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Flowering peach tree in Georgia.

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President's Perspective - David A. Spain, M.D.

Happy New Year to all the AAST members.

We remain optimistic that with COVID vaccinations and a new scientific approach to the pandemic that we will be able to offer an in-person component, along with a virtual option, to attend our Annual Meeting in Atlanta, September 29 – October 2, 2021. Despite the deep desire to see all of our friends and colleagues face-to-face once again and share new knowledge, the safety of our membership and staff is the ultimate priority. Therefore, we will continue to closely monitor the latest recommendations for safe travel and gatherings. We will make the final decision regarding the meeting (hybrid or fully virtual again) with enough time for everyone to adjust their schedule.

Hopefully, several of you applied for an AAST Research Scholarship. Support like this early in your career can truly help set the tone for a successful career as a surgeon-scientist. Good luck to those who applied! We look forward to reading

your applications and learning more about you and your career-goals. In addition, we offer several Annual Meeting Scholarships, which are available for medical students, residents, and in-training fellows, to encourage young investigators to become a part of the AAST community by networking with leading acute care surgeons. The scholarship portal will open in March.

After almost thirty years of active involvement in our association and the privilege of serving as your president for the last year and a half, it has become more and more apparent to me that effective mentorship and support are crucial. For me, it was mentors such as Drs. Ledgerwood, Richardson, Fallat, Britt, Meredith, Jurkovich, Peitzman, and Cioffi to name a few (of many), and a peer-support group that includes Drs. Brasel, Bulger, Burlew, Coimbra, Croce, K. Davis, Kozar, Livingston, Luchette, and Rotondo.

In the spirit of paying

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Secretary Treasurer's Status Update

– Kimberly A. Davis, M.D., M.B.A.



Happy New Year! I am sure that we are all very happy to put 2020 in the rearview mirror and are looking forward to better things to come in 2021. The AAST Board of Managers met in December to approve the FY2021 budget and review the financials from 2020. The financial health of the organization is strong. Despite the disappointments around the transition from an in-person meeting in Hawaii to a virtual platform, our esprit de corps and commitment to science remain strong. The virtual meeting was very well received and a financial success, which positions us well for future activities within the organization. We look forward to a, hopefully, hybrid in-person and virtual meeting in Atlanta in 2021.

Our Research and Education Investment Fund also did well in 2020, topping the \$5M mark for the first time. As the market continues to also do well, we are continuing to reinvest in the organization. For 2021, we will continue to support our many ongoing initiatives including our online CME resources, the multi-institutional trials, the acute care surgery fellowship programs, and our junior faculty research scholarships. We are grateful to all who donated to the Research and Education Fund this year to support these efforts.

We are very pleased with the ongoing successful initiatives driven forward by our new Associate Member Council. Please encourage your residents, fellows, and junior faculty to join the AAST as Associate Members, as our younger colleagues represent our future. The application process is simple, and details can be found on the website. This remains a great opportunity for the future leaders in trauma surgery to get involved in AAST activities. Non-surgeons who are active in acute care surgery research are also eligible for membership in the Contributing Scientist category, the details of which are also available on the website. The deadline for all forms of membership application is May 1, 2021.

In support of our trainees, and to facilitate their job searches during these trying times, the AAST, in conjunction with the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma and the Surgical Critical Care Program Directors Societies, launched our first ever Virtual Job Fair in early December. Over 145 fellows and junior faculty participated, as well as 16 organizations looking to hire young talent. The job fair was preceded by three virtual professional development Town Halls, discussing broad-ranging topics including "Securing the Right Job for You," "Marketing Yourself," and "The Do's and Don'ts: Pearls for Interviewing and Finalizing an Agreement." We are in the process of assessing feedback about the job fair to determine whether this will be a useful exercise in future years.

As always, a huge shout-out to Sharon and the Central Office, particularly to Afia for her outstanding work putting the job fair together with very short notice, and to Rachel for the success of the virtual Annual Meeting. I hope that you as our membership are proud of the efforts of the organization, and that you, like I, look forward to a time when we can return to a more normal existence.

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Memo from the Program Chair-Recorder

– Patrick Reilly, M.D.



We look forward to reviewing the new scientific work for the 80th Annual Meeting of AAST and Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery, which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, September 29th – October 2nd, 2021. We are expecting another strong showing of abstract submissions from around the world as, hopefully, research efforts in trauma, surgical critical care, and emergency general surgery are all back and running at full steam.

The ground rules for abstract acceptance will not change this year. We are committed to having a diverse program, therefore:

- All abstracts are blinded, including no mention of institution within the abstract
- The Program Committee is blinded to author and institution during the scoring process
- Program Committee members do not score submissions from their own institution
- A maximum of four total presentations are allowed from any one institution
- A maximum of two full podium presentations (not counting Quick Shots) are allowed per institution
- Only one podium presentation is allowed per first (presenting) author

While these rules may limit high volume research programs, they historically have done an exceptional job in ensuring a broad representation of the acute care surgery community as part of the program. Remember, submissions from all aspects of our specialty are encouraged.

