

OTOSCOPE Quarterly

A publication for friends and colleagues of Jefferson's Department of Otolaryngology– Head & Neck Surgery

New Temporal Bone & Cranial Base Dissection Laboratory

The grand opening of the new Otolaryngology & Neurosurgery Temporal Bone and Cranial Base Dissection Laboratory was held on March 7, 2024. Attendees included faculty, residents, and administration from both departments, along with members of the design and construction teams. We were honored to have Dr. Said A. Ibrahim, MD, MBA, MPH, Dean of Sidney Kimmel Medical College, join us for this special occasion. Situated at 1125 Curtis Building, the newly renovated, state-of-the-art lab will serve as a cornerstone for training future generations of surgeons. Our inaugural temporal bone course is scheduled for this Spring, marking the beginning of many educational opportunities to come.



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Welcome to the Department, David W. Kennedy, MD

We are pleased to announce that **David W. Kennedy, MD** will join Jefferson Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery effective July, 2024.

Best known for his work in pioneering endoscopic sinus surgery and minimally invasive endoscopic skull base surgery, Dr. Kennedy previously served as Chair of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Vice Dean at the University of Pennsylvania. A Past President of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, the American Rhinologic Society, the International Rhinologic Society and the ISIAN, he helped to establish the subspecialty by developing the first fellowship in rhinology and holding the first courses in endoscopic sinus surgery internationally.

Dr. Kennedy was elected to National Academy of Medicine for his contributions to the medical field. He is a prior recipient of the AAO-HNS Board of Governors Practitioner Excellence Award and was awarded the 2010 National Physician of the Year for Clinical Excellence by Castle Connolly, Publishers of America's Top Doctors. He was also designated by the American College of Surgeons as one of the 100 most influential surgeons of the 20th Century, and currently serves on the Castle Connolly Top Doctors Advisory Board. He has published approximately 250 articles and chapters and received a number of international awards for his contributions.



Dr. Kennedy earned his medical degree from Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland and completed his otolaryngology residency at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He served on the faculty of Johns Hopkins for 12 years before being recruited to the University of Pennsylvania. On the personal side, Dr. Kennedy enjoys sailing, has a pilot's and glider pilot's licenses and also enjoys skiing. Dr. Kennedy will see patients in Center City at the Honickman Center.

Achievements and Congratulations

Gurston Nyquist, MD named Chief, Division of Rhinology

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of **Gurston Nyquist, MD** as the Chief of the Division of Rhinology. Dr. Nyquist's extensive experience and expertise in Otolaryngology, coupled with his dedication to advancing the field of rhinology, make him an outstanding choice to lead the division.

Since joining our department in 2012, Dr. Nyquist has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence in patient care, education, and research. He has been a dedicated leader within the department, serving as our Chief Financial Officer and the Co-director of the Rhinology and Endoscopic Skull Base Fellowship, amongst many other roles. He was promoted to Professor in 2020 and has been named to Castle Connolly's Top Doctors Philadelphia annually since 2016.

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Dr. Nyquist's passion for advancing the field of rhinology is evident in his prolific research contributions and active involvement in the American Rhinologic Society and the North American Skull Base Society. He is a leader nationally and serves on multiple committees for both Societies, including the Membership Committee of the NASBS, of which he was recently named Co-Chair.

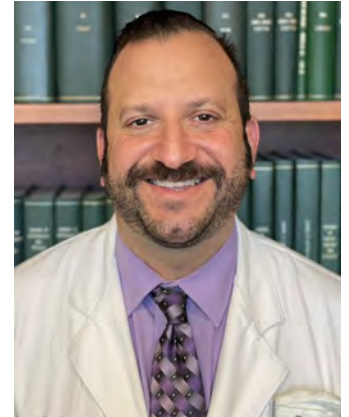
Please join us in congratulating Dr. Nyquist on his well-deserved appointment as Division Chief of Rhinology. His appointment marks an exciting new chapter for the division and we look forward to his leadership to further advance our department's mission of excellence in patient care, education, and research.

We would also like to acknowledge **Marc Rosen, MD** and his leadership as Division Chief since 2006. Under Dr. Rosen's guidance, we have achieved remarkable milestones and advancements, enriching patient care, fostering groundbreaking research initiatives, and cultivating a culture of excellence in education. His legacy will continue to inspire us as we embark on the next chapter of our department's journey.

