

URMC Vascular Surgery

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Friends,

Please enjoy the next edition of our alumni newsletter. It is always a pleasure to share our updates with you.

As we look ahead to a milestone year in 2027 that will mark the 30th anniversary of our Vascular Surgery program becoming a formal division at the University of Rochester, thank you to those who have completed our recent survey about possible programming. Your feedback has been valuable, and I look forward to staying in touch as we begin planning our anniversary celebration.

In the meantime, I hope we will see you at our Vino and Vascular event in the spring. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.



Best regards,

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Meet the residents



In their bios, our residents share their backgrounds and special interests. Find out more about where they started.

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Research & presentations

Our residents have been actively attending and presenting at conferences. Learn more about their research topics and presentations during the 2022-23 academic year.

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First BAROSTIM implantation

In September our vascular surgery team performed the first BAROSTIM implantation at URM. This novel technology brings minimally invasive heart failure treatment to the Rochester region.

Vascular alumni spotlight

Deciding to pursue vascular surgery was like entering the family business for Kevin J. Geary, MD, whose father was part of a noteworthy line of surgeons who established the field in Rochester, NY. Joseph E. Geary, MD, was urged to come to Rochester by Charles Rob, MD, to practice as one of the first fellowship trained physicians in the city.

Kevin Geary shares how he followed his father's footsteps, and how his mentors at the University of Rochester helped shape his career.

"You can get great experience from a lot of great surgeons," Geary says, "if you take away little bits to make a whole. The more mentors you have, the better."

In honor of James DeWeese, Geary has supported the DeWeese Endowment. Thinking about what motivates him to contribute toward vascular surgery education at Rochester, Geary says, "the legacy of vascular surgery at the University of Rochester is huge, and I'd like to see it remain that way."

– Kevin J. Geary '83M (MD), '88M (Res), '90M (Flw)



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Your impact

Dr. James Arville DeWeese Endowment Fund

The Dr. James Arville DeWeese Endowment Fund was established in 2006 with philanthropic gifts from donors who wished to honor both James DeWeese's legacy and the Division of Vascular Surgery's vision to become a top-tier training program in the country.

Thanks to the generosity of our alumni donors, the division has a much-needed, permanent source of funding that supports its robust, cohesive resident education and research programs, and we can offer our residents unique career development opportunities, while continuing the legacy of James DeWeese.

This fund supports:

- Opportunities for trainees' professional development, such as travel to attend and present at national conferences, including ACS, ASC, EVA, SCVS, VAM, VEITH, and VESS, through which they are exposed to evolving medical technology and the latest surgical techniques, while practicing their networking skills.
- Curriculum enhancements such as guest lectures, monthly journal clubs, and teambuilding activities.
- Research strides for resident-investigators who are developing their careers and exploring new areas of interest that will lead to the medical advances of the future.

Gifts to the Dr. James Arville DeWeese Endowment Fund currently total \$317,635, as of January 8, 2024. Our goal is to raise an additional \$1.2 million, or more, to elevate the fund to an endowed professorship. Securing professorships in the name of vascular surgeons, like James DeWeese, is essential to the division's ability to recruit and retain national leaders.

Vascular Surgery Research Fellowship

The Vascular Surgery Research Fellowship was established in 2019, as a major priority of the program, to provide support for surgical trainees to complete a vascular surgery research fellowship in the University of Rochester Medical Center. Protected time for research is critical for advancing careers of trainees who have heavy clinical workloads. Many faculty members in the Division of Vascular Surgery choose to support this fund personally because they know the value that it holds for young researchers.

Gifts to the Vascular Surgery Research Fellowship currently total \$64,049 as of January 8, 2024.

You're invited to Vino and Vascular



Join us for the 3rd annual **Vino and Vascular** virtual alumni happy hour to hear updates about the Division of Vascular Surgery at the University of Rochester and enjoy a special guided wine tasting with Laura Winter Falk, Certified Sommelier.

