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**RAQUEL CRUZ BONO, MD, MBA, FACS
VICE ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RET.)**

For nearly 30 years Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono, MD, MBA, FACS, served with honor and distinction as a highly respected Naval Officer and the first woman surgeon in the military to hold the rank of Vice Admiral.

Currently, Bono is the CEO, MedicaliSight, a 3D imaging and guidance software company for intra-procedural navigational guidance. Previously, she was the Chief Health Officer for Viking Cruises, establishing an industry-leading C-suite model that restarted and sustained the cruise line during the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Prior to Viking, she was a gubernatorial appointee as the Director of Washington State COVID-19 Health System Response Management, subsequently leading the state's Pandemic Health Response. Bono is a Senior Fellow with the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. As the former chief executive officer (CEO) and director, Defense Health Agency (DHA), Vice Admiral (Dr.) Bono led a joint, integrated combat support agency that enabled all branches of the U.S. military – Army, Navy, and Air Force – medical services to provide health care services to combatant commands.

A board-certified trauma surgeon, Dr. Bono is an inspiration and role model for all surgeons, especially female surgeons across the country and in the military.

Dr. Bono received her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, Austin; her Master of Business Administration from Washington State University, Spokane; and her medical degree from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, Lubbock. She completed her surgical internship and residency at the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA and performed a trauma and critical care fellowship at the Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine, Norfolk.

**The J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society
51st Annual Meeting
June 13–15, 2025
(Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)**

Concept and Objective

This course is designed to provide graduates, alumni, faculty, and current housestaff with the latest insights into cutting-edge research and advancements in the field of surgery. Through housestaff research presentations and contributions from various members of the academic community, the course fosters an environment of continuous learning and collaboration, ensuring all participants remain at the forefront of surgical innovation and practice.

Time is allotted for questions, answers, and discussion of presentations between alumni and faculty.

Accreditation

CME

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of UT Health Science Center San Antonio and the J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society. UT Health Science Center San Antonio is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing education for physicians.

UT Health Science Center San Antonio designates this live activity up to a maximum of **11.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Certificate of Attendance

Healthcare professionals will receive a certificate of attendance and should consult with their licensing board for information on applicability and acceptance.



**THE
J. BRADLEY AUST
SURGICAL SOCIETY**

announces

The 51st Annual Meeting

June 13–15, 2025

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
at

Hotel Emma

136 E. Grayson St.
San Antonio, Texas 78215

**–Honored Guest Speaker–
RAQUEL CRUZ BONO, MD, MBA, FACS
VICE ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RET.)**

This meeting is jointly provided by the J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society and the UT Health San Antonio Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine



**J. Bradley Aust, MD, PhD
1926–2010**

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 – PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. Resident Paper Competition, Medical School, 309–310L

Dr. Lily Liao
Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Grant Gershner
Necrotizing Enterocolitis is Associated with Elevated Iron Levels, Toxic Lipid Radicals, and Plasmalogens

Dr. Samantha Murphy
Geographic and Socioeconomic Disparities in Clinical Trial Availability for Gastrointestinal Cancers

Dr. Ronit Patnaik
The San Antonio Kidney Transplant Model: Validity Evidence for a Proficiency-Based Curriculum

Dr. Anna Rogalski
Non-compressible Torso Hemorrhage Control with Intravascular Ultrasound Guided Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion

Dr. Richard Walsh
Mapping Ionized Calcium Levels and Calcium Regulation After Trauma and Hemorrhagic Shock in Rats

11:40 a.m.–12:40 p.m. Honorary Guest Speaker Presentation

Dr. Raquel Bono – Honorary Guest Speaker
Keeping It Simple

12:40–1:40 p.m. Welcome Luncheon, Holly Auditorium Foyer

1:40 p.m. Resume Resident Paper Competition, 309–310L

Dr. Archana Jeeji
Surgical Outcomes in Patients with Pre-Operative Opioid Use and Type III Achalasia

Dr. Mahdi Malekpour
Rigorous Sterility Protocol and Complication Rate in Breast Reconstruction

Dr. Ashley Montgomery
Clinicopathologic and Prognostic Significance of Biomarker Expression in Gastric Cancer in a Predominately Hispanic Population

Dr. Megan Read
Morbidity of Rectal Prolapse Repair after Surgery for Anorectal Malformation

Dr. Madeline Silva
Chromosome 9p Deletions are Associated with Higher Rates of R1 Resection Across GI Cancers

Dr. Candice Vieira
Evolving Trends in Multimodal Care for Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Liver Metastases: An Analysis of the National Cancer Database (NCDB)

Dr. Lily Liao
Announcements and Adjournment

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 – SOCIAL EVENT

7:00 p.m. Chief Residents’ Farewell Banquet
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 – PROGRAM

8:00–11:55 a.m. Scientific Symposium
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

Dr. Lily Liao
Welcome and Introductions

Dr. W. Brian Perry
Segmental Colitis – Crohn’s or Ischemia: The Battle of GI vs. Vascular

Dr. Aaron Bettenhausen
Isolated Hydatid Cyst of the Left Ventricle

Dr. Tiffany Weidner
A Giant Colon Proboscis!

