



Remembering Dr. James Kirkpatrick

On January 1, 2025, we were devastated by the unexpected passing of our 2022 – 2024 ASE Foundation Board Chair, **James Kirkpatrick**, **MD**, **FASE**.

During his leadership, the Foundation raised more than \$800,000, held its most successful Research Awards Gala to date, welcomed the return of in-person global health events, and awarded close to \$260,000 in scholarships and travel grants—just a handful of his impressive accomplishments. And still, even more inspiring, was his passion for and commitment to the Foundation. The way he would speak, almost poetically, and often cleverly pun-filled, about the Foundation, its significance, and why our work matters, will stay with us forever. He was a champion for the Foundation through and through, and we miss him dearly.



You can read more about Dr. Kirkpatrick's life and legacy here. We will share more memories in the Foundation's upcoming Winter Wrap-Up newsletter, scheduled for publication in February.

Your Donations In Action

Early-career Development Grants for Echo Scientists (EDGES) Awarded

Please join the Foundation is congratulating the recipients of the 2024 Early-career Development Grants for Echo Scientists (EDGES)!



James MacNamara, MD, MSCS University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center



Minh Nguyen, MD Baylor College of Medicine Texas Children's Hospital



David McNamara, MD, MPH Frederik Meijer Heart & Vascular Institute, Corewell Health West



Sae Jang, MD Center for Ultrasound Molecular Imaging and Therapeutics, University of Pittsburgh

Each of these early career scientists have been granted \$25,000 to fund their research addressing a clinical gap in cardiovascular ultrasound imaging. You can read more about each recipient and their respective projects **here**.

Donations to the Foundation's Research initiative support the discovery process of cardiovascular ultrasound investigators, like the 2024 EDGES Awardees. Thank you for enabling the Foundation to support the future of echo.

Announcements

Welcome Dr. Neil Weissman, 2025-2027 ASE Foundation Board Chair

Please join us in welcoming our new Board Chair, **Neil Weissman**, **MD**, **FASE**. Dr. Weissman brings valuable experience as an ASE Past President, global health event volunteer, accomplished fundraiser, and longtime Foundation supporter. We are very fortunate to have him join our leadership and look forward to working with him on his vision for the future success of the Foundation.



Welcome, Dr. Weissman!

2024 Annual Appeal

We are finalizing the Foundation's 2024 Annual Appeal and are happy to share that we raised more than \$302,000 thanks to contributions from over 2,450 donors. Our 2025 is looking very bright! We are ecstatic to join in celebrating ASE's 50th Anniversary of by awarding more scholarships and travel grants, funding research opportunities, hosting global outreach events, and more in 2025.

Donate 3 Times in 2025 For A Chance to Win...

The Foundation will gift one complimentary registration to ASE's 2026 Scientific Sessions in Aurora, Colorado. To be entered into this raffle, all you have to do is donate at least \$25 to each of these Foundation fundraisers throughout the year: Spring Giving (March), Coffee Day (TBD), GivingTuesday (December). The winner will be selected at random and notified. Complimentary registration is non-transferrable.



It's not too early to start thinking about your 2025 charitable contributions. Learn about the numbers ways you can give to the ASE Foundation <u>here</u>.

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