The program itself is coming together, but suggestions are still welcome.

NEW THIS YEAR: A small change to this year's

program will be the start time: we will begin the meeting at 8:00 AM EST on Wednesday, September 29th (as opposed to beginning in the afternoon like previous years). **Please plan accordingly.**

Formal planning of pre-meeting sessions and lunch sessions will take place over the next two months. Feel free to work through committee chairs or myself, as the program chair, to develop ideas for all educational forums which will take place during the week.

We are planning for an in-person meeting but, if necessary, will be able to pivot to a virtual meeting if pandemic precautions persist. We are also working on a hybrid meeting format. The success of last year's virtual meeting has raised a number of opportunities moving forward. Attendance from many groups (e.g., international clinicians) was actually higher than normal. We would love to continue those types of trends moving forward. The AAST membership provides so much exceptional content that is critical for those caring for our patients. We need to ensure that as many as possible can access it—both live (in person or virtual) and archived.

Again, feel free to reach out directly to me (reillyp@uphs.upenn.edu), any of the program committee members, or the AAST staff with your suggestions as we move forward. Finally, thank you again for all of the support each of you provide the organization. You make the Annual Meeting a success each year, and I am confident the 2021 meeting will be no different. Really, really hope to see you all in person in Atlanta in September.

Fund Call to Action 2020 Year in Review as We Look Forward in 2021

– John H. Armstrong, M.D.



Your Research and Education Fund (R&E Fund) withstood the challenges of 2020 well, thanks to our 247 donors. Annual giving in these times was remarkable. A total of \$136,600 was distributed to each fund as follows:

As of December 31, here is where we stand in 2020 contributions:

General Fund (Research Scholarship)	\$118,925
20forTwenty (Meeting Scholarship)	\$11,175
Always Remember Fund	\$6,500

Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!

R&E Fund Impact

In 2020, your R&E Fund supported three \$50,000 research scholarships for promising young investigators. The scholarships were awarded to:

- **Lisa Marie Knowlton**, MD, MPH; Stanford Hospital and Clinics, “Evaluating Enrollment of Uninsured Trauma Patients in Medicaid at the Time of Hospitalization Due to Injury.”
- **Larry Yann-Leei Lee**, MD; the University of South Alabama, “Immunomodulatory Effects of Cellular Contamination in Plasma Products for Transfusion.”
- **Anne M. Stey**, MD, MSc; Northwestern Memorial Hospital, “Optimization of Re-triage of Severely Injured Patients.”

Further, the 2019 research scholars presented their projects at the 2020 Virtual AAST Annual Meeting, with all emphasizing the importance of the scholarship for setting their research trajectories:

- **Galinos Barmparas**, MD, (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center) presented “The Impact of Anticoagulant Solution, Processing Method, and Storage Time on the Biochemical and Coagulation Profile of Stored Whole Blood.”
- **Ian Brown**, MD, PhD, (University of California Davis Medical Center) reviewed his project, “P-Selectin-Dependent Pulmonary Arterial Thrombosis in Blunt Thoracic Trauma.”
- **Jennifer Leonard**, MD, PhD, (Washington University in St. Louis) presented her study, “NETosis in Trauma Associated Acute Lung Injury,” based on her interest in determining the role of neutrophil extracellular trap cell death (NETosis) in acute lung injury and subsequent pneumonia.

Your R&E Fund enabled forty-three medical students, residents, and in-training fellows to attend the 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting with complimentary registration.

R & E Fund committee continued

Here are our 2020 donors who committed to shaping the future of injury care and prevention by supporting next-generation research and building our future trauma community:

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R & E Fund committee continued

Making a Difference in 2021

In three steps you can promote a brighter future in trauma, surgical critical care, and emergency general surgery with your philanthropy:

1

SELECT YOUR FUND(S):

- **General** (early investigator research grants)
- **20forTwenty** (Annual Meeting scholarships)
- **Always Remember** (uniformed Annual Meeting scholarships)

2

CHOOSE YOUR TIMING:

- **Now** — Give on the front end of the year.
- **Monthly** (recurring credit card) — Show your commitment all year.
- **At the Annual Meeting** — Celebrate at our auctions.
- **On Giving Tuesday** (first Tuesday after Thanksgiving) — Join the community of giving.
- **End-of-Year** — Honor someone who made a difference to you.

