highlighting Women urologists in the Western Section, as shown by Historian & Past President, Scott Swanson, MD



## Residents Bowl



## Poster Sessions







# Congratulations - 2023 Meeting Winners

## MILEY B. WESSON RESIDENT ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

**First Place:** Heiko Yang, MD, PhD, UCSF - "Transcriptional Determinants Of Bladder Cancer Histologic Variants At The Single Cell Resolution."

**Second Place:** Kevin Shee, MD, PhD, UCSF - "A Novel Machine-Learning Algorithm To Predict Stone Recurrence With 24-hour Urine Data."

**Third Place:** Adri Durant, MD, Mayo AZ - "Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) Therapy is Safe and Effective in Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (NMIBC) Patients with Immunosuppressive Conditions."

## HEALTH POLICY ESSAY CONTEST

**Jeffrey Kaufman Health Policy Essay Award**  
Jerad Harris, MD, Kaiser Los Angeles - "Urology Virtualist On-call: Reducing Physician Fatigue and Improving Satisfaction."

**Anthony Middleton Health Policy Poster Award**  
Cale Hinkle, BS, Seattle Children's Hosp. - "Urology, Can You Hold?" Quantifying the Availability of On-Call Urologists in Washington State."

## POSTER SESSION AWARD WINNERS

**James L. Goebel Grand Prize Poster**  
Emily Markarian, BS, MHA - "Alterations in the Gut Microbiome are Associated with the Development of Postoperative Ileus and Infections in Patients Undergoing Cystectomy and Urinary Diversion."

**Second Place Poster Overall**  
Jamie Finegan, BA, UCSD - "Effects of Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy vs. Puberty Blockers on Sexual Function and Desire."

**Third Place Poster Overall**  
Elizabeth Koehne, MD. - "AIM High: DNA Methyltransferase Inhibition and Immune Stimulation in Bladder Cancer."

**Best of Poster Session Winners:**  
**Poster Session I**  
**First Place:** Emily Markarian, BS, MHA, USC - "Alterations in the Gut Microbiome are Associated with the Development of Postoperative Ileus and Infections in Patients Undergoing Cystectomy and Urinary Diversion."

**Second Place:** Irasema Concepcion Paster, BS, Univ. of Arizona - "Geriatric Screening For The Assessment of Frailty In Bladder Cancer Patients Undergoing Radical Cystectomy."

**Third Place:** Elizabeth Koehne, MD, UW- "AIM High: DNA Methyltransferase Inhibition and Immune Stimulation in Bladder Cancer."

**Poster Session II**  
**First Place:** Jamie Finegan, BA, UC San Diego - "Effects of Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy vs. Puberty Blockers on Sexual Function and Desire."

**Second Place:** Deborah Jacobson, MD, Univ. of Utah - "Evaluating a Collaborative Care Model for Inguinal Surgery in Pediatric Urology."

**Third Place:** Akin Amasyali, MD, PhD, UCSF - "A Pressure Comparison Between Two Different Mini-PCNL Nephroscopes."

**Poster Session III**  
**First Place:** Samuel Washington III, MD, MAS UCSF - "Understanding Local Burden and Drivers of Racial Disparities in Prostate Cancer Mortality."

**Second Place:** Lorenzo Storino Ramaccioto, MD, LLUMC - "Transperineal Vs. Transrectal MR/TRUS Fusion-Guided Prostate Biopsy: A Large Cohort from a Single US Tertiary Center."

**Third Place:** Masatomo Kaneko, MD, PhD, Children's Hosp. Los Angeles - "Transperineal MRI/TRUS Fusion Targeted Prostate Biopsy Better Characterizes the Index Cancer than the TransRECTAL Approach: A Radical Prostatectomy Specimen Evaluation."

## ROUND TABLE PROGRAM WINNERS

**The Hadley Award**  
Mikolaj Filon, MD, Univ. of Utah - "Winter is Coming: Fighting Frostbite One Urethra at a Time."

**The Bodner-Stegemann Award**  
Sharon Lo, MD, Univ. of Utah - "A Burst of Excitement."

## RESIDENT BOWL TEAMS

**Frenetic Frenulums: Winning Team**  
Boisterous Balls  
Sarcastic Scrotums

## WHOVA CONTEST WINNERS:

**Caption Contest Winners**  
Polina Reyblat, MD - "Can you spot the real Jeannie DeSantis"  
Michael Sanford, MD - "Bear Right - so I went Left"  
David Staskin, MD - "There is something about this relationship that isn't Kosher..."  
David Benjamin, MD - "Peace"  
John C. Prince, MD - "How can we go wrong with such a team of Officers?"

