



This month, we're celebrating innovation – including all the AANA members and industry partners that contribute towards developing new initiatives that inspire innovation. We're welcoming new members of exclusive AANA Education Foundation donor societies and circles that define originality and leadership; we're thanking our recent individual donors as well as our industry partners for their contributions towards the latest in technology advances; and finally, we're providing an update on the Thought Leadership Summit, a catalyst for sparking conversations between AANA Membership and industry regarding the future of minimally invasive surgery.

In addition, the theme of our general campaign this month is focused on innovation – after all, it's your generous support that helps fund the initiatives and technologies of tomorrow.

Enjoy,

The AANA Education Foundation



What does **AANA** mean to you? We're currently looking for members to share their stories on what AANA Membership means to them to publicize during AANA's 40th Anniversary Celebrations in 2021. If you'd like to participate in this exciting opportunity, send your stories to AANA40@aana.org.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

Update on the Thought Leadership Summit

The Thought Leadership Summit was designed to create an open dialogue between AANA Membership and industry that addresses both the future state of skills-based training and opportunities that would respond to the rapidly changing environment.

In late July, AANA stakeholders received a qualitative survey that gathered initial insights on the state of the surgical education environment, career implications and the role of AANA. This was followed by a live webinar presentation on September 17 led by Dr. Louis F. McIntyre and Dean West of Association Laboratory, an independent research organization. This will be followed by an interactive, three-day online bulletin board on **September 21-23** where a group of subject matter experts will explore discussion topics based on the survey results.

Thank You to Our Recent Individual Donors

We would like to thank the following recent donors for their generous contributions and support:

- John P. Duggan, M.D. (New Donor)
- Larry D. Field, M.D.
- Juan Jose Lazarte Pelaez, M.D. (New Donor)
- Richard K.N. Ryu, M.D.
- Harris S. Slone M.D. (New Donor)
- Kenneth R. Zaslav, M.D.

Welcome New Richard B. Caspari Society Member!

Congratulations to our newest Richard B. Caspari Society member, Larry D. Field, M.D. Raised in Natchez, Mississippi, Dr. Field obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, where he also finished a five-year orthopaedic residency program. Following his residency, Dr. Field completed a sports medicine and shoulder surgery fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, New York where he worked as assistant team physician for the New York Mets professional baseball team. Dr. Field served as AANA President from 2019-2020, where he spearheaded the successful “AANA5000” membership initiative.

The Richard B. Caspari Society was created to recognize those individuals who have, through their generous contributions to the AANA Education Foundation, advanced the vision of one of the original pioneers in arthroscopic techniques for the shoulder: former AANA President, Richard B. Caspari, M.D. To qualify for the society, individuals must have contributed a lifetime amount of either \$50,000 in cash or a combination of \$200,000 in cash and legacy gifts to the AANA Education Foundation.

I am truly honored to have had the opportunity and privilege to have recently joined the Richard B. Caspari Society. I had the chance to meet with and learn from Dr. Caspari early in my career and always greatly respected his leadership in the field of arthroscopic related surgery as well as his commitment to teaching and to surgical innovation. I'm proud to support AANA's mission as a member of the Caspari Society. – Larry D. Field, M.D.

Future Leaders Circle

The Future Leaders Circle was created to connect individuals with the next generation of AANA leaders. To join, individuals must pledge \$5,000 (\$1,000 a year over five years). Benefits of joining this exclusive circle of leaders include event invitations to the President's Dinner and Reception and the AANA Education Foundation Donor Reception at the AANA Annual Meeting, networking opportunities with AANA leaders and more.

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 AANA Annual Meeting, our Future Leaders Circle members will be recognized during a special pinning ceremony at the 2021 AANA Annual Meeting and 40th Anniversary Celebrations in Chicago, Illinois. [Learn more about this exclusive donor circle and other donor levels.](#)

Special congratulations to our new Future Leaders Circle members:

- Andrew Thomas Assenmacher, M.D.
- Juliet M. DeCampos, M.D.
- Aman Dhawan, M.D.
- J. Martin Leland III, M.D.

- Catherine A. Logan, M.D., M.B.A.
- Marina Rodriguez, M.D.
- Matthew J. Salzler, M.D.
- Carlos Suarez-Ahedo, M.D.

AANA is the warmest, most congenial group that I have ever been involved with. Not only are many AANA members some of the best Orthopaedic Sports Surgeons and arthroscopists in the entire world, but they are also incredibly compassionate people. The relationships that I have built through AANA are some of my most cherished. Getting involved in the Future Leaders Circle is a doorway to a lifetime of learning and friendships. – J. Martin Leland III, M.D.

Since my first AANA meeting, I recognized that we were a society of “doers,” not just talkers; it was a comfortable fit for me. The leaders were so passionate about new ideas and equipment in arthroscopy but also so approachable. Leadership reached out to me to participate at AANA courses and on committees – I see encouragement and support of women from the staff and members. Involvement with the Future Leaders Circle is important to me and to the success of AANA. – Juliet M. DeCampos, M.D.

AANA represents to me a vibrant, growing organization with a strong commitment to education and mentorship. The Future Leaders Circle is an opportunity for me to give to this organization that gives all of us so much; help contribute to the wealth of resident and fellow scholarships, the AANA Traveling Fellowship program as well as innovative courses. I am excited about the future of AANA and feel this is a small token of appreciation that helps contribute to the pillars of education, mentorship and camaraderie that AANA is built upon. – Aman Dhawan, M.D.

Being an AANA and Future Leaders Circle member is a unique opportunity for arthroscopy surgeons. It is an invaluable support system, where not only can we learn from an unparalleled network of mentors, but also share knowledge with more than 5,000 world-class, passionate, committed game-changers that have one common goal: to improve patients’ lives. – Carlos Suarez-Ahedo, M.D.

Joining the Future Leaders Circle was a way for me to give back to AANA for all of the outstanding education, mentorship, experience and support I have received over the years. – Matthew J. Salzler, M.D.

WHAT'S NEW WITH INDUSTRY

Thank You, Industry Partners!

Special thanks to **Arthrex**, **JRF Ortho**, **KIBO** and **Vericel** for sponsoring AANA's new **Webinar Wednesdays** series. This monthly webinar series will launch September 30.

The exciting new webinar series will tap into the renewed interest in online educational offerings, available for **FREE** to AANA members. With three to four short talks in an interactive, case-based format, the hosts and panelists will engage in timely and trending topics such as meniscal preservation, irreparable rotator cuff tear, hip preservation in the athlete and the throwing shoulder/elbow. The series will also provide an opportunity to engage with experts in arthroscopy, offering something for everyone.

FUNDING INITIATIVES

Fund the future of orthopaedic surgery. Fund innovation.

Contributions to the AANA Education Foundation serve as the catalyst of innovation for arthroscopy. With your support, the AANA Education Foundation strives to fund new and developing initiatives in innovation related to emerging technologies in arthroscopy and cutting-edge research. Make a meaningful impact by funding the initiatives and technologies of tomorrow. **Contribute to innovation today.**

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