

**Award: Promising Medical Student Surgery
Education Research : Entry # 18638****Basic Information****Your name:**

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Your title:

MS3

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University of the Incarnate Word School of Medicine

Your email address:michelot@student.uiwtx.edu**Nominee Information****Name of nominee:**

Rebecca Treffalls

Nominee's institution

University of the Incarnate Word School of Medicine

Nominee's title

MS3

Nominee's email address:rlopas@student.uiwtx.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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Why do you think the nominee deserves this award?

Improving surgical education is a clear motivator for Becca, as seen through her research work and future goals as an academic surgeon. She has mentored multiple medical students and used leadership positions to foster interest in surgical education. Her education research focused on medical student education, recruitment into surgery and retention, resident curriculum, and training milestones. She plans to apply for a surgical residency in a year and pursue academic surgery with an emphasis on education. Becca is deserving of this award based on her ongoing and future efforts to study and refine surgical education.

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

Becca has been enthusiastic about surgical education research and has taught medical students how to get involved. She has consistently been involved in multiple surgical education research studies and has three peer-reviewed publications and three submitted manuscripts. She has been to numerous conferences to present her surgical education research and has mentored students to share their surgical education research at conferences. Her dedication and passion are evident through her research workshops, conference presentations, and writing.

Additional Information

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

1. Treffalls RN, Yan Q, Treffalls JA, Clothier W, Davies, MG. Systematic Review of Vascular Surgery Recruitment Strategies for Medical Students and General Surgery Residents. *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. April 22, 2022. Online ahead of print. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvs.2022.03.875>
2. Treffalls JA, Treffalls RN, Yan Q, Davies MG. How Competitive are Integrated Vascular Surgery Residency Programs? A Ten-Year Comparison Using a Normalized Competitive Index. *Annals of Vascular Surgery*. March 2022. Online ahead of print. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avsg.2022.03.009>
3. Yan Q, Treffalls RN, Li T, Prasla S, Davies MG. Graduate Medical Education Trainee in Difficulty" Current Remediation Practices and Outcomes. *American Journal of Surgery*. December 29, 2021. Online ahead of print. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amjsurg.2021.12.031>
4. Treffalls RN, Prasla S, Hopper W, Yan Q, Luu JH, Davies MG. Evaluation of Diversity Among Integrated Vascular Surgery Residency Programs: A Lens Through Their Public Websites. *Journal of Surgical Education*. Submitted for review in September 2022.
5. Treffalls RN, Treffalls JA, Barsoum NS, Shrestha N, Yan Q, Davies MG. Educational Shortage in Vascular Surgery: A Ten-Year Analysis of Vascular Surgery Education Publications. *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. Submitted for review in August 2022.
6. Treffalls RN, Treffalls JA, Luu JH, Yan Q, Davies MG. A 30-Year Analysis of General Surgery Residency Programs Using a Normalized Competitive Index. *Journal of Surgical Education*. Submitted for review in June 2022.

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

Becca has received numerous scholarships by her school for tuition (Mission Scholarship: \$10k per year) and for travel to all her various conferences she presents at. Becca has also been recognized by the school for her involvement and accomplishments in research.

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

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1. Treffalls RN, Barsoum NS, Treffalls JA, Shrestha N, Yan Q, Davies MG. Assessing the Prevalence and Quality of Vascular Surgery Education Publications Over A Ten-Year Period. To be presented at the Texas Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery 37th Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX. November 2022.
2. Treffalls RN, Haideri UF, Prasla S, Hopper W, Yan Q, Davies MG. Evaluating the Public Commitment to Diversity Demonstrated by Integrated Vascular Surgery Residency Programs. To be presented at the Texas Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery 37th Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX. November 2022.
3. Treffalls RN, Treffalls JA, Luu JH, Davies MG. A 30-Year Analysis of General Surgery Residency Programs Using a Normalized Competitive Index. Presented at the American College of Surgeons South Texas Chapter Annual Meeting, Houston, TX. February 2022.
4. Treffalls JA, Treffalls RN, Yan Q, Davies MG. Integrated Vascular Surgery Versus General Surgery Residency Programs: A Ten-Year Comparison Using a Normalized Competitive Index. Presented at the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society 46th Annual Meeting, Snowmass, CO. January 2022.
5. Treffalls RN, Barsoum NS, Treffalls JA, Yan Q, Davies MG. Educational Shortage in Vascular Surgery: A Ten-Year Analysis of Vascular Surgery Education Publications. Presented at the 76th Vascular Annual Meeting for the Society of Vascular Surgery, Boston, MA. June 2022.

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

1. President of the surgery interest group at her medical school during the second year of medical school and hosted multiple educational lectures and workshops.

File Uploads

Please upload the nominee's CV.

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Personal Statement

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