THE DIFFICULT CONVERSATION
by Alan Matsumoto, MD, Chair

Throughout our lives, we encounter situations in which we should or need to engage in a difficult conversation, yet are reluctant to do so. The ability to listen and communicate effectively and with compassion in these situations will become even more important as we, as Radiologists, transition from being a doctor’s doctor to a patient’s doctor. Effectively navigating a difficult conversation with a patient and their loved ones to share “bad news” or the occurrence of a complication during a procedure is a much-needed skill.

Given the relative absence of access to training in this arena, we have invited Reverend Paul Taylor to serve as our 2019 Keats Society Lecturer to share his insights and perspective on how to approach and manage these conversations. Dr. Taylor received his Master’s degree in mathematics from Duke University and a PhD in Higher Education Administration from Boston College. He is currently the Executive Vice President and Chief Advancement Officer of Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. Saint Vincent College is a private faith-based institution, founded in 1846 by a German monk.

Father Paul and I met several years ago, and as we exchanged stories, it became evident that in his roles as the EVP of a college and as a Reverend, he has had many difficult conversations. In a short period of time, Father Paul was able to convey to me that a difficult conversation starts with trying to have the perspective of the other person, not making any assumptions about intent or how the situation arose, and that having fears and insecurities related to these conversations is not unusual. He also helped me to realize that strong emotions are associated with these types of discussions, and one should not allow emotions to overwhelm the conversation. Reflecting on conversation with Dr. Taylor, I thought that our faculty and trainees might also enjoy and find value in his wisdom and in hearing his perspective about difficult conversations; whether with a patient, colleague, friend or loved one.

The 2019 Keats Society Alumni Meeting will occur on May 3-4. We believe you will have a lot of fun spending time with your former colleagues and mentors and learning from and interacting with Father Paul. As always, we would love to see you.

All the best,

Alan
AN UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time flies, and the 2019 Keats Society reunion weekend rapidly approaches! The last reunion weekend was our best-attended to date, and we have an exciting lineup of events planned for this year. Highlights include the Theodore E. Keats Endowed Lectureship in Radiology; a rousing game of Stump the Stars; a family picnic at The Boars Head Resort; the Riddervold Open golf tournament; a cocktail reception at Pat Keats’ beautiful home on Friday evening; and the culminating banquet on Saturday night. As I am sure you remember, Charlottesville is beautiful in May, and the weekend serves as a wonderful substrate for reuniting with old friends, making new connections and meeting the current residents, fellows, and faculty. I hope to see many of you there!

Two years have passed since my inauguration as the President of the Keats Society, and I am proud of the progress that we have made. We continue to grow our role as a social network for radiology alumni, as well as a bridge between alumni and current residents and fellows. This year, the Keats Society is proud to present $12,139, to be used for programs and events that enrich their education including alumni lectures and teambuilding events.

Our series of alumni lectures has been met with enthusiasm. Through this series, we are able to educate residents on aspects of practice and life that do not fit into the Core education of the training program. I would like to thank Allison Lippert, Evan Cohn, Brian Trotta, and Mark Hiatt for giving this year’s lectures.

As we move forward, I expect the Keats Society to continue to grow and flourish. Carrie Rochman has graciously accepted the invitation to become the next Society President, and her term will commence at this year’s homecoming banquet. Under Carrie’s leadership, the Society will continue the alumni lecture series and is looking to host several other social events for trainees in the coming year.

On a personal note, I’ve recently made the decision to move to Asheville after 25 years in Charlottesville. As such, I’ve found myself in a nostalgic place, reminiscing about myriad memorable moments I have had at UVA and in Charlottesville. As I’ve reflected on my time here and my career so far, one undeniable fact has emerged – being a doctor is hard. Really hard. Being a good doctor is even harder. And being a good doctor, husband, father, and friend is nearly impossible!

As physicians, we have not chosen a career so much as we have chosen a life. Our professional life doesn’t demand “adequacy” or “good enough” – it demands perfection. Oftentimes, we can’t simply shut off our role as physicians when we leave the hospital, office or clinic. And that flavors our relationships with loved ones, alters our activities and hobbies, and limits our presence in everyday life.

Taking the time and opportunity to cultivate balance in our trainees and social support for our alumni is essential. In my opinion, it’s one of the most important functions that the Keats Society provides. I was fortunate enough to train under Dr. Keats and witness firsthand the importance that he placed on family, friendship and collegiality. I think that he would be proud of the Society today.

I look forward to seeing each of you and celebrating our community in May. As always, thank you for your continued participation in and support of this Society.

Sincerely,

John R. Gaughen, Jr., MD
THE IR PATHWAY

In 2000, under the leadership of Dr. Alan Matsumoto, UVA started a clinical track in Interventional Radiology. This program became the blueprint for what is now the IR residency, approved by ACGME in 2012. This program was implemented by a team of dedicated IRs, including our very own former program director, Saher Sabri. It is designed to increase the amount of time that trainees rotate with IR and expand clinic rotations to better develop strong, clinically-minded future Interventional Radiologists.

This year marks an exciting time for UVA Interventional Radiology. In the 2018-2019 academic year, our first official IR residency class matriculated into the program, rotating with our colleagues in general surgery for their surgical prelim year. Next year, they will begin embarking on both diagnostic and interventional radiology. The remainder of the clinical IR pathway residents were transitioned into the new IR residency. As of Feb 2019, 83 institutions offer the IR residency and we are excited to be among the first to offer this program.

