



**2018**  
**ATS**  
STUDENT  
SCHOLARS  
PROGRAM



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# 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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# 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.



# Overview of the Program



# 20

Different Countries  
Represented

US Based:  
23 States + 1 Territory



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)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PAR Path

Exhibit Hall

Monday, May 21

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.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

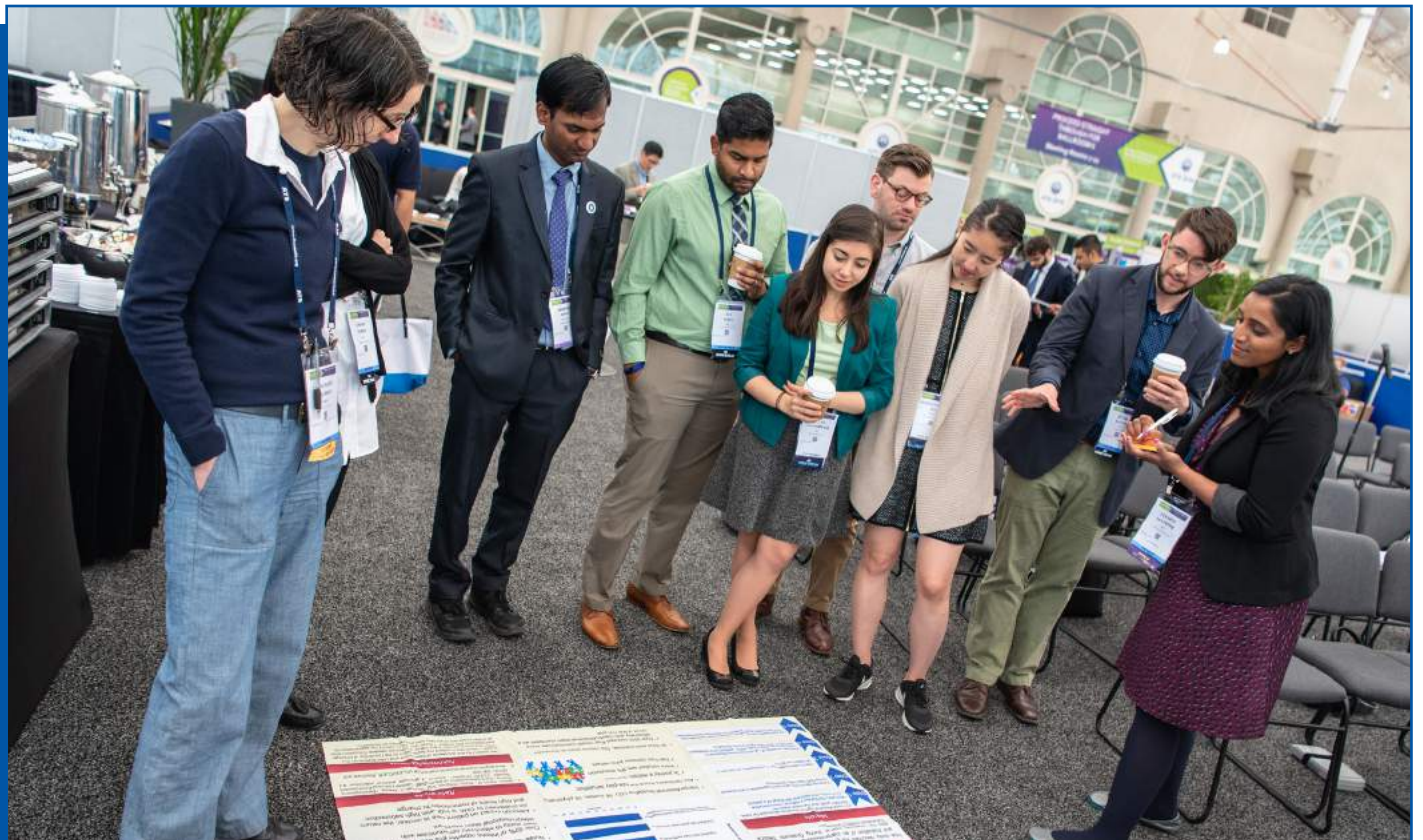
Presenter: Jenn McCallister, MD, Ohio State University; Kristin Burkart, MD, Columbia University; Alison Clay, MD, Duke University

