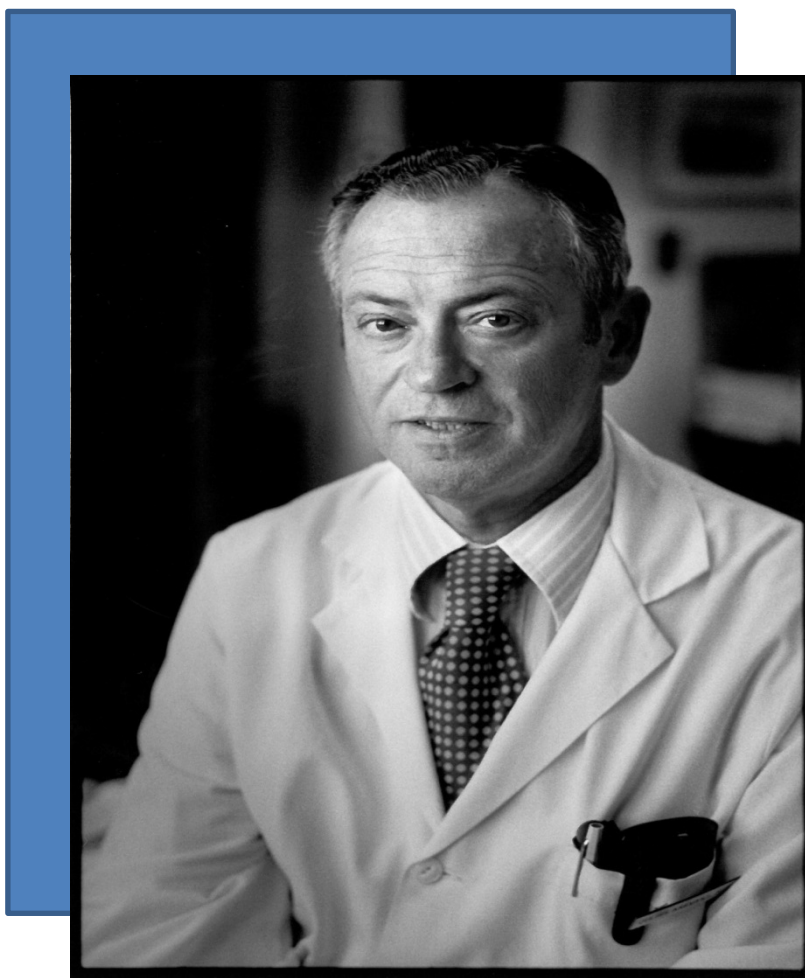


# Krevans Awards

## 2023



*The Krevans Award recognizes "excellence in patient care, as exemplified by clinical competence, professional conduct, concern for patients and interaction with all levels of staff, including peers." Recipients are selected by the chiefs of the various medical departments at the Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center.*

*The award was established in 1979 by the Gladstone Institutes, a privately funded, UCSF-affiliated research institute formerly on the ZSFG campus. The award is named for former UCSF Chancellor Julius R. Krevans.*

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Grant Eilers, MD, PhD	Anatomic Pathology
Mei Pang, MD	Anesthesia and Perioperative Care
Lane Epps, MD	Emergency Medicine
Armando Navarro Jr, MD	Family and Community Medicine
Omar Khan, MD, PhD	Laboratory Medicine
Fiona Ng, MD, MPH	Medicine
Alexander A. Aabedi, MD	Neurological Surgery
Carrie Crook, MD, MPH	Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences
Eugenia Paula Custo Greig, MD	Ophthalmology
Natalie Kucirek, MD	Orthopaedic Surgery
Michelle Florentine, MD	Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery
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# Biographies



## **Grant Eilers, MD, PhD** **Anatomic Pathology**

Grant Eilers was born and raised in the buckeye state where he completed high school. During a gap year, he traveled to Guatemala and Ecuador where he translated for medical teams and documentary photographers, before attending college at a small liberal arts school just outside Boston (not Harvard). He then worked in sarcoma biology research at a large university in Boston (Harvard) before attending the Medical Scientist Training Program at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a PhD studying the structural biology of HIV using X-ray crystallography. He is glad he switched coasts to pursue pathology residency at UCSF and enjoys what the bay area has to offer in terms of biking, coffee, camping, and concise autobiographical writing.



## **Mei Pang, MD** **Anesthesia and Perioperative Care**

Mei Pang grew up in Northern Virginia and received her medical degree from New York Medical College. After medical school, she moved to San Francisco to start her Anesthesiology residency. As a first-generation immigrant, Mei's personal experience has driven her to ensure that all patients receive the same high standard of care, regardless of their background. Her academic interests include medical education, of which during medical school Mei and her peers created a resiliency curriculum spanning the course of three years and impacting over 400 students. Beyond her work in the hospital, Mei is a dedicated traveler, plant-lover, and board game enthusiast who cherishes time spent with loved ones.



