



Update from Ohana One's Executive Director

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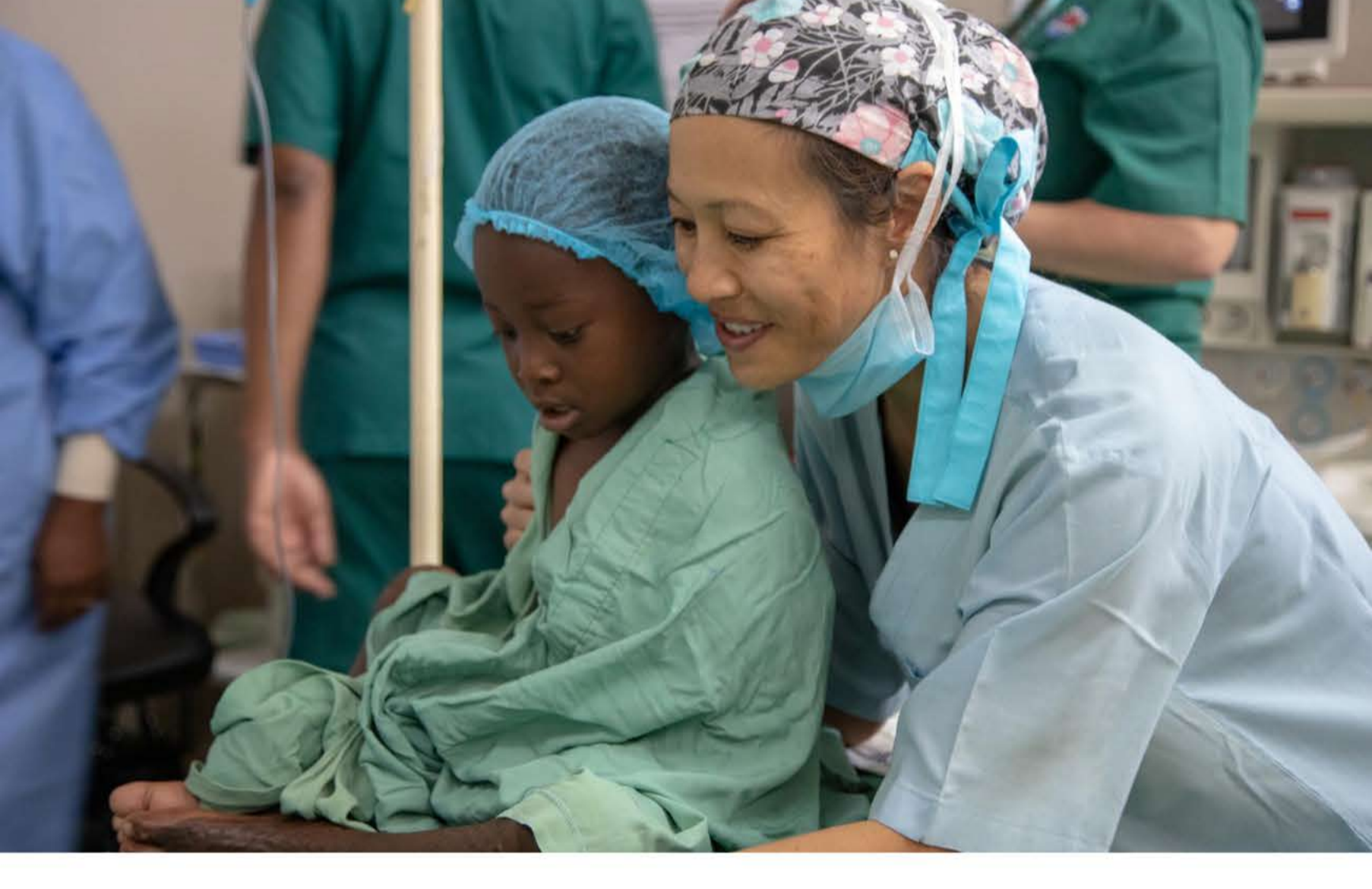
Welcome to InSights - our semi-regular newsletter. For all of us at Ohana One it has been a very busy and productive few months. While COVID-19 has curtailed our ability to offer surgical missions abroad it has allowed us to launch our Surgical Sight Program on a larger scale than we had previously envisioned. As of today, I am thrilled to share there are 83 surgeons participating in the program and we are busy onboarding the last 17 of them.

Dr. Michele Dee is Ohana One's Board President and someone who is incredible at juggling so very much and always caring for others. You have the opportunity to get to know her a little in the article below. There have been some really wonderful additions to the Ohana One team recently and I encourage you to take a few minutes to learn about this awesome crew on our [team page](#). I also want to welcome our summer interns who you can learn more about in this newsletter.