# Mentoring

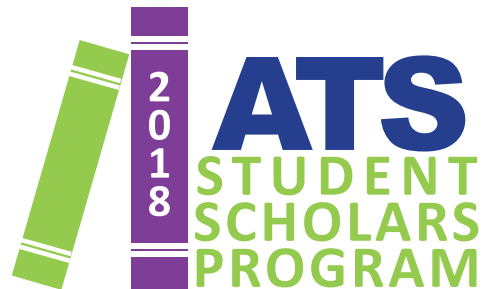


Accepted Student Scholars were paired with a mentor (big brother/sister) for their time at the conference. This mentor was either a member of the MITT Committee and/or a motivated fellow from the Fellows Track Symposium.

Students met with mentors to discuss what presentations and sessions would be best suited to their interests.



# Class of 2018



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 STUDENT SCHOLARS!

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Sara Alagha  
Emma Alexander  
Roxana Amirahmadi  
Caleb Ba Mendoza  
Nishad Bhatta  
Luca Biavati  
Emily M. Boltey  
Taylor R. Bono  
Niyati A. Borkar  
Leticia C. Braga Siqueira  
Nguyen Cao  
Aline Paredes Cardoso  
Paul M. Casillas  
Nethmie Chandrarathna  
Hannah H. Choi  
Ethan M. Cohen  
Jonathan Cruz  
Suranjana Dey  
Tyler Eastep  
Naomi S. Ecanow  
Jilles M. Fermont  
Cameron H. Flayer  
James Fowler  
Suresh Garudadri  
Héctor González  
Uma Sri Gottam

Nicole Grivell  
Alison Halfyard  
Mona Hamoda  
Meghana Prakash  
Hiriyur Prakash  
Corinne Hite  
Hui-Wen Hsu  
Eileen Hu-Wang  
James D. Johns  
Krupa Karnik  
Maria O. Khawam  
Junsuk Ko  
Iain R. Konigsberg  
Michael B. LaPelusa  
Seung Eun (Grace) Lee  
Marcia Leung  
Juan Liu  
Huan Liu  
Kielan McAlinden  
Lindsay McFarland  
Navin K. Mishra  
Julia B. Nath  
Francis Newton  
Xinh-Xinh M. Nguyen  
Kevin C. Ni  
Hector Nieves

Suchan Niroula  
Simone Norris  
Samuel Okenwa  
Camila Ortiz  
Jay D. Patel  
Jacelyn E. Peabody  
Fernando Poli  
Arshna Qureshi  
Zahraa Rabeeah  
Ghazwan Reyad  
Sandra Rutting  
Indah Sari  
Shruthi Sethuraman  
Natalie Simon  
Abhishek Singh  
Vivek Singh  
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# EVALUATIONS & QUOTES

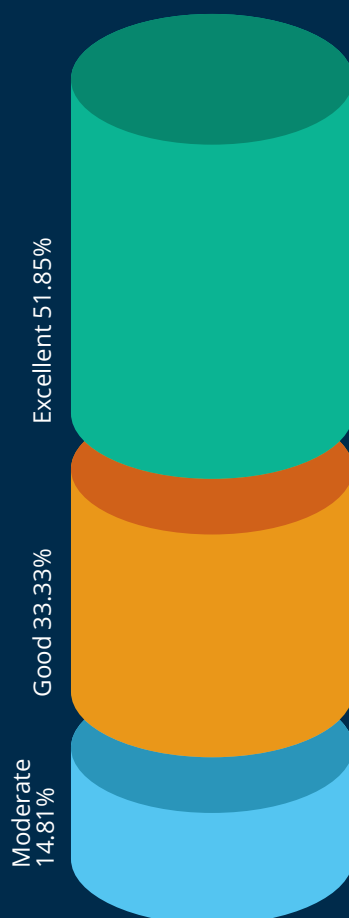
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The Student Scholars who participated in this program agreed to be surveyed for five years to assess the success of the program. All students completed a pre-and post-conference evaluations as part of the Program.

## SKILLS-BASED SESSION



## SOME SESSION



## PAR PATH



"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."

"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."

"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](mailto:students@thoracic.org)

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



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