## **Lane Epps, MD**

### **Emergency Medicine**

Lane Epps grew up in Santa Cruz, California and graduated from Pomona College with a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience. He attended UCSF for medical school during which he taught first-year students in the peer teaching program and published global emergency care education research. He is thrilled to now be an Emergency Medicine resident at UCSF and is interested in medical education, pediatric emergency medicine and LGBTQ health. His current work includes increasing counseling about medications for opiate use disorder in the ED. In his free time, you can find him running in Golden Gate Park with his dog, Bailey, gardening, or traveling with his partner, Claire.



## **Armando Navarro Jr, MD**

### **Family and Community Medicine**

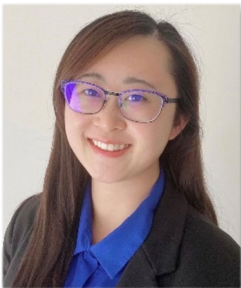
Armando Navarro Jr. was born and raised in South Gate, CA to an immigrant Mexican family. He spent his summers alongside his father at their family restaurant and began noticing various health disparities affecting Latinx communities. He attended UC Riverside and received his BS degree in Biology. During his undergraduate studies, he became a Medical Spanish Translator for the Riverside Free Clinic and began noticing the same health disparities in the Latinx community. Upon graduation, he joined the Health Corps at the FQHC AltaMed Health Services, where he coordinated various health fairs, mobile unit outreach events, and fundraising events for underserved communities of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. He returned to UC Riverside for medical school and focused on establishing a free clinic for migrant farmworkers in the Eastern Coachella Valley. Armando is passionate about Latinx health, both in and out of clinical settings and enjoys mentoring students. In his free time, Armando enjoys baseball games, bicycling, photography, and exploring the SF food scene.



## **Omar Khan, MD, PhD Laboratory Medicine**

Omar Khan grew up in five different countries (Pakistan, Italy, Tunisia, Scotland, and Canada) prior to moving to California for high school with his family. Omar completed his undergraduate training at UC Berkeley in Molecular and Cellular Biology. He then

moved to San Francisco to further his research training at UCSF as a Research Associate. Later becoming interested in medicine, Omar attended the University of Pennsylvania where he completed his MD training. He also attained a PhD in Immunology and co-authored over a dozen publications. Omar is passionate about developing novel diagnostics and therapeutics for patients with cancer and he spent two years following his PhD to launch an engineered cellular therapeutics company in San Francisco; receiving multiple grants and awards to develop novel therapeutic and diagnostic technologies. He also co-founded the Penn Human Rights Clinic, which provides at-risk or abused asylum seekers with medical examinations and legal affidavits to protect these vulnerable populations from deportation. Now back at UCSF as a resident, Omar is focused on developing the next generation of cellular and genetic therapeutics and making these technologies more efficacious, accessible, and safe for patients. Outside of his work, Omar enjoys hiking, skiing, and backpacking throughout California.



## **Fiona Ng, MD, MPH Medicine**

Fiona Ng was born at SFGH and grew up in San Francisco's Excelsior neighborhood. While at UC Davis volunteering as a medical interpreter and coordinating health fairs at the Paul Hom Asian Clinic, Fiona fostered her passion for serving immigrant and refugee

communities. She carried such passion forward as a volunteer with the SFGH Wellness Center. In medical school, Fiona was in the UCSF PRIME-US (Program In Medical Education for the Urban

Underserved) program. This opportunity gave her tools to examine interpersonal violence in the healthcare setting through quality improvement and research; tools to co-create a teaching curriculum on working with interpreters. Fiona also received a Master's in Public Health at UC Berkeley, where she studied the effectiveness of an intervention led by community health workers on addressing tobacco cessation, exercise, and diet among Chinese and Vietnamese families. It is a tremendous privilege to be able to come back full circle and serve the communities she grew up with, to have her very own primary care panel as a SFPC resident at Richard Fine People's Clinic and to connect with patients through English, Cantonese, Toishanese, or through wonderful interpreters. Outside of medicine, Fiona enjoys singing, catching up with friends on short hikes, and trying out recipes.



### **Alexander A. Aabedi, MD** **Neurological Surgery**

Dr. Alexander Aabedi completed his medical training at University of California, San Francisco where he stayed for residency with the Department of Neurological Surgery.

