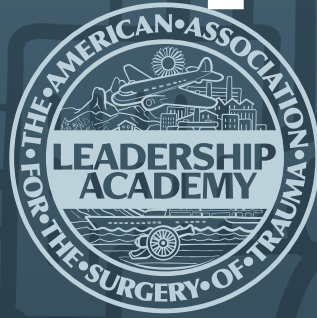


# Visual Annual Report



## Save the Date

85th Annual Meeting of AAST and  
Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery  
September 16-19, 2026  
Dallas, TX



## Year in Review

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- Three Research Scholarships Awarded for \$50,000 each
- Annual Meeting Scholarships
  - 25 20forTwenty Annual Meeting Scholarships were awarded
  - Three Always Remember Annual Meeting Scholarships awarded
  - One AAST/AWS Annual Meeting Scholarship awarded
- AMC/Military Committee Essay Scholarship
- AAST/ACS International Visiting Scholarship
- Health Policy Scholarship awarded
- Associate Member Mentoring Scholarship Awarded
- DEI Essay contest held again this year
- International Mentoring Scholarship Awarded
- Over \$210,000 awarded in Scholarships in 2025.

### EDUCATION

- Leadership Academy held a mid-year in-person event in March (this will be an annual event) and on April 23, 2025 a Virtual book club was held led by Drs. Jennifer Hartwell and Stepheny Berry
- 21 Grand Rounds/Webinars held in 2025.
- Two held with one Additional Scheduled for October Women in Trauma Surgery Webinars
- Four Emergency Surgery Courses held in 2025
- For the second year ROBO-TRACS was held. This year there were two sessions instead of one.
- Military Committee launched a podcast titled: Frontline Surgery
- AAST Podcast, Cutting Edge, released six new sessions

### ACUTE CARE SURGERY

- ACS Bootcamp held for the second year. Two locations, Los Angeles and Baltimore.
- Established the Ombudsman position
- Seven Site Visits completed
  - Three revisits
  - Four initial site visits
- 69 In-Training Fellows graduated from the ACS Fellowship
- Four new training sites added
  - Baylor College of Medicine
  - Mercer University School of Medicine
  - University of Wisconsin Madison
  - Christiana Care Health Services

### OPERATIONS

- New AAST website launched in August
- New Learning Management System launched in August
- New staff member hired, Patrick Croce
- Society of Acute Care Surgery Chiefs partnered with AAST for administrative support

## Committee Updates

- New **Emergency General Surgery Ad Hoc Committee** was formed in January 2025
- **Communications Committee** published six Cutting Edge Newsletters
- **Critical Care Committee** published 3 Clinical Consensus Documents in 2025
  - **Geriatric nutrition in the surgical patient:** an American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Critical Care and Geriatric Trauma Committees clinical consensus document.
  - **Primary palliative care in acute care surgery:** an American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Critical Care Committee and Palliative Care Committee clinical consensus document.
  - **Handoffs and transitions of care in the intensive care unit:** an American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Critical Care Committee clinical consensus document.
- **Disaster Committee** continues to build upon their Disaster Management and Preparedness Resources webpage. They contributed 2 articles to the Cutting Edge newsletter.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee** held its second annual Networking Breakfast. They also contributed three articles to the Cutting Edge this year.
- **Geriatrics Committee** published an informative video 'Overview of Geriatric Rib Fracture Management' to YouTube
- **Healthcare Economics Committee** published the Value of ACS paper in JTACS, and hosted a grand round on the topic in August. The manuscript, The Career Surgeon: Managing Transitions in the Profession of Acute Care Surgery, was published in TSACO.
- **International Relations Committee** is working with two highly qualified researchers as part of the International Academic Mentorship scholarship
- **Multi-Institutional Trials Committee** currently has 10 active studies
  - Additionally, the MIT Survey Subcommittee has launched the **AAST Current Practice Consensus Group**, a novel initiative to leverage the experience of our members to learn about our unique specialty of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery.
- **Palliative Care Committee** published two additional goals of care documents
- **Patient Assessment Committee** is soon to publish a Splenic Injury Guideline as well as several other consensus documents currently in work groups
- **Pediatric Trauma Committee** has consistently published the "Needle Tip" in the Cutting Edge