Great Catch of the Week Winner

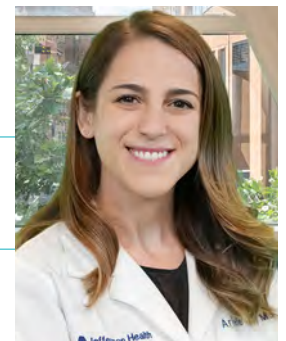
On behalf of the TJUH Safety Department, congratulations to **Troy DeRose, CRNP!** He was chosen as the Great Catch/Great Save of the week of January 21, 2024.

A patient was admitted for exploration of a postoperative wound. Troy DeRose, CRNP noted that there was no EKG obtained prior to his recent surgery and ordered one before the second operation. This showed abnormalities that required additional work-up prior to returning to the operating room under general anesthesia. Because of Troy's follow-up, the planned case was postponed, and the patient was able to receive the appropriate consults and interventions prior to returning to the OR. Thank you so much for your dedication to safe patient care, and congrats on a well-deserved recognition!



Congratulations to **Richard Goldman, MD** for being promoted to Associate Professor of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery. The promotion becomes official after Board approval in June.

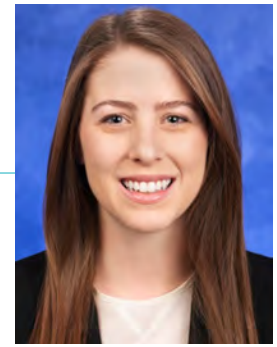
Congratulations to **Arielle Thal, MD** for being promoted to Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery. The promotion becomes official after Board approval in June.



Congratulations to **Joseph Curry, MD** on his appointment as Enterprise Leader for Head and Neck Surgical Oncology for the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center.



Congratulations to **Brittany Buzzetto**, Senior Practice Manager, who earned her Certification in Otolaryngology Practice Management (COPM) through ASCENT (Administrator Support Community for ENT).



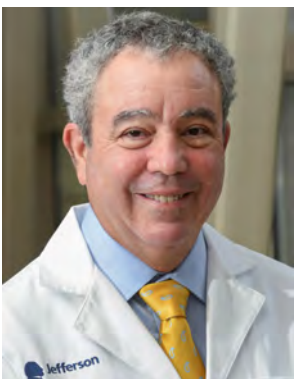
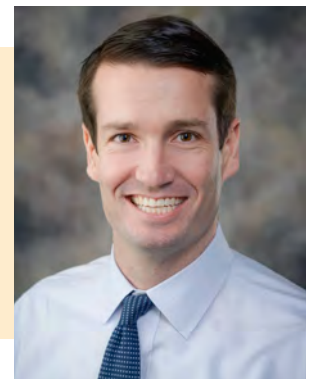
We are pleased to announce the recipient of the **2023-24 Ashley Greywoode Scholarship** is **Annie Moroco, MD (PGY 4)**. Founded in 2014 in memory of Ashley Greywoode, this mission scholarship furthers Ashley's personal legacy of community service by enabling residents and fellows to share their skills with underprivileged individuals who are unable to otherwise receive modern surgical care.

Jefferson Oto in the News



Gurston Nyquist, MD was featured on episode 83 of the *Scope It Out* podcast where he spoke with host Dr. Marc Dubin about his recently published article: *Optimizing the timing of biologic and surgical therapy for patients with refractory chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis (CRSwNP)*. Read the article in the International Forum of Allergy and Rhinology or go to <https://bit.ly/NyquistScopeltOut>.

Associate Editor **Jacob Hunter, MD** joined Editor in Chief Cecelia E. Schmalbach, MD, MSC and senior author Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, for a discussion of the article "*Identifying Predictors of Treatment Response in Ménière's Disease: A Clinical Severity Staging System*," which published in the January 2024 issue of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery. Their conversation highlighted how decreased vertigo severity, reduced comorbidity burden, and absence of hearing loss are associated with conservative treatment response in Ménière's disease.



Joseph Spiegel, MD joined Marianne Ritchie, MD on Your Radio Doctor on February 10, 2024 to talk about an update on various forms of acid reflux. Go to <https://bit.ly/SpiegelYourRadioDoctor> to listen to Episode 191 "*I am constantly clearing my throat!*"

Alumni News

Alumnus **James J. Daniero, MD (R'13)** has developed an all-natural reflux relief solution called RefluxRaft. Witnessing our alumni innovate is truly inspiring!



