



ASSOCIATION FOR SURGICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Message from our ASE Foundation President,

Amalia Cochran, MD



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

The Association for Surgical Education Foundation has the stated mission to “Provide sustainable support for innovation, research, and professional development programs of the Association for Surgical Education and its members.”

Your Foundation leaders met in Carmel, IN, in August for generative discussions about the past, present, and future of the organization. I want to start my discussion about the weekend acknowledging the people who we had in the room- me, Alan Harzman, Kim Hendershot, Alan Ladd, Megan Miller (virtually), Mo Shabahang, and

Dimitrios Stefanidis, with support from Lois Ehrlich and Dale Dullabaun from the BSC staff. I knew when we convened the group for this work that we would have some terrific discussions and would come away with a strong plan for the future of the ASE Foundation, and my expectations were exceeded. And, of course, we had a great time together!

We determined that we have three pillars that will guide our efforts over the next several years, and within each of these pillars have goals with associated initiatives. Our pillars are to strengthen stewardship, expand available resources, and enrich support for surgical education. A task force will exist within each pillar to address what we determined was the most critical need- for example, within the “expand available resources” pillar, we have created a donor experience task force so that we can better support and recognize you as a donor. The guiding principles that were developed around the pillars appear in their entirety elsewhere in this newsletter so I won’t catalogue details here; I do, however, want to highlight an important goal that carried over from our last strategic planning effort.

We’ve spent a lot of time talking about our goal of developing a corpus of \$1 million for the ASE Foundation, and that goal remains intact with a slight modification of achieving a corpus of *at least* \$1 million dollars. It is important for you as an ASE Foundation donor to understand why we remain focused on that amount. When the idea of a \$1 million corpus was initially proposed by Danny Scott, it was nothing short of a BIG hairy audacious goal for the Foundation based upon our account balances at that time. Now that we’ve sailed past the \$500K mark, it seems absolutely achievable though it will require ongoing focus and effort. Our intention in having a corpus of that size isn’t just about having a “rainy day” fund to support innovation, research, and professional development for surgical educators; of course, it will help to insulate us from external threats. Instead, what it does is it helps us to become self-sustaining in a manner that allows us to maintain legacy projects and to respond to emerging opportunities that arise. It is our assessment that having a base of \$1 million positions the Foundation in

a way that our efforts are truly sustainable into the future- and while we all want to be effective here and now, we also hope to leave an enduring legacy for advancing careers and scholarship in surgical education.

I hope that you will share some of our excitement about what we can all do together. Please be on the lookout this year for several new initiatives from the Foundation and for information about ways that we are further enhancing our relationship with the Association for Surgical Education to capitalize on the Foundation's unique position as a philanthropic partner. We are so excited to have you along for the adventure with us!



ASE Foundation leadership traveled to Indianapolis to find the pot of gold that will support the future of careers and scholarship in surgical education.



Dr. Debra DaRosa Career Development Scholarship

Be on the lookout for our email announcement for the 2nd Dr. Debra DaRosa Scholarship in 2025! Application will open on January 1st, and close on February 28th.

A huge “thank you” to all our contributors that supported the DaRosa Scholarship campaign. The Dr. Debra DaRosa Career Development Scholarship is now 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 was awarded to Justin Wagner, M.D.

A few words of appreciation from Justin Wagner, M.D.: *It is beyond an honor for Deb DaRosa's biggest fan to be the inaugural recipient of a scholarship named after her. My career and academic goals are to*

explore creative ways to effect cultural change in surgical workplace and learning environment, with a focus in undergraduate medical education. My professional development activities supported by the scholarship will include training in qualitative methods, implementation science, and undergraduate medical educational leadership. I am incredibly fortunate to be in the company of ASE colleagues with a shared passion to create the most vibrant, inclusive, and progressive community in all of medical education. I hope my contributions to the field will resonate from the top of Dr. DaRosa's shoulders, and I extend my warmest gratitude to the ASE Foundation for this endorsement.

CESERT PYRAMID GRANTS

Do you have a great idea for research in surgical education? Our 2025 grant application cycle will open on November 1st and the submission deadline is February 1, 2025. Proposals that focus on the theme of virtual (either synchronous or asynchronous) instruction or assessment topics will receive special priority.

APPLY SOON FOR A CESERT PYRAMID GRANT

2024 ASE FOUNDATION CESERT PYRAMID GRANT AWARDS

The Association for Surgical Education Foundation (ASEF) is excited to announce the awardees of surgical education research grants which started July 1, 2024.

Giant Robot (\$25,000) Sponsored by Intuitive

Advancing Robotic Surgical Education: Development and Validation of the Clutch Proficiency Index (CPI)

Irving J. Zamora, MD, MPH, FACS
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Development of a National Interprofessional Team Training Simulation for Emergency Robot Undocking

Douglas Cassidy, MD
Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

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The Fundamentals of Communication in Surgery Curriculum: A Multisite Pilot Study

Amber Shada, MD
University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Drawing for Surgical Anatomy and Autonomy in Cleft Palate Repairs

Ingrid Ganske, MD
Boston Children's Hospital

Comparison of Analog and Digital Recording in Video-Based Assessment of ATLAS Tasks

Darian Hoagland, MD
Lahey Hospital & Medical Center

Assessing the Impact of Fresh Tissue Training (FTT) on General Surgery Residents (GSR) using Heart Rate Variability (HRV)

Daniel Grabo, MD, FACS

West Virginia University School of Medicine

Gold (\$500)

Fostering Growth Mindsets in Surgical Interns: A Pilot Study

Michael Kochis, MD, EdM
Massachusetts General Hospital

Best Practices for Producing Podcasts for Physician Education

James Korndorffer, MD MHPE
Stanford University

***Assessing and Enhancing Resident Self-Efficacy in Granstmanship:
A Mixed Methods Study***

Lillias Maguire, MD
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

***Comparison Between Preliminary and Categorical Resident Personal and Professional
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Justine Broecker, MD
UCSF

Previous preliminary surgery residents: A 5-Y national analysis of “success”

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Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

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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 2024!

Call for Donations!

The ASE Foundation needs YOUR help to dream big and continue supporting surgical education projects. Your contributions in 2024 help fund our CESERT grants for 2025, and your support helped launch the Dr. Debra DaRosa scholarship which awarded 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/>

Thank you our 2023-2024 Donors!

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December 3, 2024

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



2025 Annual Meeting of the Association for Surgical Education
at Surgical Education Week

Surgical Education Week | May 6-10, 2025
ASE Annual Meeting | May 8-10, 2025
ASE Pre-Meeting Courses | May 7, 2025
APDS Annual Meeting | May 6-8, 2025
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ASE 2025 Theme: Transforming Surgical Education through Empowerment,
Acknowledgement, and Inclusion

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