For every surgeon that receives training from Ohana One they will use their new skills in the over 10,000 surgeries they are expected to complete during the arc of their career, that is quite the multiplier effect! There is no better way to close the surgical gap than the individualized training Ohana One offers. There are plans to resume our in-person training missions in 2022. Stay tuned for details about those in the coming months. Ohana One's missions along with our Surgical Sight Smart Glass Program, and the upcoming release of the app are Ohana One's core programs and I look forward to giving you progress and news along the way. Finally, I am grateful to you, Ohana One's supporters, for your partnership, support and encouragement in our valuable work.

Sincerely,

Marcella Sellers
Executive Director



Meet Ohana One's Board President

Dr. Michele Dee's philanthropic drive is reflected in her daily life. As a faculty member of the Cedars-Sinai Anesthesia Residency Program, Dr. Dee supports the learning of anesthesiology residents and student nurse anesthetists every day. She is one of many board-certified Pediatric Anesthesiologists with Beverly Anesthesiology, the anesthesiology group at Cedars. For the group, she acts as the scheduler and shares duties managing the Cedars operating rooms and anesthesia daily staffing. During the pandemic, Dr. Dee was an integral part of Cedars COVID Airways Team and coordinated donations of PPE to help healthcare workers in need of equipment.

Additionally, Dr. Dee is the Director of Anesthesiology at Cove Surgery Center— an ambulatory surgery center primarily focused on pediatric reconstructive surgery.

Dr. Dee's awareness of the global state of practice combined with her passion for teaching has led her to participate in several international surgical missions for pediatric surgery. A large portion of her work on these trips has involved teaching the anesthesiology staff, including anesthesia physicians, anesthesia physician residents, and nurse anesthetists.

This work led to Dr. Dee co-founding Ohana One International Surgical Aid and Education, which focuses entirely on Surgical and Anesthesia Care and Education. She believes global health outreach is vital, and it is our collective role to share intellectual resources with countries to improve and increase the care of complex anesthesia and surgical patients.

When not working, Dr. Dee enjoys surfing, skiing, outdoor activities, and spending time with her four children, two of whom have traveled to Africa on surgical missions. She is an active member of her community, having served on the Board of the American Youth Soccer Organization and the Parent Board of every one of her children's schools. She has been a soccer coach and referee and is an active Patroness in the Peninsula Chapter of the National Charity League.

Read the rest of Dr. Dee's bio [here](#).



Key Pearson



Eleni Solomon



Jewel Ng



Austin Huynh

Ohana One Interns, Summer 2021

Meet the Ohana One Summer 2021 interns, changemakers of the future!

Key Pearson currently attends Pepperdine University and will be graduating from the accelerated MBA program in 2023. Key supports Ohana One as a Business Organization intern and works directly with Marchelle Sellers, Ohana One Executive Director. "Ohana One is innovative, collaborative, and determined to help the underserved and struggling communities across the globe. Going forward, I desire to work to provide accessible care to other communities and raise awareness about the global health disparities. I am passionate about working with Ohana One because I believe I can use my business, communication, and analytical skills to help the organization grow and in turn impact more lives."

Eleni Solomon will be a sophomore this fall at New York University and is a medical research intern. "I am motivated to be a part of the Ohana One team because I am passionate about finding tools and improving educational systems that can help give medical professionals, students, and patients all over the world access to quality surgical care within their healthcare systems because not many have this opportunity."

Jewel Ng is an incoming fourth year at The University of California, Los Angeles and teaches English as a second language to doctors in Mozambique through Ohana One. "I want to spread awareness surrounding health disparities because this is an essential step in achieving a steady level of access to healthcare for the different areas. I am passionate about continually striving for improvement in myself and the community I am a part of, which is something that goes hand-in-hand with working with this population, especially as improving their knowledge affects the community outwardly. In addition, I want to develop my perspective on how to improve public health issues -- one of which is how to provide sustained support for underserved populations, rather than temporary relief -- through directly working with Ohana One."

Austin Huynh, a student at the University of California, Los Angeles, currently supports Dr. Edward Ray with the development of the Ohana One App! "I think Ohana One will help me become a more well-rounded individual, giving me a variety of perspectives that I have never thought of before. What motivates me to work with Ohana One is the work my sister did with the organization, teaching foreign medical students English. It was very heartwarming, and I want to make a similar impact."

See How Your Ohana Has Grown



Over the last few months, 16 pairs of Vuzix Smart Glasses were hand-delivered to mentor/mentee teams in 9 countries; these are the newest surgeons in Ohana One's Surgical Sight Smart Glass Program. Through this program, these dedicated surgeons will increase access to life-changing surgeries for patients in developing countries.

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