Congratulations to Alumnus **Matthew C. Miller, MD (R'08)**, who was recently named Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Rochester.

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Spotlight on Research

Congratulations to **Elina Toskala, MD, PhD, MBA**, for being selected for a new clinical trial entitled *“REALTI-N: A Multinational, Observational Study to Evaluate the Real-World Effectiveness of Mepolizumab in Patients with Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps (CRSwNP).”*



Events Coming Up Next

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Annual William Keane, MD Lecture in Head & Neck Surgery

RAVINDRA UPPALURI, MD, PHD

Brigham & Women's Hospital and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute



OCTOBER 16, 2024

Annual Clerf Lecture in Otolaryngology

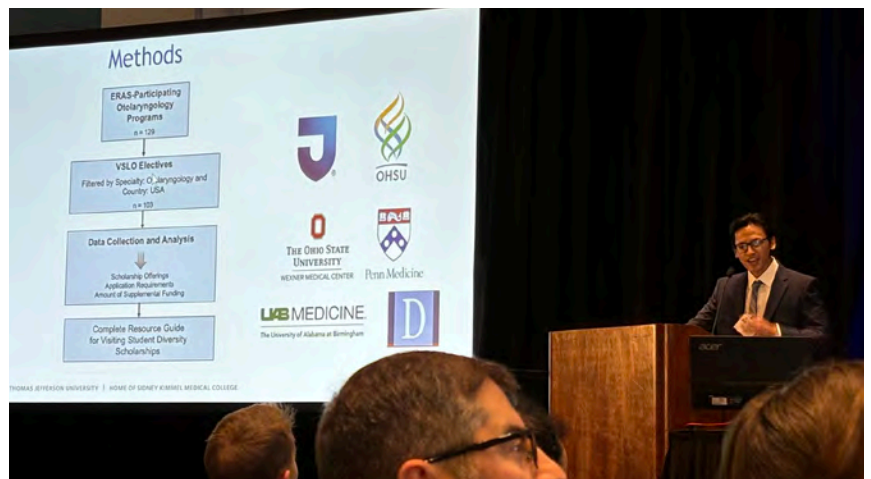
MATTHEW L. CARLSON, MD

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Otolaryngology Events: Looking Back

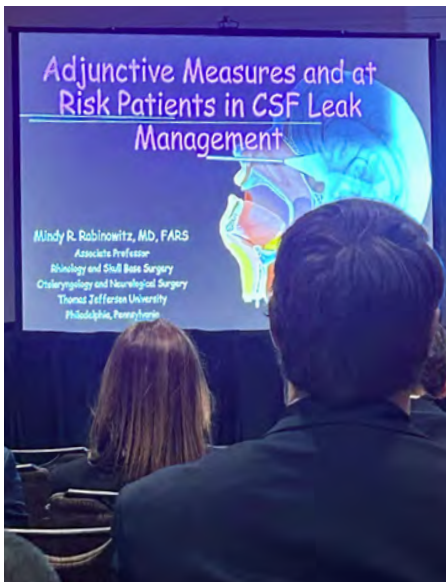
Our department was well represented at the 2024 Triological Society Combined Sections Meeting from January 25 – 27, 2024 in West Palm Beach. Pictured are research fellows **Pablo Llerena** and **Kathryn Nunes** who had the opportunity to present their research at the conference.





The 45th Annual Sisson-Ossoff International Workshop was held in Vail, Colorado from February 4-9, 2024. **Adam Luginbuhl, MD, Rebecca Chiffer, MD** and **Jacob Hunter, MD** attended this interactive, panel-based course which covered topics in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Head & Neck Surgery, Laryngology, Otolaryngology, Pediatric Otolaryngology, and Sleep Medicine.

The 33rd Annual Meeting of the North American Skull Base Society was held from February 16-18, 2024, in Atlanta, GA. **Mindy Rabinowitz, MD** and research fellows **Samuel Shing** and **Shreya Mandloi** were among the Jefferson otolaryngology staff who presented. The conference also provided the opportunity for colleagues to gather from across the specialty.