3

MAKE YOUR INVESTMENT:

Text: GIVEAAST to 243725

Go online: at aast.org

Phone: 1-800-789-4006

Mail: the printed online form at aast.org to 633 N. Saint Clair Street, Suite 2600, Chicago, IL 60611 or faxing it to 312-202-5064

Be sure to plan your 2021 AAST REF Annual Gift today!



DONATE IN 2021

Last year AAST was supported by **200** individual donors! This year we want to double that and reach **400** individual donors.

Have an extra \$10? Skipped your \$5 coffee this am? Make a small donation to AAST! Every donation counts toward the road to 400.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT R&E FUND



AAST President David Spain, MD, and his wife, Jill, know how much philanthropy can make an impact. They gave \$25,000 in 2020 to the R&E Fund and are matching this level in 2021. Dr. Spain said, "This is how we can give back to AAST and chart a bright course for future generations of trauma surgeons." The combined \$50,000 will be used to establish a new fund. Stay tuned for the fund prospectus in the next newsletter.

Notes from the Executive Director

– Sharon Gautschy



Happy 2021! The AAST is gearing up for a great 2021 and hopefully (fingers crossed), an in-person Annual Meeting in September. The abstract system is open! Please plan to submit your best work by March 5, 2021.

The Annual Meeting Scholarships for the 80th Annual Meeting, which are open to medical students, residents, and in-training fellows, will open shortly. There are a limited number of scholarship available.

Other dates of interest:

May 1 —

AAST membership

applications due for AAST Fellows and Associate Members

June 1 — Deadline for Annual Meeting Scholarships

September 29–October 2, 2021 — 80th Annual Meeting of AAST and Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery at the Hilton Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

I hope to see you Atlanta.

2021 Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds take place approximately once a month. Grand Round sessions occur on Wednesdays from 4:00–5:00 PM CST. To view the most up-to-date schedule visit, www.aast.org/grand-rounds-webinars.

Date: March 17, 2021
Topic: **Expert on the Hot Seat: Challenging EGS Cases**
Experts: EGS Committee

Date: April 14, 2021
Topic: **TBD**
Experts: David Spain, MD, AAST President
Moderator: Dennis Kim

Date: April 28, 2021
Topic: **Healthcare Economics Webinar**
Speaker: TBD

Date: May 19, 2021
Topic: **Addressing Social Determinants: An Equity Model—What can surgeons do?**

Experts: Tracey Dechert, MD
Thea James, MD

Moderator: Ronny Stewart, MD
Injury Prevention

Can't make a live Grand Round?

No worries – all Grand Rounds are archived and placed on the AAST website for viewing/CME.

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it forward, Jill Spain and I have made a donation to the AAST to establish the Associate Member Mentorship Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is intended to provide an exceptional early-career acute care surgeon with the tools needed to further the mission of the AAST through engagement and leadership opportunities. The award will be open to any AAST Associate Member (with special consideration given to a senior resident who has matched in a critical care and/or trauma fellowship), current trauma/critical care fellows, and first year faculty. Full details and the application process will be announced soon by the AAST office.

Finally, as we enter month twelve of the pandemic, I would like to thank and honor all of you who have been working so hard this past year. Not just those taking direct care of COVID patients (which is heroic, by the way), but also everyone dealing with all the changes and challenges this global crisis has brought about—dealing with increases in intentional injuries, supporting colleagues and friends who have experienced loss, taking extra calls to cover someone in quarantine, modifying educational plans to help our trainees, and dealing with isolation and the loss of human touch—and all the while, further witnessing and exposing the racial and social inequities in our healthcare system. Despite all of the chaos and uncertainty, I remain hopeful that 2021 holds brighter days ahead.

Stay safe my friends, and I hope that we can see each other in Atlanta!

IAAST AWARDS

This year, AAST was not able to present our awardees with their Annual Meeting. Thanks to our members, we were able to send their awards to members at their institutions to award. Thank you to the awardees and their presenters for sharing these moments with AAST.

Dr. Hasan Alam presented
Dr. Anne Stey with her AAST
Research and Education Fund
Award



Dr. Patrick Reilly presented
Dr. Elinore Kaufman with her
Associate Member Poster Award



Dr. Kimberly A. Davis with
her Dr. Norman McSwain, Jr.
Outstanding Reviewer Award



Dr. Raminder Nirula presented
Dr. Alexander Colonna with
the AAST Canizaro Award



Dr. Eileen Bulger and Dr. Ronald
Maier presented **Dr. Dara Horn**
with her second place AAST
Resident Award



Dr. Kimberly A. Davis and Dr.
Robert Becher presented **Dr.
Michael DeWane** with his third
place AAST Resident Award



Dr. David Spain presented **Dr.
Lisa Marie Knowlton** with her
AAST Research and Education
Fund Award



AAST Quicklinks

Upcoming Meetings
and Events



February Cutting Edge



Website FAQ: Member
Dashboard

AAST has recently upgraded our website!
Make sure to check out the new features
and side navigation!

