

**Award: Promising Medical Student Surgery
Education Research : Entry # 18605****Basic Information****Your name:**

Dylan Nieman MD PhD

Your title:

Assistant Professor of Surgery

Your institution

Rutgers RWJ Medical School

Your email address:dylan.nieman@rutgers.edu**Nominee Information****Name of nominee:**

Kayla Laraia

Nominee's institution

Rutgers RWJ Medical School

Nominee's title

Medical Student

Nominee's email address:kn158@rwjms.rutgers.edu**Eligibility****Has the nominee completed at least two years of medical school?**

Yes

Has the nominee been an author on a peer-reviewed manuscript or curricular project in surgical education?

Yes

Has the nominee held a leadership role in a course or group related to surgery or surgical education?

Yes

Is the nominee planning to do surgical residency (any specialty)?

Yes

Short Essays

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Kayla is one of the most mature, organized, proactive medical students I have ever encountered. I have served as surgery clerkship director for 5 years and roughly 800 students. One of the student affairs dean's pointed her in my direction for guidance on an education project she was thinking about and I was immediately impressed, first by the idea, and then by her diligence, her professionalism, and her executive skills. She assembled and managed a team, made a timetable, and consistently followed through on the target dates. She functioned as an administrative liaison for her student cohort on surgery, while continuing to move forward with research pursuits, and traveling to conference to present other research work. She has continually sought and embraced opportunity while impressing everyone she encounters.

How has the nominee demonstrated passion and enthusiasm for surgery and surgical education research?

Kayla has conceived, initiated and managed an ongoing curricular project to introduce preclinical students (and about to be clinical students) to operating room etiquette with the goal of demystifying the operating room and lowering clerkship students anxiety about the OR, but also improving their usefulness in the OR. She has coordinated suture sessions in the preclinical years and served as an administrative liaison for her student cohort in surgery.

Additional Information**Please list the nominee's peer-reviewed manuscripts related to surgical education.**

none

Please list any education or teaching awards the nominee has received.

none

Please list the nominee's education-related activities (e.g., lectures, programs, presentations, curricula, innovations for teaching or assessment, education-related research).

- "Operating Room Culture and Etiquette in the Pre-clinical Medical Curriculum", Oral Podium presentation by KNL at Association for Surgical Education Thinking Out of the Box Workshop; San Antonio 3-5 May 2022.
- "Analyzing Operating Room Personnel Perspectives to Improve Medical Student Readiness" Under review for American Surgical Congress 6-9 Feb 2023.
- "Recruiting Medical Students to Play an Active Role in the Cardiothoracic Operating Room: a Needs Assessment to Identify Actionable items" Under review for American Association for Thoracic Surgery Annual Meeting 6-9 May 2023.
- "Surgical Culture Early Exposure" Pre-clinical lecture and workshop 6 March 2023.

Please list the nominee's leadership roles in courses or groups related to surgery and surgical education.

- Distinction in Leadership in Academic Healthcare Aug 2020 – Present.
- Course Representative for Structure and Function Sept 2020 – Nov 2020.
- Valentine Mott Surgical Society Suture Session Coordinator Jan 2021 – Dec 2021.

File Uploads**Please upload the nominee's CV.**

- [KLaraia-CV-August-2022.pdf](#)

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Personal Statement

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