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Diversity & Disparities in Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Panel

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024, 7-9pm EST on Zoom
Hosted by **Rutgers RWJ OHNS URIM Mentorship Program (RRUMP)**
Sharwani Kota, Camille Reeves, Pablo Llerena and Dr. Lihou Li

Attending Speakers

Dr. Jacob Hunter Thomas Jefferson University SOM	Dr. Brandon Hines University of Chicago SOM	Dr. Kaminia A. Aaron Cleveland Clinic SOM
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<i>"Disparities in Cochlear Implantation"</i>	<i>"Disparities in Laryngeal Cancer Care"</i>	<i>"Singing DDL in medicine in the heightened era of sinus and phobias"</i>

Resident Presenters

Jonathan Kurikose Northwestern University	Okwena Okone UTHSC	David Goldrich Penn State University
Aaron Zabolaky UTHSC	Uche Swaga Thomas Jefferson University	Christina Ward UTHSC

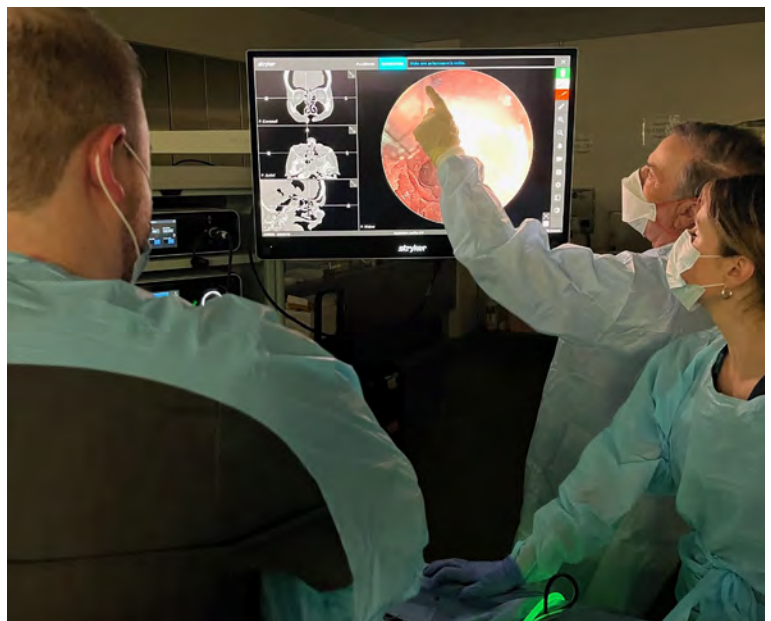
Register here: <https://forms.gle/4NqST4dH7ZcU1L4u>

In collaboration with: RWJMS, SNMA, LMSA, AAPL, APAMSA, and ENT interest group

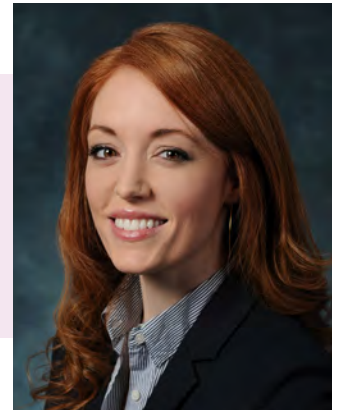
Jacob Hunter, MD, Pablo Llerena, and Uche Nguwa, MD participated in the Diversity & Disparities in Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Panel on February 21, 2024 which was hosted by the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson OHNS URiM Mentorship Program.



The 6th Annual Jefferson Resident Rhinology and Endoscopic / Open Skull Base Surgery Course was held on March 6, 2024. Attendees benefited immensely from cutting-edge presentations, hands-on workshops and insightful discussions on sinus medical education and professional development. Guest faculty included **Douglas Farquhar, MD (F'23), Sean Parcel, DO (F'22), Judd Fastenberg MD (F'19), Sanjeet Rangarajan, MD (F'17) and Ryan Rimmer, MD (F'20).**



The American Thyroid Association®, American Association for Endocrine Surgeons, and the American Head & Neck Society, held a webinar on March 5, 2024 on *Graves' Disease: Surgery and Beyond*. **Elizabeth Cottrill, MD** attended and discussed topics that included: recent and current clinical trials, treatment options and quality of life, preoperative considerations, and pediatric Graves'.



