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Access STS 53rd Annual Meeting Online for Free!

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting in Houston, or if you missed a session you had hoped to catch, access to the [STS 53rd Annual Meeting Online](#) is FREE for STS Pre-Candidate and Candidate Members. This web-based video presentation features presenter slide animation and cursor movement as if you were in the meeting room. Experience cutting-edge scientific sessions, talks from renowned speakers, and thought-provoking debates—all from the comfort of your home or office.

Save the date! Mark your calendars now for the STS 54th Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, January 27-31, 2018. Abstract submission will open in late spring; check www.sts.org/annualmeeting for more information.

Annual Residents Symposium Provides Helpful Career Information

The 2017 STS Residents Symposium in Houston was a great success, providing CT surgery and general surgery residents with practical career information. This year's program featured talks on finding the right position, interviewing tips, and understanding health care financing with regard to one's practice, as well as building a successful clinical practice, milestones and benchmarks to set during the beginning of one's career, and achieving work-life balance. [View the slides from the 2017 Residents Symposium.](#)

Building Your Academic Career—New Video

Have you considered entering into academia? [Watch this new roundtable](#) featuring Drs. Leah M. Backhus, Richard L. Prager, Douglas J. Mathisen, and G. Alexander Patterson as they discuss their biggest influences, important things to look for and consider, the importance of having good mentors, and more.

Advocacy Scholarship Opportunities Available

Even though you are just starting your career, you can help make a positive impact on policy affecting the profession. When lawmakers sit down with physicians from their home districts, they listen. STS is offering scholarships for seven STS Candidate Members to attend either the upcoming [American College of Surgeons Leadership and Advocacy Summit](#) or an [STS Legislative Fly-In](#), both in Washington, DC. Scholarships will cover reasonable travel, hotel, and meal expenses, as well as registration for the ACS Summit if that event is chosen.

- The ACS Leadership and Advocacy Summit (May 6-9) offers comprehensive and specialized educational sessions focused on tools needed to be an effective surgeon leader and political advocate.
- The STS Legislative Fly-In (June 12-13) updates participants on policy issues specific to cardiothoracic surgery and offers meetings with lawmakers to discuss how those issues could impact patient care. [Watch this brief video](#) from STS Past President Mark S. Allen, MD to learn more about what happens at an STS Fly-In.

[Apply for a scholarship](#) today. Completed applications are due by March 31, 2017.

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TSF Braunwald Fellowship Awarded

The Thoracic Surgery Foundation's [Nina Starr Braunwald Research Fellowship Award](#) supports up to \$30,000 per year for up to 2 years for a female resident working in a cardiac surgical clinic or laboratory research program. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Lauren Huckaby, MD, from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, whose research project will examine estrogen and sex differences in bicuspid and tricuspid aortic valve thoracic aortic aneurysms. "I look forward to the opportunity to fully explore thoracic aortic disease in women and continue working toward a career as a surgeon-scientist. It is an honor to be recognized by the Foundation and to be among these great recipients, both past and present," Dr. Huckaby said.

Check Out Annual Meeting Photos

Visit our [Flickr album](#) to see photos from the STS 53rd Annual Meeting. Also, follow the Society on [Instagram](#) for more fun photos and videos.



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