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Message from our ASE Foundation President, Mohsen Shabahang, M.D.:



Dear ASE Members and Supporters
of the ASEF,

On behalf of the Executive
Committee and Board of the ASEF,
allow me to send our best wishes for
the Holiday Season and a very
Happy 2022, hopefully without a

pandemic. This newsletter summarizes some of the activities of the ASE Foundation. Our goals are simply two fold. The first goal is to maximize the number of educational grants provided through the CESERT Pyramid outlined below. The second goal is to build an endowment of at least \$1,000,000 to establish a secure pathway to support the sustenance of the first mission. Through the past year, building on the work of the Past Presidents of the ASE, Dr. Danny Scott, and the ASEF, Dr. Armour Forse, we have further focused the mission of the Foundation. The Executive Committee and the Board have worked with vigor and enthusiasm to accomplish the goals outlined above.

I am proud to report that the ASEF is robust and in solid shape despite the pandemic. This is due to the generosity of our officers and all of you. Our financial situation is fairly easy to understand. Our annual expenses are in the range of \$50,000. Anything we raise above that amount contributes to the endowment which is at above \$400,000. We continue our quest to the goal of \$1,000,000. As we approach this goal, please know that we have been able to increase the amount of dollars donated in grants, both large and small, to support and encourage educational investigators of all stages.

Finally, please remember that any dollars donated until May 2022 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 from the ASE. Please support the ASEF and donate. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and thank you for your continued support.
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2021 & 2022 CESERT PYRAMID GRANTS

With your help, the ASEF funded 10 surgical education research grants for ASE members in 2021. This research will impact how we educate the next generation of surgeons and surgical educators. Funded projects include topics in wellness curricula, robotic surgery, feedback, skills assessment, and virtual learning during COVID-19. Awards included six \$500 Gold Awards, two \$2,500 Diamond Awards, one \$10,000 Platinum Award, and one \$25,000 Giant Robot Award. Dr. Carter Lebares MD FACS from the University of California San Francisco Department of Surgery, who received the Platinum Award explains, “We are conducting a mixed-methods study of trainees at 16 US General Surgery residency programs to address the gap in our collective understanding of what promotes and prevents wellbeing in surgical trainees and how to optimize the use of precious resources to achieve the highest impact on trainee wellbeing. The Association for Surgical Education Foundation Platinum Grant has allowed us to incentivize resident participation and benefit from expert biostatisticians, both of which are essential to making this work impactful and rigorous.”

We are thrilled to announce that Intuitive will fund two \$25,000 robotic grants for 2022, and we plan to offer 13 additional grants this year. Our 2022 grant application cycle opened November 11, 2021 and the submission deadline is February 15, 2022.



Grant proposals that focus on the theme of virtual (either synchronous or asynchronous) instruction or assessment topics will receive special priority. We encourage all of you with innovative research ideas to apply!

<https://www.surgicaleducation.com/cesert-pyramid-grant-application/>

Awards will be announced at the 2022 Surgical Education Week May 3-7, 2022 in San Antonio, TX.

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THANK YOU to Dr. Myriam Curet and Intuitive for their support of our grant program and robotic surgery research. The Giant Robot grant in 2021 was awarded to Drs. Dom Doster and E. Matthew Ritter of Indiana University for their proposal, "Assessing the effect of

robotic enhanced ergonomics on gender-based performance disparities for laparo-endoscopic skills."

About Intuitive

Helping people get back to what matters most

Pairing human ingenuity with technology

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We're continuously improving current products while working with physicians to create new minimally invasive products. Our da Vinci SP surgical system allows urology and transoral surgeons to enter the body through a single, small incision or no incision at all. And, with our Ion endoluminal system for minimally invasive peripheral lung biopsies, we're further broadening our focus in minimally invasive care.

Call for Donations

While we have made some great strides, the ASE Foundation still has much to accomplish to reach our fundraising goals. With your support, we continue to dream big. Your partnership and generosity will help make a difference in 2022 and the future. We would like to highlight two special ways to contribute this year.

1. The ASE has generously agreed to match all donations up to \$25,000. This is an amazing opportunity to help us build a one-million-dollar corpus for our sustainability and fund the CESERT grants to support ASE members' research. Our ASE Foundation President, Dr. Shabahang, has kicked off this matching opportunity with a \$6,000 donation!
2. Consider a contribution to the ASEF in honor of your mentor or a surgical educator who made a difference in your training or your career. Their name will be posted on our website and they will

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Education Week*

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*President: Adnan Alseidi, MD, EdM
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May 3 - May 7, 2022

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We hope to see you there!

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