



# STS CANDIDATE CONNECTION

A newsletter for STS Candidate Members

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## Check Out Photos from the STS 52nd Annual Meeting

Visit the Society's [Facebook](#) page to see [photos](#) from the 52nd Annual Meeting, and be sure to like us for the latest information from STS and its members.

## Update Your Profile

Stay up-to-date with Society mailings and information. When you graduate or change programs, please remember to update your contact information—including name, address, phone number, and e-mail address—by [logging into your account](#). You can also send your information to [membership@sts.org](mailto:membership@sts.org).

## Tell a Colleague about STS Candidate Membership

Do you have colleagues who are not yet STS members? Encourage them to apply today. STS membership includes many valuable benefits, such as a free subscription to *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, reduced rates for STS educational activities, and networking with the most influential cardiothoracic surgeons in the world. [Learn more about member benefits](#).



Please add [stsheadquarters@sts.org](mailto:stsheadquarters@sts.org) to your e-mail contacts or safe-sender list to help ensure delivery of STS e-mails.

## Access STS 52nd Annual Meeting Online for Free!

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting in Phoenix, or if you missed a session you had hoped to catch, access to the [STS 52nd 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 53rd Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas, January 21-25, 2017. Abstract submission will open in late spring; check [www.sts.org/annualmeeting](http://www.sts.org/annualmeeting) for more information.

## Annual Residents Symposium Provides Helpful Career Information

The 2016 STS Residents Symposium in Phoenix 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, keys to a successful interview, what one needs to know about contracts, building a successful clinical practice, and early career development. Attendees were able to network with experienced surgeons and fellow residents. [Click here to view the slides from the 2016 Residents Symposium](#).

## Advocacy Scholarship Opportunities Available

Even though you are just starting your career as a cardiothoracic surgeon, 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 in June. Scholarships will cover reasonable travel and meal expenses, as well as registration for the ACS Summit if that event is chosen.

- The ACS Leadership and Advocacy Summit (April 9-12) 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 2016) 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 Immediate Past President Mark S. Allen, MD to learn more about what happens at an STS Fly-In.

[Learn more](#) and [apply for a scholarship](#) today. **Completed applications are due by March 18, 2016.**

## Using Apps and Social Media—New Video



the field of cardiothoracic surgery.

Social media is quickly becoming the number one way of communicating and connecting in this digital age. Did you know that you can use social media in your cardiothoracic surgical practice? [Watch here](#) as Drs. Edward M. Bender, Shanda H. Blackmon, A. Pieter Kappetein, Mathew Thomas, and Thomas K. Varghese discuss the various ways apps and social media can help you engage with patients, network with other surgeons, and stay on top of the latest information in