

AOA Visiting Professorship Event Summary  
Delta Chapter of AOA  
April 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
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The Delta Chapter of AOA at East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine was very pleased to have Dr. Mary Hooks, Surgical Oncologist and Associate Professor of Surgery at Vanderbilt School of Medicine, for the annual Visiting Professorship Program sponsored by the national AOA organization.

Dr. Hooks arrived on the evening of April 18<sup>th</sup> and had a welcome dinner with 10 student members of AOA and 1 faculty member. She spoke of her time on faculty at Quillen, as well as her move to Vanderbilt and her choice of a career in academic medicine.

Dr. Hooks had a busy schedule on April 29<sup>th</sup>. From 9:00 – 10:30, she spoke to approximately 50 fourth-year medical students in a lecture titled “Optimizing Success as a Physician.” This teaching conference had elements on professionalism, as well as reflection of how we got to where we are today and how we can stay grounded and succeed in our medical careers. From 10:45 – 11:45, Dr. Hooks met informally with the surgery residents in a mentoring session. From 12:00 – 1:00, she presented a lecture titled “Precision Medicine and Breast Cancer” to third and fourth-year medical students, as well as surgery residents and faculty. This event took place in Johnson City Medical Center, and approximately 60 people were in attendance (see picture below). From 1:30 – 2:00, Dr. Hooks met with Dr. Olive, our Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs. From 2:15 – 4:00, Dr. Hooks had lunch with a few of the fourth-year AOA students and spoke on her time in residency, and gave advice on how to do well in residency. From 6:30 – 8:30, Dr. Hooks took part in our AOA Spring Induction Banquet at the Carnegie Hotel (see picture below). Six junior members and 6 senior members were inducted, as well as 2 residents and 2 faculty. Dr. Hooks was the special guest speaker and gave a lecture on Leadership in Medicine.

The Delta Chapter of AOA was honored to have Dr. Hooks for our Visiting Professorship Program, and we thank the national AOA organization for sponsoring the event. If there are any further questions, please contact Jennifer Bowman at [bowmanjn@etsu.edu](mailto:bowmanjn@etsu.edu). Thank you!