## 2024 Finances:

### INCOME:

\$3,850,670

Net: \$3,041

### EXPENSES:

\$3,847,629

R&E Fund: \$6,707,829

AAST General Fund: \$3,415,646

### INVESTMENTS IN 2024

R&E Fund - Net investment change: \$634,448

AAST General Fund: Net investment change: 298,878

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS ARE OVER \$10,000,000!**

(As of July 24, 2025)

## Donations and Auction:

\$162,443  
\$10,625  
\$18,118

Total raised in 2024

20forTwenty

Always Remember Fund

20

Silent Auction Items

**BIDDING CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT FRIDAY**

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5 Live Auction Items

## Annual Meeting Highlights:

- New review session held on Thursday afternoon: Evolution of Trauma Resuscitation Over the Last Decade
- The Geriatric and Prevention Committees held the 4th Annual Stop the Falls Event
- The DEI Committee held the 4th Pipeline program with 6 students.
- Military Liaison held its 3rd Fallen Surgeons Educational Symposium and the keynote lecture is now names the Basil A. Pruitt, Jr., MD Memorial Lecture



## AAST Membership Numbers:

MEMBERSHIP (TOTAL AS OF AUGUST 1, 2025)

2,318

Total Members

1,389

Active/Senior Fellows

817

Associate Members

34

Honorary Fellow

05

Contributing Scientists

73

First Year Members



## Associate Member Council

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Released a new handbook, "How to Survive and Thrive As An Early Career Acute Care Surgeon."
- EAST/AAST SSC Board Review Podcast launched
- Launched "What You Need to Know" Turnover Time Series
- AAST/SCCPDS Fellowship Townhall

### SCHOLARSHIP, AWARDS, AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Raised \$6,150 in the AAST Gun Violence Awareness Campaign
- 2024 Trauma Calendar raised \$13,325
- Awarded six Associate Member TSACO Scholarships in 2024-2025
  - Implementation of an outpatient PTSD screening initiative at a Level I trauma center
  - A GLOBAL CONTRAST SHORTAGE: IV CONTRAST UTILIZATION AND IMPACT ON TRAUMA PATIENTS AT A LEVEL I TRAUMA CENTER
  - Optimizing Your Output: Maximizing Documentation Efficiency and Improving Reimbursement
  - Gram stain results from blood cultures provide reliable guidance for antibiotic decisions in a surgical-trauma intensive care unit
  - Sex Dimorphic Outcomes After Whole Blood Resuscitation In Trauma Patients: A National Database Study
  - The Impact of Social Vulnerability Index on 30-Day Readmission Rates in Seriously Injured Trauma Patients

### COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

- Relaunching Membership Monday in tandem with the engagement committee and liaisons.
- Reinvigorating the associate member dashboard with chat functionality, committee areas, and educational resources for associate members only

### ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Optimized associate member participation in the Associate Member committees to engage more new members
- Held inaugural Military Essay Contest in conjunction with the AAST Military Liaison Committee

### RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- Collaborated with the MIT Committee and the Research Mentoring Task Force to create and disseminate the Mentorship Survey, which aims to determine the mentorship needs for associate members, junior AAST fellows, and mid-career AAST fellows
- Held the inaugural Research Roundtable to receive peer feedback on the ongoing research project/grant

## JTACS News:

RAUL COIMBRA, MD, PHD; EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Impact Factor: 3.7

- Over 50 WYNTK manuscripts published since 2023
  - 4 EGS algorithm manuscripts published
  - Published the Journal of Trauma Publication (2024: WTA Algorithms and 2025: EAST Guidelines)
- www.jtrauma.com



## TSACO News:

ELLIOT HAUT, MD, PHD; EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Impact Factor: 2.2

- Patient Series published in 2024 (with three topics)
  - New Partnerships (EAST and HAVI)
- tsaco.bmj.com

