

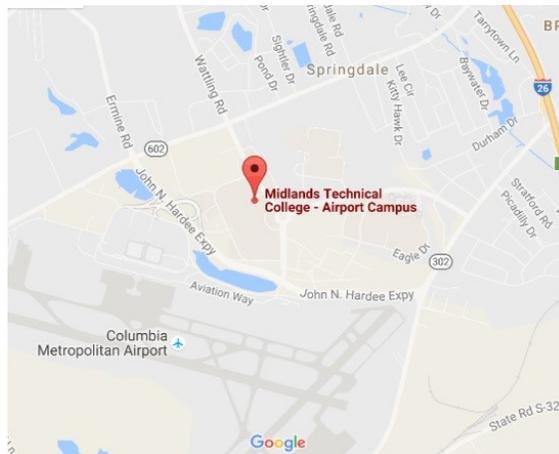
# The Palmetto Scrubber

## Celebrating 15 years: Past, Present, and Future

Come celebrate with us! The Fall Workshop and Annual Business Meeting will be September 24-25, 2016 in Columbia, SC! We will meet at Midlands Technical College-Airport Campus, 1260 Lexington Drive, West Columbia, SC 29170. This workshop will have an array of presenters, featuring a focus on plastics with some orthopedics, as well as other

presenters we know you'll enjoy! Early bird online registration is open until September 1; after September 1, you will still be able to register online until September 16, but it will be at "day of" pricing. As always, registration at the door will also be available.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September in Columbia to remember the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to our future.



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## President's View

Hello Everyone!

I must say, it has been a great year for the SCSA and membership. The Fall and Spring workshops were very successful with a lot of positive feedback and networking. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Workshop on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary! As Surgical Technologists, it is our obligation to represent our profession well. We need dedicated members and leaders, so I am asking you to consider running for a Board of Director position at the Fall Workshop.

The AST Surgical Technology Conference in San Diego was well represented by members and delegates from SC.

Sandra Farley CST, FAST was re-elected to the AST Board of Directors. The 2017 conference will be held June 6-10 in New Orleans. At the Fall workshop, we will be appointing delegates to represent SC. Please consider being a delegate if you are interested and able to attend.

Please never hesitate to contact me with questions, new ideas or concerns. This is your state assembly and I value your input. My e-mail is: president.scsa@gmail.com

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to see you at the SCSA Fall Business Workshop.

Remember it will be celebratory!

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## 2016 Galaxy Stars Recognition

Each Year, AST recognizes programs across the country that have successfully encouraged their students to become AST members. We would like to join AST in honoring and congratulating the 2016 Galaxy Stars. The following South Carolina programs have demonstrated the importance of professional involvement to their students:

Aiken Technical College– Aiken, SC

Central Carolina Technical College– Sumter, SC

Florence-Darlington Technical College– Florence, SC

Greenville Technical College– Greenville, SC

Horry-Georgetown Technical College– Georgetown, SC

Midlands Technical College– West Columbia, SC

Miller-Motte Technical College– Charleston, SC

Piedmont Technical College– Greenwood, SC

Spartanburg Community College– Spartanburg, SC

Technical College of the Lowcountry– Beaufort, SC

Tri-County Technical College– Pendleton, SC

Virginia College– Columbia, SC

Virginia College– Charleston, SC

Virginia College– Greenville, SC

York Technical College– York, SC



## Items to Donate:

- Canned Pasta
- Fruit Cups
- Fruit Snacks
- Oatmeal
- Ramen Noodles
- Slim Jims
- Cereal
- Grits
- Ramen Cups
- Granola Bars
- Mac & Cheese Cups
- Cracker Packs
- Applesauce
- Nut Bars
- Capri Sun
- Rice Krispy Treats

## Snack Pack Program

My name is Kathy Stephens, CST and to help celebrate our fifteen years of formation as the South Carolina State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologist we are collecting individual sized food items to help provide weekend nourishment to school children. This is called the Snack-Pack program.



Please bring your donations to the Fall Workshop, September 24 & 25, 2016. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to buy additional food for the District Five Foundations Snack Pack program. Please see the list as to which items can be brought.

## Declared Candidates

Board of Directors:

Andrea Howe Sparr, CST

Patricia Keels, CST

# Calling All Candidates

The following offices are up for election at the 2016 fall business meeting and workshop:

- Secretary
- 3 Board of Directors
- 6 National Conference Delegates

Committee prior to the beginning of nominations.

