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2026 Top Investigators

The ASE Foundation had the privilege of awarding **42 Top Investigator Travel Grants** to early-career echo researchers. These abstract presenters were selected by the ASE 2026 Scientific Sessions Abstract Chairs based on the scientific merit of their research projects. Thanks to donor contributions, ASEF fosters the next generation of echo researchers by supporting their attendance at the ASE Scientific Sessions through these travel grants.



"I had an outstanding experience at the 2026 ASE Scientific Sessions, and I am so grateful to the ASE Foundation for the Top Investigator Travel Grant to help make it possible. It was a privilege to learn from leaders and researchers from all over the world about the latest innovations in echocardiography."

– **Daniel O'Meara, MD, Top Investigator**

Please join us in congratulating this year's Top Investigators, including **Brian Dang, MD**, from Stanford University, Stanford, CA, who received the **Michael H. Picard Research Award**, and **Sae Jang, MD**, from University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA, who received the **Alan S. Pearlman Research Award**. The full list of this year's Top Investigators can be found [here](#).

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Announcements

Pledge Your Support for 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.

Sustain ASEF By Giving Monthly

Looking for a way to make an impact but not sure where to start? Consider becoming an ASEF sustainer by donating monthly through automatic credit card payments. A recurring monthly gift no matter the amount, provides reliable, year-round support that helps ASEF plan ahead and invest in programs and initiatives. You can enroll in the [ASE Portal](#) by

clicking "Donate" next to the initiative of your choosing. Then select "Every month" from the drop-down menu. Or email Foundation@ASEcho.org and we would be happy to set this up for you. Remember, Every Contribution Helps Out (E.C.H.O.)!



2027 Alan D. Waggoner Student Scholarship Award Nominations Open October 15

Program Director nominations for the 2027 [Alan D. Waggoner Student Scholarship Awards](#) will open **October 15**. Established in 2001 in recognition of Mr. Waggoner's professional achievements and service to ASE, these awards include a \$1,000 USD scholarship, complimentary registration for ASE's Annual Scientific Sessions, and a \$1,000 USD travel grant to attend the meeting. The highest-ranking Waggoner scholarship applicant will be recognized with the **Katanick Student Scholarship Award**, established in honor of **Sandy Katanick, RN, RVT, CAE**, for her over 25 years of service as CEO of the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission. Program Directors should complete the nomination requirements **by November 15**. Nominated students then have until **January 8, 2027**, to complete the application. Full submission details will be available [here](#).

2027 Feigenbaum Cardiovascular Sonographer Student Travel Grant Applications Open October 15

Sonography students enrolled in an accredited CAAHEP cardiovascular ultrasound program are encouraged to apply for the 2027 [Feigenbaum Cardiovascular Sonographer Student Travel Grant](#) starting on **October 15**. Supported by a grant from **Elsevier, Inc.** to honor **Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum's** commitment and tenure as the first JASE Editor-in-Chief, this grant provides a \$1,000 USD travel grant to assist a student enrolled in an accredited CAAHEP cardiovascular ultrasound program to attend ASE's Annual Scientific Sessions or another ASE-sponsored 2027 educational program. Applications will be due by **January 8, 2027**.



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