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Reflecting on What's Ahead

Dear Colleagues:

As the 2022-2023 AANA president, I am humbled to assume leadership of our association. I hope to build upon the successful term of my predecessor, Dr. Mark Getelman, under whose leadership AANA was able to reach and then exceed the goals set for the 40th Anniversary Campaign.

Despite the success of this campaign, it is still important for us to encourage giving from our members to the AANA Education Foundation. This ensures that current and future generations of arthroscopic surgeons are equipped with the expertise necessary to advance their careers as well as arthroscopic surgery. AANA's purpose is "to advance the art and science of arthroscopy and minimally invasive surgery through education, skills assessment and advocacy," per its mission statement. Each AANA program is designed to fulfill that mission and must be supported by revenues, some of which the AANA Education Foundation guarantees.

Education is expensive. Surgical skills education, particularly practicing on cadaver specimens, requires significant funding support. It would be difficult for AANA to continue providing excellent skills education without the support of the Foundation. These programs offer unbiased instruction from world renowned Orthopaedic Surgeons. This year, we are planning new initiatives to bring members these educational opportunities with more convenient regional courses; having a strong Foundation behind us helps expand these educational efforts. These initiatives include scholarships for surgeons of all career levels to attend courses, conferences and more.

Our advocacy role, including an ongoing appraisal of member needs, is also expanding. We are committed to facilitating the production of Level I research that will be utilized to support our efforts in creating new surgical codes to benefit to our members. To this end, our association is sponsoring our first randomized clinical trial for treating lateral epicondylitis of the elbow.

AANA is also committed to developing new modes of teaching surgical skills. The organization has active programs investigating the use of cadavers, simulators and artificial intelligence to enhance our surgical training and skills assessment methods.

All these educational and advocacy efforts cost money. Your contribution to the AANA Education Foundation will support these critical efforts and will positively impact your practice, patient care and reimbursement. Please consider a generous gift to the AANA Education Foundation today.

Giving is easy. Please contact Director of Development Terri Bruce at terri@aana.org with any questions.

Sincerely,



James W. Stone, M.D., FAANA

AANA President, 2022-2023



Trice Medical

THANK YOU TRICE MEDICAL!

NEW Research Grant

The AANA Education Foundation is so grateful to Trice Medical for their support on a new research grant offering. This \$500,000 grant will go to the Foundation for a Lateral Epicondylitis Study with AANA and Tenex Health. This study will focus on percutaneous ultrasound tissue debridement. Research sites will include The Andrews Institute, with Principle Investigator Adam W. Anz, M.D., and Virtua Health System, with Principle Investigator Sean McMillan, D.O., FAANA. This grant is made possible with generous support from Trice Medical, and the Foundation is appreciative!

EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

August Is Make-A-Will Month!

This yearly reminder is just the motivation busy professionals like you need to finally sit down and create or update your last will and testament. When creating or updating your will or estate plans, please consider making a legacy gift to the AANA Education Foundation. Legacy giving helps ensure the vital support that will sustain and transform the work we do for the generations to come.

Visit the [AANA Education Foundation legacy gift page](#) to see the ways available to give or contact Director of Development [Terri Bruce](#) to discuss options. [Make a legacy gift today.](#)

NEW! Recurring Donations

The AANA Education Foundation is excited to announce a new donation opportunity: recurring gifts! Whether large or small, monthly or quarterly, a recurring gift is a simple way to show your support. Your recurring gift is what allows the AANA Education Foundation to provide valuable scholarships, fund important grants for continued research and support the latest innovations in minimally invasive surgery. [Make your recurring gift today!](#)

NEW! AANA Masters Conference Scholarships

Senior Residents and Fellows! Looking to attend the AANA Master's Conference this December? Five scholarships are available thanks to generous funding from the AANA Education Foundation. Scholarships include course registration and travel reimbursement only, golf is not included. [Learn more and apply.](#)

NEW! AANA/ISAKOS Knee & Shoulder Arthroscopy Lab Course Scholarships

The AANA Education Foundation is generously funding three scholarships for the AANA/ISAKOS Knee & Shoulder Arthroscopy Lab Course this November at the MARC Institute in Doral, Florida. One scholarship each will be given to attend both course days, the knee-focused lab day and the shoulder-focused lab day. [Learn more and apply.](#)

DONATIONS AT WORK

Annual Meeting Resident Scholarship

The Annual Meeting Resident Scholarship affords PGY3-5 Orthopaedic Residents the exclusive opportunity to attend the AANA Annual Meeting, the largest arthroscopy-focused meeting in the world. Thanks to generous donors like you, Residents can experience firsthand what it's like interact and learn from renowned Orthopaedic Surgeons and AANA leaders.

Hear how your donations made a meaningful impact on our AANA22 Resident Scholarship recipients:

*"It was awesome to be awarded the AANA Annual Meeting Resident Scholarship. To me, it represents AANA's interest in Resident education and it is an investment in Resident involvement. It shows that AANA wishes to engage Residents, allowing us to help build the future of the organization. On a more personal level, I felt like it was a "welcome to our subspecialty" as I graduated residency and transitioned to sports fellowship. Overall, I have a very positive perception of AANA as an organization and plan to stay involved as I advance in my career." – **Nicholas P.J. Perry, M.D.***

"It was an honor to attend the 2022 AANA Annual Meeting. It was my first time at an AANA Annual Meeting and to be given the scholarship as an international participant felt great. The fact that Residents are supported and taken in consideration means a lot. The quality of the content was great,

and I met a lot of great people, got the opportunity to talk to some Fellows and learned a lot about the fellowship program I'm interested in. I learned so many new concepts and reinforced others." –

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