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Message from our ASE Foundation President, Amalia Cochran, MD



Dear Past, Present, and Future
Supporters of the ASE Foundation,

I want to start with two simple words: thank you. Due to your support, the ASE Foundation had our strongest year to date in 2022-2023. We were able to build the Annual Fund, which is vital to the long-term financial health of

the Foundation and allows us to support emerging opportunities that are aligned with the purpose of the ASE and the Foundation. More importantly, the Deb DaRosa Scholarship Endowment was fully funded and we will award the scholarship to the first recipient during Surgical Education Week 2024. Please be on the lookout for the application process this winter.

Our flagship program of CESERT grants remains robust and we awarded \$70,000 this past year. We continue to refine the awards process and are thrilled to have Dr. Sarah Jung's able leadership of the CESERT subcommittee.

Most importantly, we're excited about how vibrant the Foundation is overall. Many people have learned about who we are and the work that we are doing over the last several years, and this increased profile has played an important role in our continued financial growth. You, our donors, make this great work in support of ASE and surgical education possible, and I am so grateful for your ongoing generosity. I also hope that you will consider joining me with a gift to the Annual Fund on Giving Tuesday (November 28) and help us to continue our efforts to build for the future.

On behalf of the ASE Foundation Board, I wish you a peaceful and healthy holiday season. And, again, thank you.

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Dr. Debra DaRosa Career Development Scholarship Campaign

**Be on the lookout for
applications for the inaugural
DaRosa Scholar in 2024!**

A huge “thank you” to all our contributors that supported the DaRosa Scholarship campaign. We reached our fundraising goal in record time thanks to your incredible generosity! The Dr. Debra DaRosa Career Development Scholarship will be awarded annually to help support the costs of participation in a formal surgical education course—anything from SERF to Surgeons As Educators to graduate school tuition. The first DaRosa scholarship will be awarded in 2024 so be watching for more information as the Call for Applications will be sent out soon.

CESERT PYRAMID GRANTS

Do you have a great idea for research in surgical education? Our 2023 grant application cycle is now open and the submission deadline is February 1, 2024. Proposals that focus on the theme of virtual (either synchronous or asynchronous) instruction or assessment topics will receive special priority.

[APPLY NOW FOR A CESERT PYRAMID GRANT](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON AWARDEES

Global Impact

Robert K. Parker, MD | Tenwek Hospital, Kenya:
CESERT Pyramid Grant Diamond Awardee

We made excellent progress throughout the project. After completing our data collection and analysis, we submitted our manuscript to the journal, Surgery. We were honored to provide acknowledgement of CESERT. [Our completed article can be found here.](#)

Thank you for the opportunity to highlight the importance of trainee autonomy on surgical education, and to showcase our work from an otherwise underrepresented area. We are grateful to ASE for making this possible.

Scholarly Impact

**Anya Greenberg, MBA, Ari Coopersmith, BA, and
Carter Lebares, MD | UCSF**
CESERT Pyramid Grant Platinum Awardee

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We conducted a mixed-methods study 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.

We have published six manuscripts based on our work thus far.

The Association for Surgical Education Foundation CESERT Platinum Grant allowed us to incentivize resident participation and benefit from expert biostatisticians, both of which were essential to making this work impactful and rigorous. Our scholarly productivity as a direct result of this grant is a testament to how sincerely we benefitted from and appreciate the foundation's support.

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for ASE Members**

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We would like to extend a special
THANK YOU
to Dr. Myriam Curet and Intuitive
for their support of our CESERT Pyramid Grant program
and funding two robotic surgery research grants
for 2023!

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**THE ASSOCIATION FOR SURGICAL EDUCATION IS
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE
FOLLOWING AWARDS AND PROGRAMS!**

ASSOCIATION FOR SURGICAL EDUCATION
Surgical Education Research Fellowship (SERF)

Dimitry Nepomnashy, MD

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Sarah Jung, PhD

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Emil Petrusa, Ph.D.

The Surgical Education Research Fellowship equips investigators with the skills and knowledge needed to plan, implement and report research studies in the field of surgical education. **Applications are due January 12, 2024.**

ASSOCIATION FOR SURGICAL EDUCATION

Surgical Education and Leadership Fellowship (SELF)

The Surgical Education Leadership Fellowship is designed for all ASE members who wish to improve their teaching, education design, and leadership skills in surgical education. **Applications are due January 12, 2024.**



Submit your multi-institutional research project to the Shark Tank Session at the ASE Annual Meeting. Selected proposals will be invited to present their research to the ASE "sharks" during the ASE 2024 Annual Meeting. The winning proposal will receive \$2,500 in funding. **Applications are due November 27, 2023.**

Call for Donations!

The ASE Foundation needs YOUR help to dream big and continue supporting surgical education projects. Your contributions in 2023 help fund our CESERT grants for 2024, and your support helped launch the Dr. Debra DaRosa scholarship which will award its inaugural scholar in 2024.

There are 3 options to donate:

- a one-time gift
- a monthly donation
- an annual pledge

Donating to the ASE Foundation is a great way to support your surgical education colleagues. Every dollar counts and no amount is too small.

All donations are tax deductible.

<https://www.surgicaleducation.com/your-donation/>

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SAVE THESE DATES!

GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, 2023

We are one week away from the biggest day to give back of the year: #GivingTuesday

Please consider supporting research and innovation by making a contribution to the ASE Foundation this holiday season.



2024 Annual Meeting of the Association for Surgical Education at Surgical Education Week

Surgical Education Week: April 23 – 27, 2024

ASE Annual Meeting: April 23 – 25, 2024
Pre-Meeting Courses: April 22, 2024

APDS Annual Meeting: April 25 – 27, 2024

Hyatt Regency Orlando
Orlando, FL

Program and Registration information will be available in winter 2023.

We hope to see you there!

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