



## **2017 AST NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD JUNE 8-10<sup>TH</sup> IN NEW ORLEANS, LA**

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The 48<sup>th</sup> annual Association of Surgical Technologists National Conference will was held June 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in New Orleans, LA. The NESAs was represented at the business meetings by delegates Rick Horne, Cynthia Kreps, and Laura Stallings whom participated in national elections



for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and 3 Board of Directors. AST

electd the following individuals to these national offices; President- Holly Falcon, Vice President- Kevin Craycraft Treasurer- Heather Burggraf and Directors- Nicole Claussen, Michelle Gay and Sue Jeffery. Congrats to the newest members of the AST board!

## **JOIN US FOR THE 2017 SUMMER WORKSHOP!**

The date for the 2017 summer workshop of the Nebraska State Assembly has been set for Saturday August 5, 2017 at CHI- St. Francis in Grand Island.



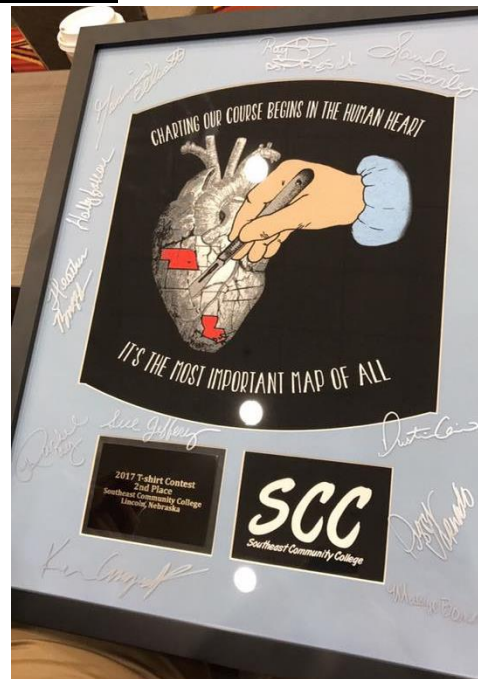
**St. Francis**

Speakers for the workshop have been secured and include Dr. Luebbe speaking on Breast Reconstruction, Dr. Anderson speaking on Brain Tumors, Dr. Blackburn speaking on foot trauma, Dr. Seip speaking on Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy, NP Kelsey Trausch speaking on weight loss programs associated with sleeve gastrectomy procedures and representatives from Stryker speaking on the Mako robot. Attendees will receive 6 continuing education credits pending AST approval. More details regarding the workshop will be posted to the Facebook page, website and sent out to members via email as they develop. Registration will occur on the state assembly website at <http://ne.ast.org> which will allow continuing education credits for AST members who attend to be submitted automatically. We hope to see you all on August 5<sup>th</sup>!

## **2017 TECH OF THE YEAR**

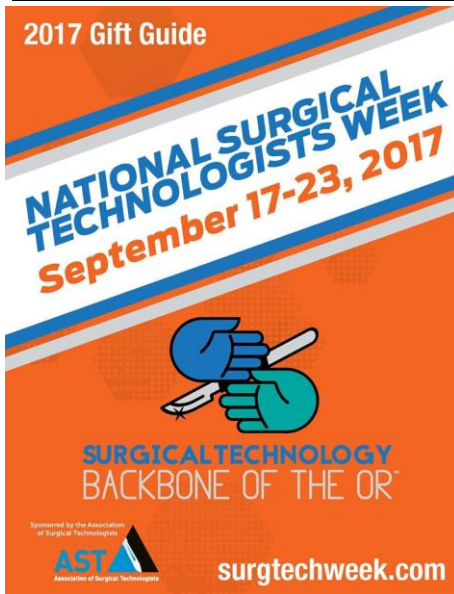
Each year the NESAs recognizes one outstanding CST from around the state as the Tech of the Year. The 2017 Tech of the Year will be announced at the NESAs Summer Workshop in Grand Island on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Tech of the Year award was initiated in 2006 to recognize an exceptional CST for their contributions to the profession of surgical technology and the difference they make in their patient's lives on a daily basis. Past recipients of the Tech of the Year award include: 2006- Brenda Deaver, 2007-Sharon Vinsonhaler, 2008-Cathy Hemmer, 2009-Kathy May, 2010-Marlene Wagner, 2011-Karen Ellicott, 2012-Amy Zuhlke, 2013-Sharon Rehn, 2014-Donna Ryan, 2015-Karyn Shotkoski and 2016 Anne Moats. Congrats to all CSTs who have previously received this prestigious award and we look forward to recognizing another outstanding CST in August!

## **SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS RECEIVE SECOND PLACE IN T-SHIRT CONTEST AT AST NATIONAL CONFERENCE**



13 students from the surgical technology program at Southeast Community College in Lincoln attended AST National Conference in New Orleans and participated in student day with presentations specific to their future in the profession. They also were awarded second place in the t-shirt contest. Congrats!

## **NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK SET FOR SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2017**



In 1984 the AST Board of Directors dedicated the third week in September to recognize surgical technologists and the profession of surgical technology. This event will be celebrated this

year during the week of September 17-23<sup>rd</sup>. This week is a time to celebrate and to educate everyone you know about the awesome profession you are a part of and the difference you make in your patients' lives every day! Here are some ways to celebrate:

- Answer your phone with "Happy Surgical Technologists Week"
- Add "Surgical Technologists Week" to your email signature
- Wear Surgical Technologist apparel in public
- Hold an O.R. open house for the benefit of hospital employees and the public
- Ask your hospital newsletter staff to write an article about Surgical Technologists in your facility
- Throw a party or a pot luck lunch
- Attend a proclamation signing

The proclamation signing for the state of Nebraska by Governor Pete Ricketts will occur on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Warner Chamber of the state capitol building in Lincoln. Please save the date and plan to join us for this celebration!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The date for the 2018 Winter Workshop and Annual Meeting with



elections of the Nebraska State Assembly has been set for Saturday March 3, 2018 at the Lincoln Surgical Hospital in Lincoln, NE. Attendees will receive 6 continuing education credits pending AST approval and more details will be posted to the Facebook page, website and sent out to members via email as they develop. Elections for the offices of Secretary and 3 Board of Directors as well as 6 delegates and 6 alternates to represent the Nebraska State Assembly at the 2018 AST National Conference will occur as well. Please save the date and plan to join us for a great workshop!

## **2018 AST NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dates for the 2018 AST National Conference in Orlando, Florida have been set for May 30- June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are always looking for state assembly members to serve as delegates/alternates at AST National Conference and will be electing these positions at the winter 2018 workshop. Mark your calendars now if you are interested in attending and representing your state assembly.



2016 Proclamation Signing