

The American College of Surgeons

Surgery Interest Group Success Story

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center Student Surgical Society



The Student Surgical Society (SSS) at UTHSC underwent a revitalization over the past year. We wanted the organization to actively engage students with surgical mentors while also providing students early exposure to various fields within surgery. SSS started a monthly Distinguished Speaker Series featuring various topics from local surgeons including: private practice vs academic surgery, how to do research in surgery, deciding on a surgical subspecialty ect. We were incredibly thankful for the enthusiasm and engagement from several faculty from the UTHSC Department of Surgery to mentor students and host several events for us including a surgery mixer focusing on the residency application process and a skills lab taught by attendings and residents on airway management, suturing, knot tying skills, and central line placement. We partnered with the Global Surgery Institute (GSI) interest group to provide a scrubbing in workshop and a suture clinic while also working closely with Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and American Medical Association (AMA) to host a campus-wide bone marrow registry drive. We are currently working with our local children's hospital to teach Stop the Bleed to educators within our community and have partnered with our medical school to integrate Stop the Bleed training into first year curriculum. We hope to continue to provide our students with active engagement within our surgical community and provide opportunities for mentorship, research, and community involvement.

