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Represents Kansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia

Olalekan has been a CST and a member of AST since 2007. He graduated from Brooklyn Community College with an associate degree in surgical technology and a Bachelor of Science in health services administration at New York City College of Technology. Because of his passion for education and patient care, he pursued his MBA (Health Care Management) at St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, New York. While in New York, he served as a BOD and continues to

serve as BOD, 2nd Term, currently on the Texas BOD. He enjoys being at conferences and served as a delegate for both the New York and Texas State Assemblies multiple times. He received the FAST award at the 2024 AST National Surgical Technology Conference in Denver and is currently appointed as State Assembly Leadership Committee representative, overseeing five states.

He enjoyed teaching and imparting knowledge and has helped many to become surgical technologists and members of AST. He was a clinical instructor at Sanford Brown Institute, New York, and later at Swedish Institute Manhattan before moving to Houston, Texas. While in Houston, he worked at HCA Houston Healthcare Medical Center, Park Plaza, and later became Program Director Surgical Services at Fortis Institute and Fortis College. He worked at MD Anderson as a contractor and used the golden opportunity to elevate the profession of surgical technology and AST. He had the privilege of organizing an AST Houston workshop in 2023 with professors from MD Anderson and is currently working on the 2025 conference.

He enjoys being with his girls, traveling, and cruising. He loves his African dishes, especially Amala with ewedu and jollof rice. He is pleased to accept the privilege of working with the other SALC members and looks forward to supporting the assigned state assemblies.

