

2016 AAST/AWS Joint Scholarship Winner Announced

Dr. Joanelle A. Bailey from Rutgers University selected as second recipient for scholarship.

CHICAGO — June 24, 2016 — The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) and the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) announced the second recipient of their joint scholarship today. The scholarship is offered to one medical student, resident, or in-training fellow member of AWS to attend the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery.

Dr. Joanelle Aziza Bailey, a PGY-3 in General Surgery at Rutgers University – New Jersey Medical School in Newark, NJ, was selected as this year’s scholarship recipient. Dr. Bailey is participating in her first of two years of research work following the completion of two clinical years of residency. Her work involves both clinical and bench research, with a focus on Trauma and Surgical Critical Care. Dr. Bailey is also pursuing a Master in Public Health at Rutgers with a concentration in Biostatistics. She plans to complete a Fellowship in Surgical Critical Care and then to work at an academic trauma center, where she will have the opportunity to teach and continue her research.

Prior to entering medical school, Dr. Bailey worked as a Paramedic in Yonkers, NY; she graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA, in 2013. During medical school, she continued to work as a Paramedic in Yonkers, as well as in Willow Grove, PA. She also worked as an Emergency Department Technician at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. During this time, her interest in trauma and emergency surgery evolved and deepened. While rotating on the Trauma service and in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit during her first two years of residency at Rutgers, she realized that this field is where her passion lies. Dr. Bailey has also participated in multiple international volunteer missions. She recently returned from a surgical mission to Peru, and she is planning to go to Ghana this fall.

Dr. Bailey is a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA (2013). She began her career working as a paramedic in Yonkers, NY. While attending medical school, she continued to work as a paramedic in Yonkers as well as in Willow Grove, PA, and she also worked as an emergency department technician at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. It was during this time that her interest in trauma and emergency surgery evolved and deepened. While rotating on the Trauma service and in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit during her first two years of residency at Rutgers, she realized that this field is where her passion lies. Dr. Bailey has also participated in multiple international volunteer missions. She recently returned from a surgical mission to Peru, and she is planning to go to Ghana this fall.

AAST Executive Director Sharon Gautshy said, “AAST is thrilled to offer this joint scholarship with AWS again, and to have Dr. Bailey as the recipient. She embodies not only the future of

trauma surgery, but also the compassion and dedication our members aspire to every day.” AWS President Dr. Amalia Cochran stated, “AWS is excited to have participated in this joint scholarship for the second year. We believe Dr. Bailey is a model member and deserving of this year’s scholarship.”

About AAST and AWS

The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) was conceived during the meetings of the Western Surgical Association and the Southern Surgical Association in December 1937. The 14 founders who were present at one or both of these meetings invited another 68 surgeons to a Founding Members meeting in San Francisco, California, on June 14, 1938, and the first official meeting of the AAST was held in May 1939 in Hot Springs, Virginia.

The mission of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) is to serve as the premier scholarly organization for surgeons dedicated to *Advancing Trauma and Acute Care Surgery through Compassion, Discovery, and Dedication*.

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) was founded in 1981 when Patricia Numann, MD, FACS, invited as many female surgeons as she could identify to a breakfast during the October meeting, that year, of the American College of Surgeons. Sharing many common experiences, interests, and concerns, these women decided to meet annually on an informal basis.

For the next few years, the first significant contact that many female residents or newly practicing female surgeons had with more professionally advanced surgical women was through these Wednesday morning breakfasts at the American College of Surgeons' fall meeting. Attendance grew every year, and it became apparent that the group needed to create a more formal structure to address their common professional concerns. AWS was thus incorporated in 1986.

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