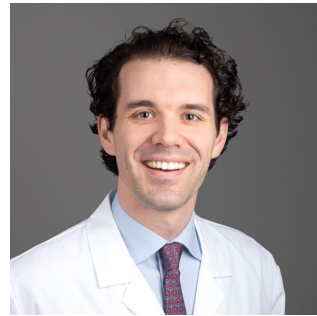


Your Donations In Action

2026 Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Award

The ASE Foundation is proud to announce the 2026 recipient of the Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Award. Please join us in congratulating **Nicholas Spetko, MD, MSc**, from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center! Dr. Spetko has been awarded a \$75,000 scholarship from ASEF to pursue advanced cardiovascular ultrasound research.



Supported by the Pamela S. Douglas Research Scholar Award, he will assemble a novel dataset linking sonographer workforce credentialing data, state-level employment characteristics, and administrative claims to investigate the extent to which sonographer shortages limit access to echocardiography. This work addresses a critical and understudied gap in cardiac care. Ultimately, Dr. Spetko aims to build an independent research program dedicated to understanding how cardiovascular imaging can be deployed most effectively to improve patient care. You can read more about Dr. Spetko's project on our website [here](#)!

ASEF at ASE 2026

ASEF Booth Activities

The Foundation raised **\$7,184.50** in donations received at the ASEF Booth during the Scientific Sessions! Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth to contribute, view the photo exhibit, log CV challenge steps, join the monthly sustainer club, say hi, and share stories with us. We love interacting with our supporters! The photo exhibit was a big hit, selling **10** photos and raising **\$950**! We also gained **5** new monthly sustainers. Special shout out to the top CV Challenge competitors: **Dr. Shunsuke Eguchi, Dr. Vince Sorrell, Dr. Chris Mathis, Dr. Yasmin Hamirani, and Dr. Carrie Altman**. They each received an [ASE Brand Store](#) gift card. **Did you know the ASEF logo is available in the brand store to add to shirts, jackets, bags, and headwear?** Check it out!



17th Annual Research Awards Gala

The ASE Foundation's premiere fundraising event, the Research Awards Gala, was an enchanting evening! The sold-out event honored [ASE's 2026 ASE Award Winners](#) and the proceeds will support the Foundation's research initiative. Congratulations to the award winners and thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you had a wonderful

time and appreciate your support! The total proceeds from this event will be shared at a later date.



Congratulations to the 2026 Research Award Competition Winners

Join us in congratulating this year's research award competition winners, **Dhiran Sivasubramanian, MD**, from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and **Nathan Lawson, BS**, from Central Sydney Cardiology, who took first place in the Arthur E. Weyman Young Investigator's Award Competition and the Brian Haluska Sonographer Research Award Competition, respectively. You can see their winning research, as well as those of all the competition finalists, in [JASE](#).



**Arthur E. Weyman Young
Investigator's Award**



**Brian Haluska Sonographer Research
Award**

Thank You to the ASEF Lecturers at ASE 2026

ASEF funds named lectures presented at the annual ASE Scientific Sessions which provide a forum for honoring leaders within the field, while promoting research, education, global health, ethics, and humanitarian patient care. Thank you to our 2026 lecturers!

- Kerber-Kirkpatrick Ethics/Humanitarian Lecture: **Sara Nikravan, MD, FASE**, presented "POCUS at the Heart of Global Health"
- Kalmanson Lecture: **Philippe Pibarot, DVM, PhD, FASE**, presented "Low-Flow, Low-Gradient Aortic Stenosis: Redefining Risk in Complex Hemodynamics"
- Gardin Lecture: **Keith Churchwell, MD**, presented "Where Pictures Can Paint a Thousand Words: Optimizing and Enhancing Cardiovascular Care for All"

- Bijoy Khandheria Memorial Lecture: **Abdoul Kane, MD**, presented “ASEF and Putting the Guidelines to Work in Senegal”



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Keith Churchwell, MD



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Announcements

Coffee Day 2026

Your favorite fall fundraiser, [Coffee Day](#), will run from September 27 – October 3. Mark your calendars now and plan to donate to the Foundation by ‘buying us a cup’! Donate what you would normally spend on a cup of coffee or tea and when you give, share it on social media and tag [@ASE360](#) with [#GaveACup](#). Help promote this fundraiser by pledging your support early. Let us know you plan to contribute with an email to Foundation@ASEcho.org.

Join the Sustainer Club

Familiar with the phrase, set it and forget it? Well, it’s that simple to become an ASEF sustainer! Sign up to donate monthly through automatic credit card payments in the [ASE Portal](#). Click “Donate” next to the initiative of your choosing. Then select “Every month” from the drop-down menu. You can also email Foundation@ASEcho.org and we would be happy to set this up for you. Remember, every contribution helps out (E.C.H.O.)!



It's not too early to start thinking about your 2026 charitable contributions. Learn about the numerous ways you can give to the ASE Foundation [here](#).



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