80TH ANNUAL MEETING

AAST

save the date
sept. 29 - oct. 2



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WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF AAST?

Membership in the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma is based on demonstration of sustained commitment to Acute Care Surgery, which includes Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, and Emergency General Surgery. Surgeons who are fellows of the American College of Surgeons (or equivalent organization for International Members) with clinical practice in Acute Care Surgery, or any of its components are welcome to apply for membership as AAST Fellows. Surgical residents, fellows and junior faculty within 5 years of achieving FACS may apply as Associate Members. Other physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, and other allied health professionals may apply for membership as AAST Contributing Scientists.

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AAST Fellows

To qualify, the following must be met:

- Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons (ACS)
- Verified attendance at a past Annual Meeting of AAST
- Successful completion of an ACS Committee on Trauma ATLS Course

Membership applications will be assessed for leadership in relevant professional organizations, research productivity, educational involvement, and service to the community. Successful applicants may demonstrate commitment in any of the components of Acute Care Surgery. Examples of this commitment are noted below.

LEADERSHIP

- Demonstration of leadership positions including committee chairs of national organizations, regional leadership in the trauma system or state quality improvement activities, or local leadership in the hospital or university

RESEARCH

- Publications in peer-reviewed journals of scholarly work
- Grant funding to support research activities
- Participation in multi-institutional trials

EDUCATION

- Engaged in teaching courses relevant to Acute Care Surgery
- ACS or Surgical Critical Care Program Director
- Local, regional, and national CME presentations
- Participation in best practice guideline development

SERVICE

- Military service, active or reserves
- Stop the Bleed or injury prevention activities in the community
- Relevant institutional committee participation
- Committee participation in national organizations

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INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

To qualify, the following must be met:

- Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons (ACS) or equivalent
- Successful completion of an ACS Committee on Trauma ATLS Course
- Attendance at an AAST Annual Meeting either prior to applying or the year after voted into membership
- Sponsorship by an AAST member, and one letter of support by a doctor in the field of Acute Care Surgery

Membership applications will be assessed for leadership in relevant professional organizations, research productivity, educational involvement, and service to the community. Successful applicants may demonstrate commitment in any of the components of Acute Care Surgery. Examples of this commitment are noted below.

LEADERSHIP

- Demonstration of leadership positions including committee chairs of international organizations, local or regional leadership in the trauma system, or quality improvement activities in your local, regional or country, leadership in the hospital or university

RESEARCH

- Publications in peer reviewed journals of scholarly work
- Grant funding to support research activities
- Participation in Multi-institutional trials

EDUCATION

- Engaged in teaching courses relevant to Acute Care Surgery
- Program Director for surgical fellowships
- Local, Regional, and National presentations
- Participation in Best practice guideline development

SERVICE

- Military service, active or reserves
- Stop the Bleed or Injury prevention activities in the community
- Relevant Institutional committee participation
- Committee participation in national organizations

AAST CONTRIBUTING SCIENTIST

To qualify, the following must be met:

- Verified attendance at a past annual meeting of AAST

Membership applications will be assessed for scholarly activity, including research productivity and educational contributions as detailed below. Successful applicants may demonstrate commitment in any of the components of Acute Care Surgery.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

- Publications in peer-reviewed journals of scholarly work
- Grant funding to support research activities
- Local, regional, and national, international CME presentations
- National or International Course Director
- Publication of book chapters
- Textbook editor/co-editor
- Journal editor/associate editor
- Editorial Board membership
- Mentorship of trainees
- Membership on NIH study section

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

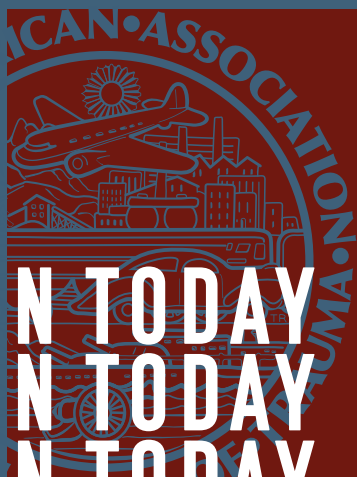
Associate membership is open to surgical residents, fellows, and junior faculty within 5 years of achieving FACS designation. Applications will be reviewed for commitment to the field of Acute Care Surgery and sponsorship by a AAST fellow. Applicants are required to submit an essay outlining their interest in the field and 2 letters of recommendation. To remain active, Associate Members must apply for membership as AAST fellows if they are beyond 5 years from achieving FACS status.

Applications are accepted ONLINE only.
Deadline for membership application is May 1, 2021

<http://www.aast.org/Membership/Application1.aspx>

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