Thursday, March 7, 2024

8–9:15 p.m. (EST)

ZOOM

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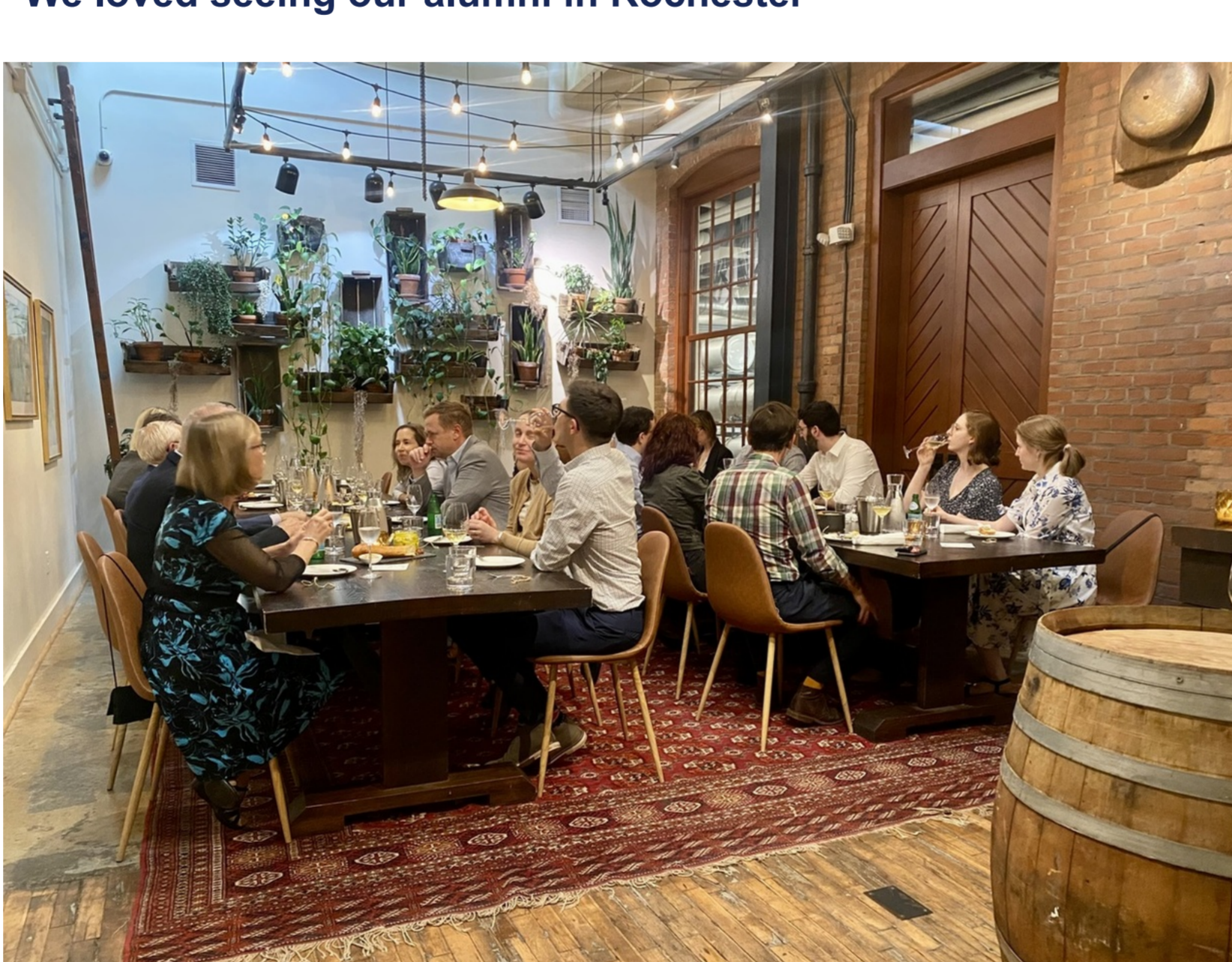
Save the date

Please also mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **Alumni reception at the Vascular Annual Meeting**
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Marriott Marquis Chicago
- **30th Anniversary Celebration in Rochester**
Coming up in 2027, our division will celebrate its 30th anniversary. Stay tuned for more communication as this exciting milestone approaches.

More details to follow.

We loved seeing our alumni in Rochester



Alumni returned to Rochester to gather on October 6, 2023 for a vascular surgery alumni reception at Living Roots as part of Meliora Weekend.

Contact updates & class notes

Have you had a change in address? Do you have good news to share with your fellow alumni? You can submit your updates below.

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Support the Division of Vascular Surgery

Consider making a gift to the Vascular Surgery Research Fellowship Fund which provides funding for surgical trainees to complete a vascular surgery research fellowship.

For additional information about giving, please contact Jennifer Koehnlein, executive director of development, URM Clinical Programs at jennifer.koehnlein@rochester.edu.

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