

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS SURGERY INTEREST GROUP SUCCESS STORY

San Juan Bautista School of Medicine Surgery Interest Group

The San Juan Bautista School of Medicine's Surgery Interest Group (SJBSM SIG) looks to promote the importance of surgery within our institution and our community. Our goal to achieve this has been to nurture partnerships, networking and community outreach activities that exemplify the astounding work surgeons do inside and outside of the OR.

This year our group started with a commitment to cultivate our relationship with leading national associations in order to provide our members the best information and resources regarding the surgical field. For this our first step was to officially communicate with the American College of Surgeons (ACS). With the help from ACS we have been able to share information on surgical specialties, encourage our peers to learn about hot topics in surgery and medicine through RAS ACS hang outs and connect with our local ACS PR chapter to further grow and impact our community.

Furthermore, our team of leaders have committed to help our members grow in different parts of their medical career by providing monthly newsletters on surgical specialties, journal clubs and even a surgery summer research opportunities list to encourage our MS1's to pursue research in the field. This has helped our students gain more experience in surgical research and learn about academic surgery in the process.

SJBSM SIG has also been active providing suturing workshops to students of all levels from high school to our nursing and medical school peers and even our community. In this way we hope to help our peers feel more confident in their rotations when asked to perform sutures. Furthermore, we teach younger students and our community so that they can learn a bit of what surgeons do. In this way opening a door to talk about the surgical field through hands on experiences.

SJBSM SIG has also partnered with several student associations in our institution in order to bring students workshops and opportunities to see the interconnectedness of surgery with other medical and its commitment to common goals in medicine. Most recently, our group joined the American Women's Medical Association (AMWA) Region 5 meeting where we presented a talk titled "So YOU want to be a surgeon? SJBSM SIG provided a workshop entitled "Do YOU want to be a surgeon? How do you get there?". Students from pre-meds to medical students were reminded of the importance of mentorship, networking, self-care and perseverance. In addition, there was an important aspect of sharing ways to be successful in academia.

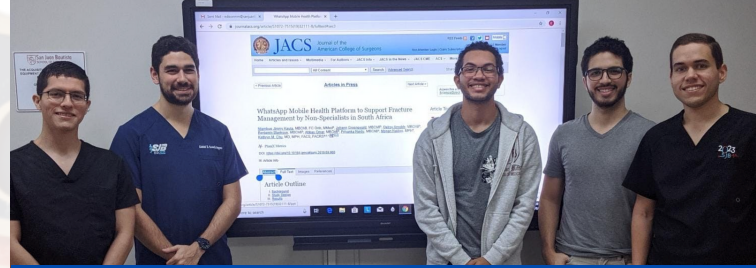


Edgar Serrato, MSIII and SJBSM SIG member recruiting new members at the SJBSM Student Association Fair.

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SJBSM SIG's first journal club featured a JACS article our members enjoyed discussing over at our school library. (L to R) Alexander Jaramillo (MSI), Gabriel Sacarello, MSII, Edison Y. Martínez, MSII, Sebastián Castaño, MSII, Francisco Rodríguez (MSI)

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In the coming months we have many activities in store for our members including a Meet & Greet with surgery residents and faculty at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus, a STOP the Bleed course, a technical talk on sutures and other surgical instruments and more!



Danilea M. Carmona, MSIII lead the SJB SIG workshop at the AMWA Region 5 meeting in San Juan, PR.



Marimer C. Rivera, MSIV leading a suture workshop for medical and nursing students.

SJBSM Leadership 2019-2020

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