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# WLA SPOTLIGHT

Report on Woodruff Leadership Academy Fellows  
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## 2018 WLA Fellow Receives TSRA Socrates Teaching Award

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Each year, cardiothoracic surgery residents across North America nominate a faculty member to receive the Thoracic Surgery Residents' Association's Socrates Award for his or her remarkable commitment to resident education and mentorship. **Ed Chen** was formally presented with the award at the TSRA meeting on January 29, held during the 55th Annual Meeting of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons in San Diego.

The Socrates Award is given annually by the TSRA to an outstanding faculty member in cardiothoracic surgery in recognition of his or her commitment to resident education and mentorship. Each year, cardiothoracic surgery residents across North America nominate a faculty member for the award who has demonstrated a remarkable interest in resident training, both inside and outside the operating room.

Ed's position as a valued educator, clinician, author, and presenter is informed by his status as a national and international leader in aortic surgery known for performing highly complex cardiac operations. He is also widely acknowledged for his innovative work in circulation management and cerebral protection in aortic arch surgery as well as his command of thoracic aortic procedures, surgical treatment of valvular heart disease, and reoperative cardiac surgery.

Since joining Emory Surgery in 2004, Ed has mentored over 40 cardiothoracic surgery residents, who have adopted his surgical techniques in aortic surgery and valvular heart disease and introduced them into their own practices. He has also supervised numerous residents during their clinical research projects. Additionally, he has proctored various current and former Emory cardiothoracic surgery faculty members in minimally invasive valve procedures and mentored junior faculty on complex aortic surgical techniques.

## Accomplishments, Appointments, Awards

[Pam Cosper 2011](#), [Roberta Kaplow 2004](#) and Jacqueline Moss (University of Alabama at Birmingham) had a research manuscript published in the Journal of Nursing Administration December issue: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30407930>

At the 2019 White Coat Grady Gala, inspiring honorees [Hany Atallah 2018](#) received the Pillar of Excellence Award and [Will Reisman 2013](#) received the Visionary Award.

[David Kooby 2015](#) is now Chief of Surgery at Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital.

[Anita Corbett 2007](#) has been named one of four recipients of the 2018 Nature Awards for Mentoring in Science. Nature established the mentor awards in 2005 to recognize the importance of mentorship in the research process throughout the world.

[Vandana Dua Niyyar 2019](#) was recognized for her service to the American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (ASDIN) with the ASDIN 2019 Distinguished Service Award. Vandana is the first woman to receive this award. She was also the Program Co-Chair for ASDIN's 15th Scientific Meeting in February.

In February, [Taofeek Owonikoko 2019](#), [Kristin Higgins 2019](#), and Co-Chair [Suresh Ramalingam 2017](#) participated in the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) meeting on targeted therapies in Santa Monica, Calif.

[David Schulman 2015](#) just won the Outstanding Educator Award from the Association of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Program Directors.

[David Prologo 2018](#) was on NPR's A Closer Look:  
<https://www.wabe.org/episode/closer-look-religious-liberty-bill-stalls-but-sponsor-says-fight-is-not-over-a-national-model-for-non-traditional-education-emory-researcher-talks-alternative-to-opioids-for-pain/>

[Kenneth Hepburn 2007](#) shared that a WLA classmate, Dubois Bowman, now the Dean of the School of Public Health at University of Michigan, is giving a talk at Rollins on April 15. See attached flyer.

[Suresh Ramalingam 2017](#) is the recipient of the 'Fellowship of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (FASCO)' in recognition of extraordinary volunteer service, dedication and commitment to ASCO.

After foster parenting a delightful little girl for 21 months, [Justin Remais 2014](#) and his spouse Elena Conis finalized the adoption of 3-year-old Reynesa Remais Conis. Welcome Rey!

On World Kidney Day, March 14, [Vandana Dua Niyyar 2019](#) was a discussant on a CDC webinar called **Making Dialysis Safer for Patients: Optimal Vascular Access**. Over 2,200 people signed up.

This past November, [Anne Nelson 2018](#) and her Organizational Development team received a BOLD award (Best Organization for Leadership Development) from the National Center for Healthcare Leadership.

[Karen Shields-Phillips 2013](#) was promoted to Vice President of Procedural Areas at EUHM.

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[Nimalie Stone 2009](#) and her team at the CDC that focuses on infection prevention and resident safety in nursing homes and other long-term care settings, just released a comprehensive, free, training course on infection prevention and control for nursing home staff. Below is some information about the course that was shared through a large email blast to CDC partners. It was a massive undertaking, two years in the making, and the first training for providers that the agency has developed for nursing homes. There are over 15,000 nursing homes in the US and the complexity of care in these facilities has been increasing for over a decade. The infrastructure and training needs to support infection prevention in this setting has lagged behind acute care hospitals for a long time and they are very proud of this contribution to supporting safer care in this setting.

The course provides 19.5 CME hours (for everyone who needs to renew their GA medical license). You only have to pass a simple 75 question post-course exam!

## **Take new online training course in infection prevention and control for nursing home staff with Free CE**

CDC, in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), just launched a new Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training course. This specialized nursing home training is designed for individuals responsible for infection prevention and control (IPC) programs in nursing homes. The course covers:

- Core activities of effective IPC programs,
- Recommended IPC practices to reduce:
  - Pathogen transmission
  - Healthcare-associated infections
  - Antibiotic resistance

The course introduces and describes how to use IPC program implementation resources including policy and procedure templates, audit tools, and outbreak investigation tools.

The course is made up of 23 modules and sub-modules that can be completed in any order and over multiple sessions. Free CME, CNE or CEUs available upon completion of the course.

Access this new training course on [CDC TRAIN](#).