26th ANNUAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY EDUCATORS CONFERENCE
February 9 - 11, 2023

Replenish, Restore, and Refresh

Marriott Savannah Riverfront
100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31401
Reservation: (800) 285 – 0398
Reservation must be made by January 9, 2023, or until room block is filled.
Single and Double Occupancy: $198 (additionally local and state tax is 13% + $5.00 state fee and $1.00 city occupancy fee)
Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. (early arrivals not guaranteed)

AST Registration Fees
- Leadership Symposium
  - $100.00 (AST member and nonmember)
- Educators Conference
  - AST Member: $275.00
  - Nonmember: $480.00 (includes one-year membership)

Thursday, February 9: Leadership Symposium (registration limited to 50 people) 6.5 CE

- 8:00 – 9:30 am  Sharing Our Leadership Stories
  Richard Fruscione, CST, MA, FAST
  Carolyn Ragsdale, CST, MA, FAST
  Eboni Saurage, CST, EdD, FAST

- 9:40 – 10:30 am  Leadership: An Interactive Focus Session

- 10:40 – 11:30 am  Peer Round Table Discussions: Topics
  * Mentoring Those Behind and Beside You
  * The 3 Ps of Time Management as a Leader – Plan, Prioritize, Perform
  * Leading Teamwork Communication
  * The Human Knot: Service, Knowledge, and the Pathway to Leadership
  * Self-Advocacy: Tell Them Who You Are As a Leader – Portfolio Creation

- 11:40 am – 12:20 pm  Lunch (AST sponsored)

- 12:30 – 2:20 pm  Peer Round Table Discussions (continued)
2:30 – 3:30 pm  Visit Exhibitors – Completing a Degree That Contributes to Your Leadership Goals

Friday, February 10  9 CE

• 6:30 – 7:00 am  Replenish and Restore: Sunrise Yoga

• 7:00 – 7:45 am  Breakfast

• 7:45 – 8:00 am  AST Welcome
  Kevin Craycraft, CST, FAST, AST President

• 8:00 – 8:50 am  Keynote Presentation
  Bill Carr – Communication Expert & Award-Winning Humorist

• 9:00 – 9:50 am  Encouraging Resilience through Peer And Instructor Support
  Anna Campbell, CST, CSFA

• 10:00 – 10:50 am  Finding Balance Through Creativity in the Classroom
  Krista Vylasek, CST

• 11:00 – 11:50 am  Item Writing and Review: Let’s Develop a Test Together
  Chris Blevins, CST
  Angie Burton, CST, FAST
  Margaret Rodrigues, CST, CSFA, FAST

• 12:00 – 12:45 pm  Lunch (Grab and Go)

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| 1:00 – 1:50 | Effective Didactic & Practicum Teaching Strategies for Surgical Technology
  Ashley Smith, CST
  Tammy Schaefer, CST, CSFA | Grey Areas of Lab Skills
  Chris Blevins and AST | NBSTSA Updates |
| 2:00 – 2:50 | One is the Loneliest Number – The Solo PD
  Javier Espinales, CST | Providing the Tools to Build a Strong Foundation
  Carol Lavender, CST | NBSTSA |
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<td>Carolyn Ragsdale, CST, FAST</td>
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<td><strong>The Sales Pitch; Preparing for Life After Graduation</strong></td>
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<td>Heather Osness, CST</td>
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- 5:00 – 6:00 pm **Exhibitor Engagement Hub**
  - (Two 30 min. demos)
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm **Educator Enrichment**
  - Poster Hall
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Reception**
- 7:40* - 9:00 pm **Ghosts and Gravestones Trolley Tour***
  - [https://www.ghostsandgravestones.com/savannah/tickets](https://www.ghostsandgravestones.com/savannah/tickets)

*Requires separate purchase at registration. Attendance capped at 34 seats.

**Saturday, February 11**

- 6:30 – 7:00 am **Replenish and Restore: Sunrise Yoga**
- 7:00 – 7:45 am **Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 10:00 am **Peer Conversations**
- 10:10 – 11:00 am **Peer Conversations Summary**
- 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Beyond Our Tech Skills: The Foundation of Quality Patient Care**
  - Gina Chambers, CST
  - Glenda McCloskey, CST
- 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. **Teaching Tech Sciences, Not My Favorite Topic**
  - Grant Wilson, CST, FAST
  - Carla Crayton, CST
- 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. **Closing Presentation:** Bill Carr

**6 CEs**