



26th ANNUAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY EDUCATORS CONFERENCE
February 9 - 11, 2023

Replenish, Restore, and Refresh

Marriott Savannah Riverfront

100 General McIntosh Boulevard

Savannah, GA 31401

Reservation: (800) 285 – 0398

Reservation must be made by **January 9, 2023, or until room block is filled.**

Single and Double Occupancy: \$198 (additionally local and state tax is 13% + \$5.00 state fee and \$1.00 city occupancy fee)

Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. (early arrivals not guaranteed)

AST Registration Fees

- Leadership Symposium
 - \$100.00 (AST member and nonmember)
- Educators Conference
 - AST Member: \$275.00
 - Nonmember: \$480.00 (includes one-year membership)

Thursday, February 9: Leadership Symposium (registration limited to 50 people) 6.5 CE

- 8:00 – 9:30 am *Sharing Our Leadership Stories*
Richard Fruscione, CST, MA, FAST
Carolyn Ragsdale, CST, MA, FAST
Ebony Saurage, CST, EdD, FAST
- 9:40 – 10:30 am *Leadership: An Interactive Focus Session*
- 10:40 – 11:30 am *Peer Round Table Discussions: Topics*
 - * Mentoring Those Behind and Beside You
 - * The 3 Ps of Time Management as a Leader – Plan, Prioritize, Perform
 - * Leading Teamwork Communication
 - * The Human Knot: Service, Knowledge, and the Pathway to Leadership
 - * Self-Advocacy: Tell Them Who You Are As a Leader – Portfolio Creation
- 11:40 am – 12:20 pm **Lunch** (AST sponsored)
- 12:30 – 2:20 pm *Peer Round Table Discussions* (continued)

- 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Visit Exhibitors – Completing a Degree That Contributes to Your Leadership Goals

Friday, February 10

9 CE

- 6:30 – 7:00 am

Replenish and Restore: Sunrise Yoga

- 7:00 – 7:45 am

Breakfast

- 7:45 – 8:00 am

AST Welcome

Kevin Craycraft, CST, FAST, AST President

- 8:00 – 8:50 am

Keynote Presentation

Bill Carr – Communication Expert & Award-Winning Humorist

- 9:00 – 9:50 am

Encouraging Resilience through Peer And Instructor Support

Anna Campbell, CST, CSFA

- 10:00 – 10:50 am

Finding Balance Through Creativity in the Classroom

Krista Vylasek, CST

- 11:00 – 11:50 am

Item Writing and Review: Let's Develop a Test Together

Chris Blevins, CST

Angie Burton, CST, FAST

Margaret Rodrigues, CST, CSFA, FAST

- 12:00 – 12:45 pm

Lunch (Grab and Go)

Time	Classroom Management Track	Lab and Technology Track	Professional Preparation Track
1:00 – 1:50	<i>Effective Didactic & Practicum Teaching Strategies for Surgical Technology</i> Ashley Smith, CST Tammy Schaefer, CST, CSFA	<i>Grey Areas of Lab Skills</i> Chris Blevins and AST	<i>NBSTSA Updates</i>
2:00 – 2:50	<i>One is the Loneliest Number – The Solo PD</i> Javier Espinales, CST	<i>Providing the Tools to Build a Strong Foundation</i> Carol Lavender, CST	<i>NBSTSA</i>

3:00 – 3:50	<i>Teaching Students on Transgender Patient Care</i> Carolyn Ragsdale, CST, FAST	<i>The Sales Pitch; Preparing for Life After Graduation</i> Richard Fruscione, CST, FAST Kendra Thompson, CST	<i>NBSTSA</i>
4:00 – 4:50	<i>Advocacy; A Safety Priority</i> Kenisha Dillard, CST	<i>Developing Site Relationships that Last</i> Heather Osness, CST	<i>NBSTSA</i>

- 5:00 – 6:00 pm ***Exhibitor Engagement Hub***
(Two 30 min. demos)
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm ***Educator Enrichment***
Poster Hall
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Reception**
- 7:40* - 9:00 pm **Ghosts and Gravestones Trolley Tour***
<https://www.ghostsandgravestones.com/savannah/tickets>

*Requires separate purchase at registration. Attendance capped at 34 seats.

Saturday, February 11

6 CEs

- 6:30 – 7:00 am ***Replenish and Restore: Sunrise Yoga***
- 7:00 – 7:45 am **Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 10:00 am ***Peer Conversations***
- 10:10 – 11:00 am ***Peer Conversations Summary***
- 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ***Beyond Our Tech Skills: The Foundation of Quality Patient Care***
Gina Chambers, CST
Glenda McCloskey, CST
- 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. ***Teaching Tech Sciences, Not My Favorite Topic***
Grant Wilson, CST, FAST
Carla Crayton, CST
- 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. ***Closing Presentation:*** Bill Carr

