Those Who Give

Susan Donahue Honors Husband with Endowed Lectureship in the Department of Surgery

Susan Donahue has made a gift to establish the Philip E. Donahue, MD, Lectureship in Benign Gastrointestinal Diseases, an endowed lectureship in the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Donahue was a graduate of La Salle College High School, La Salle College and Jefferson Medical College (class of 1968). After completing his surgical residency and a fellowship in Surgical Gastroenterology at the University of Illinois in Chicago, he extended his interest and expertise in gastric and esophageal diseases to include highly selective vagotomy procedures for peptic ulcer disease.

Dr. Donahue and his colleagues at the University of Illinois developed the principles and techniques of the "floppy Nissen Fundoplication" procedure to cure gastro-esophageal reflux disease without incurring what had been common, and sometimes disabling, side effects. He published more than 200 articles and book chapters devoted to the medical study of the GI tract, especially the esophagus and stomach.

Donor Susan Donahue (right), her daughter Maria Donahue Greeley (center) and cousin Julia Donahue Hanahan (left) attended the first annual Philip D. Donahue Lectureship in Benign Gastrointestinal Diseases on September 20, 2012. Dr. William Nealon (left) from Vanderbilt University presented the inaugural lecture hosted by Dr. Charles J. Yeo (right), Chair of Surgery.

At the time of his death in 2009, Dr. Donahue was Chairman of the Department of General Surgery at Cook County (John H. Stroger Jr.) Hospital in Chicago. He was also Professor Emeritus of Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago.

"My husband was very interested in the education of residents and staff," Susan says, noting that he was repeatedly nominated for and was a three-time recipient of the "Attending Surgeon of the Year" award from his medical students. "I wanted to give to the medical school that helped train him, which he thought was important, as well."

In accordance with Mrs. Donahue's wishes, the focus of the lectureship is on detection, diagnosis and/or treatment of benign diseases of gastrointestinal tract – including the stomach, esophagus, small and large intestine, and accessory organs, such as the liver, pancreas or gallbladder – and on such topics as surgical endoscopy, hernia surgery and treatment of achalasia and gastrointestinal bleeding.

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The first lecture was held on September 20, 2012, and was given by William Nealon, MD, FACS (JMC Class of 1979) on the topic of pancreatitis.

*For additional information about planned giving, or to make a contribution to the Department of Surgery, please contact Lucinda Dautrich in the Jefferson Foundation at **215-955-4126** or **lucinda.dautrich@jefferson.edu***

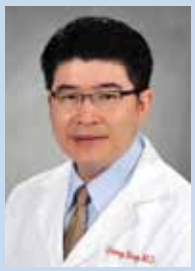
News in Brief

Babak Abai, MD, FACS, has joined the Jefferson Vascular Center and Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. Dr. Abai completed residency training in 2005 at Drexel University and a fellowship program in vascular surgery in 2007 at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He will practice in Center City and at Methodist Hospital.

John (Trey) Entwistle, III, MD, PhD, has joined the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Entwistle was a resident in general surgery at the Medical College of Virginia from 1990 – 1998 during which time he also spent three years as a research fellow in cardiac surgery and earned a PhD in Physiology. He completed his training in cardiothoracic surgery at Hahnemann University Hospital in 2001. He comes to Jefferson from Drexel University where he was the surgical director of cardiac transplantation and mechanical circulatory support for the last nine years.

Matthew Rosen, MD, has joined the Division of Acute Care Surgery. Dr. Rosen graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 2005 and completed his residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. In June, Dr. Rosen completed a surgical critical care fellowship at the Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center of Harvard Medical School. He will practice in Center City and at the Trauma Center at Paoli Hospital.

Dawn Salvatore, MD, FACS, has joined the Jefferson Vascular Center and Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. Dr. Salvatore completed a combined residency program in medicine and pediatrics at the Cleveland Clinic. After a couple years in practice, she changed specialties and completed a general surgery residency and vascular fellowship at Ohio State University. She will practice in Center City and at Methodist Hospital.



Qiong (John) Yang, MD, has joined the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr.Yang completed residency training at the Second Affiliated Hospital of Jiangxi Medical College and received a Master of Science degree from North Dakota University in cardiovascular pharmacology. He will be working as a nocturnist in the Surgical Cardiac Care Unit.

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