Dr. Patrick Nguyen
Recurrent Gastric Foreign Body Bezoar: A Case Requiring Repeat Surgical Intervention

Dr. Asish Misra
Transduodenal Resection of an Ampullary Adenoma

Dr. Brian Eastridge
Are We Prepared for America’s Future War?: Implications of Large Scale Combat Operations for Surgery

Dr. Davis Zonies
Sustainable Surgery: Your Influence Can Make a Difference

Shawnee Lizarraga
The Wellness Equation: Fitness, Nutrition, and Metabolic Health for Optimal Living

Dr. Raquel Bono – Honorary Guest Speaker
Developing Surgical Leadership

11:55 a.m.–1:25 p.m. Lunch at the Pearl (on your own)

1:25–2:55 p.m. Business Meeting/State of the Department
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

Dr. John Myers
Annual Business Meeting

Dr. Ronald Stewart
State of the Department Address

2:55–4:30 p.m. Scientific Symposium
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

Dr. Dan Dent
ACS and ABS Updates

Dr. Juan Berner
The Role of Evidence and Collaboration in Improving Outcomes for Lower Limb Open Fractures

Dr. Chris Crane
ReCell - Novel Treatment for Difficult Burns

Dr. Lily Liao
Announcements/Adjournment

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 - SOCIAL EVENTS

7:00–7:45 p.m. President’s Reception
Hosted by Dr. Lily Liao and Mr. Michael Roussos
Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction
Hotel Emma (Cellar J & K/Foyer)

7:45–9:00 p.m. Aust Society Black Tie Banquet
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

9:00 p.m.–midnight Post Banquet Activities
Trinkle Reception, Silent Auction, Casino Night
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar/Cellar J & K/Foyer)

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Active Membership

Dr. Angelo Ciaraglia	CT Surgery Fellowship Miami, FL
Dr. Hector Elizondo	Vascular Surgery Fellowship Dallas, TX
Dr. Nicholas Hise	Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Fellowship, Rochester, NY
Dr. Mustafa Khan	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship, Houston, TX
Dr. Zack Marriott	General Surgery Greeley, CO
Dr. Lauren Mitchell	Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship. Nashville, TN
Dr. Bilal Nasim	Surgical Critical Care Fellowship San Antonio, TX
Dr. Ronit Patnaik	Hepatobiliary/Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship Baltimore, MD

Associate Membership

Dr. Kirea Mazzolini	Surgical Critical Care
Dr. Connor McDonald	Cardiothoracic Surgery
Dr. Luke Perry	Vascular Surgery

Associate Faculty Membership

Dr. Juan Berner	Plastic Surgery
Dr. Christopher De Jesus	Plastic Surgery
Dr. Jason Gauthier	Cardiothoracic Surgery
Dr. Oriana Haran	Plastic Surgery



SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 – SOCIAL EVENTS

8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament The Quarry Golf Course 444 E. Basse Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209
9:00 a.m.	Shooting Clays National Shooting Complex 5931 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253-9261

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & LOCATIONS

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025

9:00–11:40 a.m.	Resident Paper Competition J. Bradley Aust Lecture Hall 309–310L UT Health San Antonio Members, Staff, House Staff and Guests
11:40 a.m.–12:40 p.m.	Dr. Raquel Bono , Honorary Guest Speaker Members, Staff, House Staff, and Guests
12:40–1:40 p.m.	Welcome Luncheon Holly Auditorium Foyer, UT Health
1:40 p.m.	Resume Resident Paper Competition
6:30 p.m.	Spouses’ Dinner Carriqui, 239 E Grayson Members’ Spouses
7:00 p.m.	Chief Residents’ Farewell Banquet Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar) 136 E. Grayson Members, Staff, House Staff, and Guests

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar), 136 E. Grayson Members, Staff, House Staff and Guests	
8:00–10:55 a.m.	Scientific Symposium
10:55–11:55 a.m.	Dr. Raquel Bono , Honorary Guest Speaker
11:55 a.m.–1:25 p.m.	Lunch at the Pearl (on your own)
1:25–2:55 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting State of the Department Address Members and Guest Speaker Only
2:55–4:30 p.m.	Scientific Symposium
7:00–7:45 p.m.	President’s Reception and Silent Auction
7:45–9:00 p.m.	Black Tie Banquet
9:00 p.m.–midnight	Trinkle Reception, Silent Auction, Casino Night

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament Best Ball, Four-Man Scramble The Quarry Golf Course 444 E. Basse Rd. Members, Faculty, House Staff, Guests and Families
9:00 a.m.	Sporting Clays National Shooting Complex 5931 Roft Rd. Members, Faculty, House Staff, Guests and Families

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

5:00–7:00 p.m.	Aust Society Reception at ACS Cocktails/Hors d’oeuvres Chicago, IL Members, Residents, Guests
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