A new departmental initiative was introduced this Spring which we are calling **Lunch with Cogs and Colleagues**. Every few weeks, **David Cognetti, MD** hosts a lunch for 10 or so members of the department that have been randomly selected with representation across as many areas as possible. These luncheons give attendees the opportunity to learn more about each other and interact in a collegial setting.



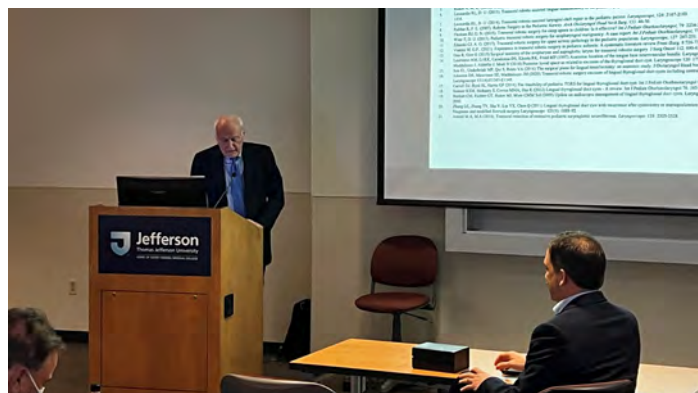
March 18, 2024 - **Ezra Pak-Harvey, MD, Angela Alnemri, MD, Maya Hecksel, Lucinda Rosario, RN, Shere Thomas, Patricia Capilato, Jake Hulswit, AuD, Christine Penot, RN, Neha Garg and David Cognetti, MD.**



Jacob Hunter, MD, Rebecca Chiffer, MD and Sarah Lively, AUD traveled to the Advanced Bionics cochlear implant global education visit in Valencia, California from February 28 until March 1, 2024. While there, they learned about new technology and advancements in cochlear implantation.

15th James S. Reilly, MD Lecture in Pediatric Otolaryngology

On March 13, 2024, the 15th James S. Reilly, MD Lecture in Pediatric Otolaryngology was held. We were fortunate to have **Douglas R. Johnston, MD (R'10)** as our guest lecturer. Dr. Johnston gave an inspiring presentation entitled "*Pediatric Trans-Oral Robotic Surgery: Strategies for Growth*".



Giving Back

Mission Trips to Uganda, Belize and Zambia

The month of January was a true demonstration, by members of the Jefferson Otolaryngology team, of their devotion to the departmental mission of collaboration, education, and innovation across the globe with three successful mission trips.

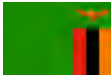


Joseph Curry, MD, Hannah Kenny, MD and Emily Funk, MD traveled to **Uganda** where they did several head and neck tumor surgical cases, operating at the Uganda Cancer Institute.





Howard Krein, MD, PhD, Adam McCann, MD (F'24) and Peter Ciolek, MD (F'19) traveled to **Belize** where they saw pediatric patients get the medical care they need in areas of the world that they otherwise would not receive.



Adam Luginbuhl, MD, Alexander Knops, MD, Aarti Agarwal, MD, Amy McGrath, AuD and Keira Mehigan (AuD extern) went on a mission trip to **Zambia**. Alumni, **Greg Artz, MD (R'06), Peter Seymour, MD (R'08), and Dylan Roden, MD (F'19)** were also on the mission along with OR nurses **Rachel Williams, RN and Michelle Schiavone, RN.**



Black Tie Tailgate

Several of our faculty and their spouses attended the Black Tie Tailgate at the Philadelphia Auto Show on January 12, 2024 in support of the Department of Nursing at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. It is always great to party with a purpose. Donations from the event totaled \$2.5 million.

Pictured left to right: **Elizabeth Cottrill, MD, Chen Kenyon, MD, David Kennedy, MD, Elina Toskala, MD, PhD, MBA, David Cognetti, MD, Kathleen Tibbetts, MD, Melissa Cognetti, MD, Jacob Hunter, MD, Colin Huntley, MD and Christina Tofani, MD.**



Join Us in Transforming Lives

You can help to support Jefferson Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery’s mission to **provide the highest quality patient care by driving advancement and equity through collaboration, education and innovation.**

We have created three funds – Collaboration Fund, Education Fund, Innovation Fund - that align with our mission and are excellent ways for our alumni and supporters to give back.

Join us in our journey to make a meaningful difference. Together, let's drive advancement, foster collaboration, promote education, and ignite innovation.



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