During medical school, Dr. Aabedi was awarded the Department's Chair Summer

Research Award, School of Medicine's Research Award, and the StacheStrong Award for his work in brain tumor electrophysiology and awake intraoperative brain mapping with Dr. Shawn Hervey-Jumper. He has continued this work during residency and plans to incorporate neurosurgical oncology in his clinical practice. In his free time, he enjoys traveling with his family and friends and finding new places to dine in San Francisco.



## **Carrie Crook, MD, MPH Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences**

Carrie Crook was born in Mississippi and raised outside of Detroit, MI and Mobile, AL. She received her BA in Health and Societies from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was a four-year athlete on the Varsity

Penn Women's Soccer Team. While at Penn, she conducted research with the Department of Epidemiology and published her Capstone. Carrie attended the Tulane University School of Medicine and received her MD while also receiving an MPH in Health Policy and Management. While at Tulane, she was privileged to receive the Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship and the Hawthorne Scholarship. She was awarded the Oscar Creech MD award for surgical excellence and USPHS Excellence in Public Health Award and was initiated into Delta Omega Honor Society. She was a board member of the New Orleans Adolescent Reproductive Health Project, Graduate and Professional Student Association, and SNMA. She had the opportunity to pursue and publish research with excellent mentors.



## **Eugenia Paula Custo Greig, MD Ophthalmology**

Eugenia Custo Greig is originally from Argentina. She grew up in both Buenos Aires and Miami and completed her undergraduate and medical school education at Yale University. During her time in medical school, she became interested in retinal

imaging and spent a year studying the role of early vascular markers to predict disease progression in diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration. After medical school, she moved to San Francisco to complete her general surgery internship and ophthalmology residency at UCSF. As a native Spanish speaker, she has really enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Latino community at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. She has devoted her research time in residency to studying health disparities in the field



of ophthalmology, including the association between social determinants of health and appointment no-shows in chronic eye disease. More recently, she has been working on improving access to Spanish MyChart for UCSF patients, an initiative that she hopes to bring to ZSFG soon.



## **Natalie Kucirek, MD** **Orthopaedic Surgery**

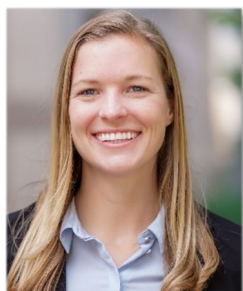
Natalie Kucirek was born and raised in the Bay Area. She completed her undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley and received the Outstanding Scholar Award from the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology at graduation. She then completed her medical degree at UCSF, where she discovered her interest in Orthopaedic Surgery. A lifelong musician and athlete, Natalie enjoys helping patients regain function and return to the activities that matter to them. In medical school, she received a Heiman Fellowship to study the basic science of fracture healing. She also worked on an initiative to reduce social isolation among hospitalized patients during COVID, which received the Dean's Commendation for Exceptional Volunteerism. She is passionate about promoting and mentoring women in surgery and has been a member of the UCSF Muriel Steele Society and the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. In residency, she continues to conduct research in sports surgery and orthopaedic trauma. Outside of the hospital, Natalie is an avid runner, skier, and flutist and enjoys spending time with her family and spouse.



## **Michelle Florentine, MD** **Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery**

Michelle Florentine earned her undergraduate degree at Cornell University and her medical degree at Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University. During medical school, Dr. Florentine co-founded the Sackler American Medical Woman's Association chapter and provided service as a member of the Physicians for Human Rights Clinic, a

team working to provide access to healthcare for the refugee population. She also participated in Music in the Wards, a music group that performed in local hospitals. She was part of the Gold Humanism Honor Society and received her school's Dean's Award. As part of the UCSF Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, her research focuses on investigating health inequities and pediatric hearing loss with PI Dylan K. Chan, MD. She is an author of several peer-reviewed papers addressing disparities in treatment and outcomes for children with hearing loss.



### **Madelynn Taylor, MD Pediatrics**

Madelynn Taylor is a Pediatrics resident with a love for school-based health and all things adolescence. As a medical student at UCSF, she conducted research investigating substance use disorder interventions for teens and worked to improve pronoun and

name concordance in the UCSF young adult clinic. Now, as a resident, she has formed a partnership with San Francisco Unified School District nurses to offer workshops on requested health topics. She looks forward to growing the program, with the ultimate goal of bringing health knowledge closer to young people and their families. Outside of work, Maddie enjoys trail running with her sister and playing volleyball with her partner.



