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 P’s 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**
• 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  Creating Our Future: Getting to NEXT Together
                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
                Angie Burton, CST, FAST
                Margaret Rodrigues, CST, CSFA, FAST
• 12:00 – 12:45 pm  Lunch (Grab and Go)

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- 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 CEs

- 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 – Sponsored by the NBSTSA
- 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.  What Next!?
  Bill Carr – Communication Expert & Award-Winning Humorist