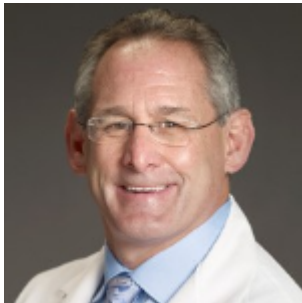




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Donor Highlight: Merrick J. Wetzler, M.D., FAANA



This month, the AANA Education Foundation would like to recognize Dr. Wetzler, who has been an AANA Member since 2011 and regular donor to the AANA Education Foundation since 2013.

Dr. Wetzler has been heavily involved in AANA from the start of membership, having served as an instructor for several AANA lab courses and on multiple committees, including Advocacy, Bylaws and Membership, and served as an associate editor for *Arthroscopy*, AANA's peer-reviewed journal, and remains on the editorial board.

To Dr. Wetzler, the AANA Education Foundation means having the opportunity to give back to AANA, starting with supporting AANA's wide array of lab courses as well as the AANA Annual Meeting.

"The AANA Education Foundation allows Orthopaedic Surgeons, especially those in private practice like myself, to attend a course as well as act as instructors. This allows me and other Orthopaedic Surgeons the opportunity to stay on top of our game," Dr. Wetzler notes. "Without experiences such as AANA lab courses or the AANA Annual Meeting, I wouldn't be fortunate enough to interact with and learn from leaders all over the world, which is unique in and of itself."

The AANA Education Foundation also means having an outlet to give back to the next generation of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Having served as a lab course instructor and as a moderator for the 2019 AANA Annual Meeting, Dr. Wetzler takes tremendous pride in sharing his knowledge and skills to those who are early in their careers. This outlet is also how he makes his money matter – by giving back to Orthopaedic Surgeons who are just starting out, his contributions transcend his own time.

"If you are part of the faculty for the AANA Annual Meeting or an AANA Lab Course, one way you can giving back is just by paying your own way to attend these events by using reward mileage and

points. I have done this many times, which saves AANA the cost of airfare,” Dr. Wetzler adds.

In addition to funding current programs that advance arthroscopy, the various scholarships that the AANA Education Foundation supports exposes early career surgeons to a learning opportunity they otherwise may not have the chance to attend.

“There are a lot of Residents, Fellows and surgeons early in their career who don’t necessarily have the opportunity to spend several thousands of dollars to travel to an AANA Lab Course or the AANA Annual Meeting to see what AANA is all about and learn from some of the greatest experts in arthroscopy,” Dr. Wetzler explains. “Scholarships such as the ones the AANA Education Foundation helps fund give these surgeons the opportunity to learn from the absolute best.”

And the Orthopaedic Surgeons who receive these scholarships couldn’t be more grateful. “Just talking to a scholarship recipient firsthand and hearing how appreciative they are makes my donation all the more worthwhile,” Dr. Wetzler says.

Whether it’s for supporting AANA’s various education opportunities, giving back to future AANA leaders and expert arthroscopists, contributing to the gift of education via a scholarship or something else, it doesn’t take much.

“The donation doesn’t need to be overbearing; you can always donate a small amount and then contribute more over time,” Dr. Wetzler adds.

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EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

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