### **Marysol Encarnación, MD, MSPH Psychiatry**

Marysol Encarnación is from Baltimore, Maryland. She went to Johns Hopkins where she earned a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience and a Master of Public Health degree. She later moved to Philadelphia to attend Drexel School of Medicine before

moving to the west coast. Her interests include community and addiction psychiatry. Marysol has worked in Latinx communities both abroad and locally. Before coming to UCSF, she was most excited to continue to use her culture and compassionate care with

patients at the General. She loves the mission and drive of her coworkers, and she feels grateful to train in such a special place. She also envisions a future where the General and its surrounding lower level-of-care facilities have more resources for the citizens of San Francisco. With her involvement in CIR, the union of residents and fellows, she works on policies to further universal healthcare. Outside of psychiatry, Marysol enjoys thrift shopping and spending time with her husband and friends. She also loves organizing with her fellow union members and finds inspiration from the CIR community.



**Yannan Yu, MD**  
**Radiology & Biomedical Imaging**

Yannan Yu graduated from Peking Union Medical University where she received an MD. During medical school, she developed an interest in CT/MRI application in acute ischemic stroke. She then completed a research scholarship and postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA and Stanford, where she collaborated with Computer Scientists and Engineers to investigate the artificial intelligence application in stroke imaging and published articles as the first author in journals, including Radiology, JAMA open, and Neurology. She completed an internal medicine internship at UMass Medical Center, where she received the “Best Prelim Intern of the Year” award. As a resident, Yannan has demonstrated enthusiasm, deft procedural skills, and diagnostic acumen beyond expectations for her level of training. She continues to explore neuroimaging and artificial intelligence through her research. Outside of the hospital, Yannan enjoys painting, calligraphy, and mushroom/coast foraging.



## **Sabreea Janaé Parnell, MD**

### **Surgery**

Sabreea Parnell is a Bay Area native and first-year General Surgery resident. She is a graduate of Boston University School of Medicine and Morgan State University, where she earned an undergraduate degree in Chemistry. At BU, she was the AAMC

Nickens award nominee for her leadership in efforts to eliminate inequalities in medical education and healthcare. She helped create a vertical integration group of students and faculty to incorporate education focusing on racism in medicine into the broader curriculum and detailed the process in an article published in *Academic Medicine*. She was the recipient of the Shemin Academic Surgical Award and the Apuzzo Prize for Creativity and Innovation. She was also inducted into the Shapiro Academy Honor Society for her outstanding professionalism, humanism, and clinical reasoning. Her goals are to become a trauma and acute care surgeon, increase diversity in medical education, and recruit students of color into health professions through empowerment and mentorship.



## **Emily Hacker, MD**

### **Urology**

Emily Hacker is an intern in Urology originally from Eugene, Oregon. She completed a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Nursing at McGill University and worked as an Intensive Care Unit Nurse in Montreal, Quebec for a few years before medical school. She

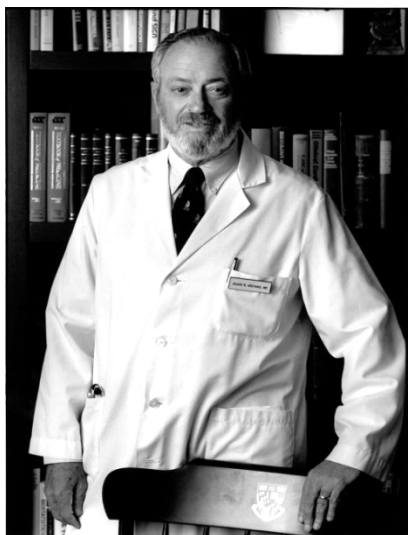
completed her medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh where she became interested in Urology and completed several abstracts and manuscripts, including a national podium presentation on international trends in postoperative opioid prescribing. She received the Wayne G Cessna Memorial Prize for Finest Commitment and Achievement in Urology.

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***Congratulations to all our 2023 Krevans Awardees.***

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# Julius R. Krevans, MD



*Julius R. Krevans, MD was the fifth chancellor of UCSF. During his tenure, UCSF experienced many achievements. In 1989, UCSF applauded its first Nobel Prize winners, J. Michael Bishop and Harold Varmus. UCSF also played a critical role in spawning the biotechnology industry during these years.*

*Under Dr. Krevans' leadership, UCSF attracted many women and minority students to careers in health sciences. Before his appointment as chancellor, Dr. Krevans served as Dean of the School of Medicine at UCSF from 1971-1982. He was also active on the boards and committees of numerous national foundations, government agencies, and organizations including the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine and the American Board of Internal Medicine. He served as the chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges from 1980-81, helping to develop public policy for this organization. He was also a director of the Clinical Scholar program, a director of both the James Picker and Bank America-Giannini Foundation, and a member of the Association of American Physicians.*