**Photo Contest Winners**  
Una Lee, MD, Chris Tenggardjaja, MD  
David Benjamin, MD, John C. Prince, MD  
Harcharan Gill, MD, Justin DeGrado, MD  
Anne Schuckman, MD, Samuel Lee, MD

**Exhibits Passport Contest**  
Cassandra Lyons, MD, Roberto Labayan, MD  
Iris Bernstein, MD, Trisha Kruger, MD  
William Tu, MD, Kuldip Behniwal, MD

**Community Leaderboard**  
1st Place: John C. Prince, MD - 185,000 points  
2nd Place: Chris Tenggardjaja, MD - 117,300 points  
3rd Place: David Benjamin, MD - 83,900 points  
4th Place: Fahad Chaus, MD - 65,000 points

# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED SUPPORTERS FOR 2023

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## 2024 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Arrival / Early Registration  
Committee Meetings

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Registration  
Poster Board Set-up  
Spouse Hospitality/Breakfast  
CUA Members Meeting/Breakfast  
Poster Sessions  
Visit Exhibits in the Foyer  
Practice Mgt. Courses  
Public Policy Data Quality  
Health Policy Forum/Lunch  
Resident Education Program/Lunch  
President's Aloha Reception

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Spouse Hospitality/Breakfast  
Breakfast Symposium  
PREP Course 1 & 2  
Joint Session: Asian Pacific Prostate  
Society/ WSAUA Prostate Session

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 (cont.)

Visit Exhibits - ExpoLab/Foyer  
Video Surgi-Session 1 & 3  
Happy Hour in ExpoLAB  
Special DEI Program

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Breakfast Symposium  
Spouse Hospitality & Breakfast  
Tanagho Lecture  
Pelvic Flr Reconst./Voiding Dysfunct.  
Pediatric Urology  
Allied Health/APP Program  
Break with Exhibitors- ExpoLab/Foyer  
Kidney Cancer  
Lunch Symposium  
Prostate Cancer 1  
Happy Hour in ExpoLAB  
Young Urologist Forum

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Networking Breakfast in ExpoLAB  
Visit Exhibits - ExpoLab/Foyer  
Spouse Hospitality/Breakfast

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 (cont.)

Allied Health/APP Program  
Sadoughi Lecture  
Urothelial, Testis & Penile Cancers  
Break with Exhibitors- ExpoLab/Foyer  
First Place Essay Winners  
GU Tumor Board  
Happy Hour in ExpoLAB  
Women of West Program/Recept.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Members Business Meeting  
Networking Breakfast in ExpoLAB  
Sexual Medicine/Infertility  
Video Surgi-Session 2  
Prostate Cancer 2  
Endourology/Stones  
Happy Hour in ExpoLAB

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Prostate Cancer 2  
Round Table Program/Brunch  
History Essays



2024 WSAUA Officers (LtoR): Secretary Siamak Daneshmand, MD; AUA Rep. Christopher Porter, MD; Incoming President Christopher Kane, MD; Outgoing President Harcharan Gill, MD; Treasurer Blake Hamilton, MD; and Executive Director Christopher DeSantis, MBA.



The Program Committee, headed by Program Chair & Secretary Dr. Sia Daneshmand met to arrange and organize the abstracts and entire program for 2024 in Kauai. Pictured: Drs: Brian Hu, Joe Presti, Alvaro Lucioni, Gary Chien, Chris Twiss, Heidi Stephany, Polina Reyblat, Craig Comiter, Roger Sur, Eugene Rhee, John Prince, Chris DeSantis, Sia Daneshmand, Dan Lin, Jeannie DeSantis, Marc Dall'Era. Not pictured: Chris Porter, Charlene Chow met by zoom.

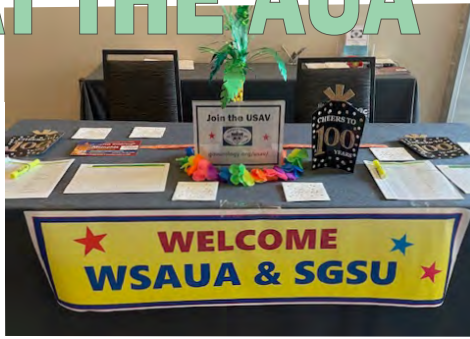


The Audit Committee, Dr. Lamia Gabal & Dr. Irene McAleer, inspect the WSAUA financial files prior to the Lake Tahoe Meeting to make sure all is in good order.

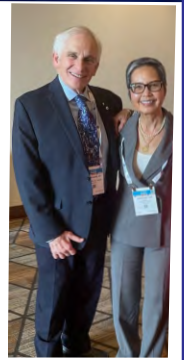


# WSAUA AT THE AUA

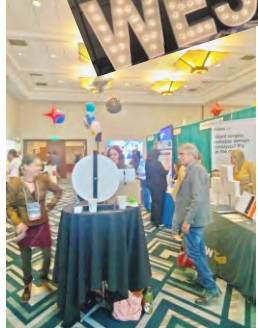
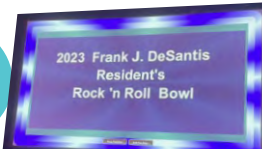
**AUA  
2024** MAY 3-6  
*San Antonio*



At the AUA Annual Meeting 2024 in San Antonio, the WSAUA hosted a member reception in conjunction with the SGSU. This year the member reception was held near the convention center and featured 100th Anniversary themed decor, food and prizes. We enjoyed the company of the past presidents, AUA Presidents, honorary and many active members of the WSAUA. The Resident Bowl Team was headed by Jasper Bash. Congratulations to those who won prestigious AUA awards.



## Lake Tahoe 2023 Annual Meeting: Welcome Reception, Residents Bowl, Exhibitor Happy Hours, WS Nite & Friendship



In memory of Candy Hadley (pictured on right - wife of Past President Dr. Dean Hadley), who for decades always helped in the spouse hospitality and was a good friend to all. She will be missed.



# 2024 WSAUA Leadership & Committees

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