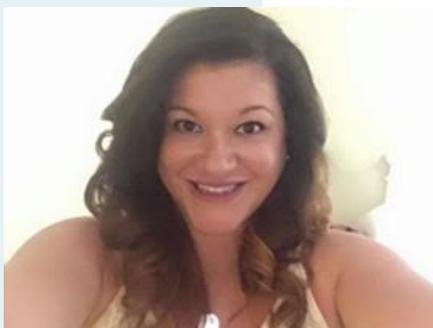
Forms can be found the state assembly website: <http://sc.ast.org/>

Anyone wishing to run for an elected office must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of AST for at least one full year prior to nomination
- Be a current CST
- Have a current CV and Consent to Serve on file with the Credentials



## Election Statements



My name is Andrea Howe Sparr and I am a CST. I have been certified for 7 years as a Surgical Technologist and was CST of the year in 2015 for the SCSA. I graduated from Spartanburg community college in 2009, not really knowing where my place in the surgical world would be. Now I know, As a Specialty tech in plastic surgery, I have loved every minute of that choice. At some point in my life this became my calling and I wouldn't have had it any other way. My experience in the field has been amazing over the past 7 years, working as a lead scrub for a plastic surgeon in North Carolina. I have maintained active membership with SCSA and for the past 7 years. My vision for our state assembly is to not only go the

distance to help increase and grow our ACTIVE membership base across the state, but to help assist our committee with a voice for our State in any future legislative meetings by providing the efforts and the time required by me. I would like to work with AST and SCSA by running for the position on the Board of Directors. My recent experiences and work history has prepared me for the duties and responsibilities of this position, and I would appreciate your support in this decision.

Thank you for your consideration, Andrea Howe Sparr, CST

## Special Interest License Plates

Submission Deadline: August 31, 2016

As discussed at the Business Meeting September 19, 2015, we are opening the opportunity for artwork submission for the special interest license plate to the membership. The criteria given to us by Nationals is as follows:

*All state assemblies are allowed to use the AST logo or any other artwork or themes developed by the national association as long as the state assembly is clearly identified with the logo. The name of the state assembly must be in legible type, easily identified, and in close proximity to the logo. The AST logo, or other artwork or themes developed by the national association, may not be used by itself*

*(the state assembly not identified) without the expressed permission of National.*

A template for the license plate which proper dimensions and design guidelines given by the state can be found on the SCDMV website or via the link on our website.

Please direct all completed designs to [scsa.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:scsa.secretary@gmail.com). Designs meeting the requirements given by Nationals and the state will be printed and displayed at the upcoming Fall Workshop and will be put on the Ballot to be voted on by the membership. This is open to all Surgical Technologists in South Carolina and we welcome all input!

Spread the word!!! We value your input and look forward to seeing your submissions!

## From MY Side



In 2014, I was given a great opportunity to travel to Annapolis, Maryland. The time I spent there gave me such a great appreciation for so many things, I still to this day love reflecting back on my time as a traveler. My time in Maryland taught

me a lot of things, including that I was extremely fortunate to graduate from such a well rounded, high intensity, no nonsense program that set me up to become the practitioner I am today. I also learned that no matter where you go, it is the same thing just a different name on the badge to the personality.

The problems are relatively the same and we all, no matter where we are from, are facing the same struggles day to day in every OR. I remember laughing with a friend I made up there, that when I left Columbia, my hospital had switched from Protexis gloves to Biogel, without warning, and most people were up in arms about the change. Well, fast forward to when I start at

my first travel assignment, and I have the pleasure of hearing the exact same argument only that hospital had switched from Biogel to Protexis.

You would hear the groans in the hall about sterile processing or some randomly misplaced tray/instrument disappearing before everyone's eyes. Yet, at the now four hospitals I have had the pleasure of working at, no matter what, at the end of the day staff came together to help each other, because that's what we do in the OR, we stick together.

The fellowship that I have had, the opportunity to be a part of both throughout my career, and AST involvement has really been one of the best experiences. As the unsung hero's of the OR, I am proud to know that my fellow Surgical Technologists stick together. We help each other daily at work, we advocate for our profession, and we look to provide quality patient care.

Shawn Guirau, CST, AAS  
SCSA Treasurer

## South Carolina State Assembly of The Association of Surgical Technologists

Since 1969, the Association of Surgical Technologists has sought to bring together Surgical Technologists and other health care professionals and organizations to promote quality patient care by developing educational programs, promoting professional standards and credentials, providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, monitoring the changing healthcare environment, and fostering other opportunities for the personal and professional growth of all Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assistants.

Our mission is to provide Surgical Technologists the opportunity to grow through continuing education, legislation, and marketing. By networking with other healthcare professionals, we will ultimately contribute to the care of our surgical patients.

We are enhancing the profession to ensure quality patient care.



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