AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Craig Coopersmith, MD, FACS, MCCM, has been awarded the Off-Service Teacher of the Year Award. Dr. Coopersmith is a Professor of Surgery and Chief of the General Surgery Residency at Emory University. The Off-Service Teacher of the Year Award is presented annually to faculty member(s) who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and mentoring off-service students. The award recognizes the importance of off-service education in the training of future surgeons and the role of faculty members in guiding the development of students outside of the traditional classroom setting.

Jeroson Williams, MD, a PGY-2 general surgery research sabbatical resident, was selected to present her research at the 46th Shock and Trauma Conference. Dr. Williams' research focuses on sepsis, a complex and multifaceted condition that is a leading cause of mortality in critically ill patients. Her work involves the development of novel therapeutic strategies to mitigate the impact of sepsis and improve patient outcomes.

Christopher Ramos, MD, was invited to become a member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of Vascular Surgery. Dr. Ramos is a fellowship-trained vascular surgeon and serves as the program director for the Emory University Vascular Surgery Fellowship. His research interests include endovascular interventions, peripheral vascular disease, and chronic limb ischemia.

Emilie Warren, MD, has been named as a recipient of the 2023 Nell W. and William S. Elkin Fellowship in Oncology. Dr. Warren is a first-year medical student at Emory University School of Medicine. The Elkin Fellowship is awarded to medical students who demonstrate exceptional promise in the field of oncology. The fellowship provides funding for research and travel to attend national conferences, allowing recipients to expand their knowledge and network with leading experts in the field.

Maria Russell was appointed Chief Quality Officer for Winship, Georgia’s National Cancer Center. Dr. Russell is a board-certified plastic surgeon and serves as the Chair of the Department of Surgery at Emory University. In her new role, Dr. Russell will work to ensure the highest quality of care and safety for patients across all Winship locations. She will oversee the management of the Quality and Safety Program to achieve the highest patient care standards.

On April 25 at Truist Park, state senator John Albers (R-Roswell) and his son Will Albers joined the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta United FC to raise awareness of the importance of living organ donation. The Atlanta Braves and Atlanta United FC support the donation movement to celebrate Sen. Albers' donation of a kidney to his son in 2021. The event, known as "The Atlanta Living Organ Donation Movement," included a special moment during the game to honor the Albers family and those involved in living kidney donation. The Atlanta Braves and Atlanta United FC aim to promote awareness of organ donation and encourage individuals to consider donating a kidney to save a life.