

HELPING HANDS

The WVU Surgery Interest Group story



WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

WHO WE ARE

- A student-run organization that encourages students to get involved with both the field of surgery and our local community



MUSHROOM & CHASM





SCHOOL OUTREACH

- Our local grade and high school classes





MISCELLANEOUS



GARNERING INTEREST

- Interest group fair



MAINTAINING INVOLVEMENT

- Suture workshops open to all students
- Mentoring program with faculty members
- Interesting discussion panels (e.g. Women in Medicine)
- Prestigious guest speakers with fascinating discussion topics (e.g. Dr. Feliciano on “Milestones in Trauma,” Dr. Higgins on “Surgery for the Next Generation”)
- Social events with the surgery department
- ...and our dirty little secret: meetings with free food!





A WORK IN PROGRESS...

- This year, we hope to start a “pro bono” fund at our hospital with the help of our surgery department to offer some assistance with these costs.



RACES



BENEFITS



SOM TALENT SHOW



OBSTACLES WE'VE ENCOUNTERED

- Funding, funding, funding
- Legal hoops to jump through
- The question of involvement (Hospital-wide?
Department-wide? Private fund?)
- Enormity of task





SUPPORT

- One thing I can't stress enough: our success as an interest group would not be possible without the constant and unrelenting help of our surgery department...



THANK YOU!!