IR has become the most competitive ACGME specialty, outranking others like orthopedic surgery, integrated plastic surgery, radiation oncology and ENT. Led by program director, Fritz Angle and associate program director, Luke Wilkins, we rank as one of the most competitive programs in the country, offering a highly clinical setting combined with complex cases and world-renowned attendings.

ALUMNI LECTURES

MARK HIATT: TALES FROM THE DARK SIDE

Since 2018, the Keats Society has hosted Alumni Lectures to build community among current trainees and alumni, while also imparting indispensable post-training wisdom to current trainees. Mark Hiatt MD, MBA, MS, delivered the most recent lecture in February of this year titled “Opportunities for Radiologists Outside the Reading Room.”

Mark spoke of how he pushed the boundaries of his career beyond practicing radiology in a clinical setting by exploring other areas of healthcare in which his expertise as a radiologist would prove to be valuable. This led him to take on leading roles in medical benefits management, diagnostic site accreditation, health insurance, and molecular diagnostics.

Mark’s lecture was a huge success, and was received warmly from residents and faculty alike. It was exceptionally eye opening for those who wish to expand their skill set beyond clinical practice, and encouraged many to step outside of their comfort zones into multi-disciplinary endeavors.

If you are interested in delivering a Keats Society Alumni lecture, please email:
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2019 KEATS HOMECOMING

Our Keats Society Homecoming Reunion is approaching quickly this year. If you haven’t already registered and booked your hotel, there’s still time.

We’ve been busy organizing a variety of events that will help highlight all of the wonderful things Charlottesville has to offer in the Springtime including: the Riddervold Open Golf Tournament at Old Trail Golf Club, a family picnic on the lawn of the Boar’s Head Inn, two lectures from Father Paul Taylor, a special guest of our Chairman, Dr. Alan Matsumoto, and of course, our Saturday evening banquet.

We encourage you to bring the whole family, spend some time outdoors, and see how our city, hospital, and department have changed over the years.

AGENDA

Friday, May 3rd

11:15am - 12:00pm | Pre-Lecture Lunch
12:00am - 1:00pm | Grand Round Lecture: Father Paul Taylor, OSB, PhD
1:30pm - 3:00pm | UVA Department Tours
6:00pm - 8:30pm | Cocktail Reception at Patt Keats’ Home

Saturday, May 4th

7:00am - 8:00am | Breakfast at The Boar’s Head Inn
8:15am - 9:15am | Theodore E. Keats Endowed Lectureship in Radiology: Father Paul Taylor, OSB, PhD
9:30am - 10:30am | Stump the Stars
11:00am - 12:30pm | UVA Department Tours
11:00am - 2:00pm | Family Picnic at The Boar’s Head Inn
11:30am - 4:00pm | Riddervold Open Golf Tournament at Old Trail Golf Club
6:00pm - 9:00pm | Evening Banquet

Register for events online today at: bit.ly/KeatsHomecoming2019
5 REASONS TO COME BACK FOR HOMECOMING

THE DOGWOODS IN THE SPRINGTIME
Visit beautiful Charlottesville at its peak, when the weather is temperate and the dogwoods have blossomed. Breath in the fresh air, with plenty of outdoor activities.

YOU CAN BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
No one is left behind! Bring the whole family while you mingle with long time colleagues and pals at the family picnic at the Boar’s Head Inn.

YOU CAN WORK ON YOUR BACKSWING
Spend Saturday afternoon on the beautiful Old Trail Golf course in Crozet, Virginia. Old Trail is located at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, designed to conform to the natural features of the land, and is an 18-hole championship golf course.

THE HOSPITAL HAS CHANGED
Tour the hospital to view all the updates to your old stomping-grounds, including the new Body Reading Room.

FATHER PAUL TAYLOR
Hear from Father Paul R. Taylor, OSB, PhD, execute vice president of Saint Vincent College and chaplain for the Pittsburgh Steelers, about enhancing patient experience and health through compassionate care.
COMMUNITY DIVISION, BREAST IMAGING PHYSICIAN

Due to continued growth, the Department of Radiology has created a Community Practice Division and has a need to recruit an ABR board certified; fellowship trained Breast Imaging Radiologist to join an expanding program in imaging services that includes affiliated community hospitals. This opportunity will be in our Haymarket, Culpeper and Prince William practices. (Northern Virginia).

ABDOMINAL IMAGING RADIOLOGIST

The Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging at the University of Virginia seeks full-time Fellowship Trained Abdominal Imaging Radiologists. We are looking for candidates to join our team of eight full-time Abdominal Imagers to complement our busy diagnostic and procedural services. Rank and tenure are dependent upon qualifications and experience.

CHIEF OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE

The Division of Nuclear Medicine in the Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging at the University of Virginia seeks applicants for a faculty position as Chief of Nuclear Medicine. Rank/tenure are dependent upon qualifications and experience. The selected candidate is expected to have a strong clinical background and research experience in molecular imaging, work with current faculty to help advance the academic missions of the Department and continue to build/grow internal and external collaborations. The Department has growing collaborations with the UVA Brain, Data Science, and NanoStar Institutes, external institutions, industry, and federal agencies.

PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGIST

The Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging at the University of Virginia (UVA) is seeking a full-time, Fellowship trained, board-certified Pediatric Radiologist to join its pediatric radiology division and further complement its busy diagnostic and procedural services.

If you have questions or would like more information about these positions, please contact: Nicole Vaughan NSV3W@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu