Message from the MITT Committee

The Members in Transition and Training Committee (MITT) welcomes you to the Student Scholar Program! MITT and the American Thoracic Society (ATS) are committed to helping students, residents, fellows, and early career faculty pursue successful and rewarding careers in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine. To this end, we have created many programs and opportunities to strengthen and grow your professional success.

The Student Scholars Program is a unique program that will expose you to the exciting opportunities available at the ATS International Conference. During the two days, you will have the opportunity to participate in interactive, workshops that will expose you to a variety of pulmonary procedures. You will also have an opportunity to directly interact with patients and patient advocates, and participate in career development programs. The Student Scholars Program features SPATS (Student Presentations at ATS) - a chance to present your research in a 3-minute thesis competition format and judged by experienced researchers from across the country. All of these components of the Students Scholars Program are exceptional opportunities that will open the door for networking among other students, residents, fellows and faculty interested in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine.

You are the future of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine and we hope that you will take full advantage of all that MITT and ATS have to offer, and that you will have a great time at our Student Scholars Program!

Sincerely,

The 2018 ATS Students Scholars Working Group

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Sushma Cribbs, MD, MSc (MITT Vice-Chair)
Donna Appell, RN
Megan Ballinger, PhD
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History

The Students Scholars Program was piloted at the ATS 2011 International Conference in Philadelphia and led by Dr. Atul Malhotra. Formerly the program was open to domestic students who were locally based in the city where the annual international conference was held. Since its introduction and because of its success, students from all over the world have become interested in being part of the program. In 2016 the MITT committee was invited to design additional programs and has subsequently become the owners of the program.
The 2018 Student Scholars Program was a unique opportunity for a select group of 77 motivated medical students, graduate students, and nursing students to attend the ATS 2018 International Conference in San Diego, CA. Students benefited from one-on-one mentoring, were exposed to cutting edge science, professional education, and focused career development as part of the highly successful Student Scholars Program!

Applicants had to be enrolled in an accredited medical, graduate, or nursing school. Have an interest in learning more about a career in adult or pediatric pulmonary, critical care, or sleep medicine.
Highlights of Events

Saturday, May 19
9:00 – 10:30 a.m
Welcome to Students Scholars
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m
Skills Based Learning
Airway 101, Bronchoscopy 101, Cardiac Ultrasound, Lung and Pleural Ultrasound

Sunday, May 20
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m
Center for Career Development
Section on Medical Education (SoME)
How to Present at a Professional Conference
Presenter: Snigdha Jain, MD, University of Texas - Southwestern
9:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Center for Career Development
Student Presentations at ATS (SPATS)

Monday, May 21
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Center for Career Development
SoME: Pulmonary physiology and spirometry
Presenter: Rosemary Adamson, MB BS, University of Washington

Tuesday, May 22
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Center for Career Development
SoME: Career Paths in Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine
Presenter: Jenn McCallister, MD, Ohio State University; Kristin Burkart, MD, Columbia University; Alison Clay, MD, Duke University
Accepted Student Scholars were paired with a mentor (big brother/sister) for their time at the conference. This mentor was either a member of the MITT Committee and/or a motivated fellow from the Fellows Track Symposium.

Students met with mentors to discuss what presentations and sessions would be best suited to their interests.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 STUDENT SCHOLARS!

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The Student Scholars who participated in this program agreed to be surveyed for five years to assess the success of the program. All students completed a pre-and post-conference evaluations as part of the Program.

**SKILLS-BASED SESSION**

Good 33.33%  
Excellent 66.67%

“I loved participating in the hands-on activity. Not only was it a nice break during the conference, but it introduced me to techniques and tools I had not before fully understood.”

**SoME SESSION**

Excellent 51.85%  
Good 33.33%  
Moderate 14.81%

“The one I attended was very fun, intimate, and comfortable. It was nice to be in a smaller environment with focus on trainees. Definitely made ATS feel smaller and more inclusive.”

**PAR PATH**

Excellent 66.67%  
Good 33.33%

“The PAR path experience was really unique and interesting! It was awesome to see actual patients at their respective booths as they were able to share their own personal experiences.”
For more information on ATS Fellow Programs, please contact: Liz Guzman at students@thoracic.org

For additional resources, visit the Career Development Center http://thoracic.org/education/career-development/index.php