Dear Friends,

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is pleased to announce that Dr. Alexander Nobori is the recipient of the 2018-2019 Daljit S. and Elaine Sarkaria Fellowship. First established in the academic year of 2004, the Fellowship is awarded annually to recognize an outstanding trainee committed to disease research and clinical innovation. Dr. Nobori earned his Medical Degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He joined the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UCLA in 2015 and is finishing his final year of residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology as a Chief Resident. During residency, Dr. Nobori has engaged in numerous department and hospital-wide quality improvement projects, research projects, and projects to improve resident training both at UCLA and across the nation.

For the past two years, Dr. Nobori studied potential immunotherapeutic ovarian cancer markers. His work has been presented at both the 2017 and 2018 United States and Canadian of Academy of Pathology Annual Meeting. He is also working on a project involving facial cutaneous malignancies, examining the long-term outcomes of pathologist-interpreted complete circumferential intraoperative frozen section analysis of these lesions, hoping to provide a more cost-effective, accessible alternative to the current standard, Mohs micrographic surgery, and improve care access for patients with these common malignancies. Dr. Nobori is also part of the national Training Residents in Genomics (TRIG) Working Group, helping to implement curricular changes to national genomic educational modules for residents. He plans to help pilot mini TRIG genomic workshops at UCLA. After residency training, Dr. Nobori will stay at UCLA as a combined General Surgical Pathology/Bone and Soft Tissue fellow and Dermatopathology fellow. He plans to work as a surgical pathologist in an academic setting where he can continue to pursue his passion for research, improve patient care, and help educate the next generation of pathologists.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Alex Nobori on this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

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