

# ARKANSAS STATE ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

## 2019 Year End Newsletter December 31, 2019

### DATE EXTENDED

Arkansas Senator Cecile Bledsoe sponsored SB 270 to extend the registration date of non certified surgical technologists. The Medical Board backed Senator Bledsoe in the extension request. SB 270 is now Act 264. The extension deadline for non certified surgical technologists in Arkansas to register with the Medical Board is March 31, 2020. This deadline will allow those that did not register with the Arkansas State Medical Board to do so before steps are taken to possibly extend the requirement.. Register here: [www.armedicalboard.org](http://www.armedicalboard.org)



### ARSA SUPPORTS



For 2019, in lieu of giving a student scholarship, ARSA elected to support the only school from Arkansas to participate in the first AST Scrub Bowl in National Harbor, MD. Congratulations to UAMS. Not only did they proudly represent Arkansas, they also placed fourth place overall.

### 2020 ARSA BOARD

At the ARSA Fall Workshop and Business Meeting at UAFS in October, a new ARSA Board was elected:

President-Cynthia Lewis, Vice President-Elizabeth DuBois, Secretary- Deb Adair, Treasurer- Ashley Smith, Directors: Kendra Thompson, Ashleigh Worthey, Tamara Morgan, Tammy Schaefer, and Keila McCombs-Pineda.



### KEY DATES

**March 14, 2020:**

Arkansas State Assembly Spring Workshop "Springtacular! 2020 and Beyond!" UAMS Reynolds Center on Aging, Jo Ellen Ford Auditorium

**Fall 2020-ARSA Board Elections**

**February 6-8, 2020:**

AST Educator's Conference  
San Antonio, TX

**May 28-30, 2020:**

AST Surgical Technology Conference  
Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, GA

## AST FAST AWARD

The FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS (FAST) designation is awarded to recognize those individuals who have upheld the highest professional, ethical, and moral standards and traditions of the surgical technology profession, and whose professional activity has been devoted to the advancement of the profession toward improving the quality of surgical patient care. Congratulations to ARSA members Deb Adair and Ashley Smith on receiving the FAST title at the AST National Conference last May in National Harbor, MD.



## ARSA & STUDENTS GIVE BACK



The Arkansas State Assembly believes in giving back to the community and we support a charity at each of our workshops. For the Fall 2019 Workshop, we chose "Hope Campus" in Fort Smith. Male and Female, "Hope Campus" is a campus model of comprehensive services that has an 80-95% success rate of helping people out of homelessness. ARSA also included the surgical technology schools in the charity by holding a friendly "Feets & Seats" competition among the schools to raise donations of socks and underwear for "Hope Campus". The school with the most donations received a pizza party compliments of Domino's Pizza. ARSA members were able to help their alumni school win by dropping their donations into their school's donation hamper. Over 645 pairs of socks and underwear were collected and UAPTC won the pizza party. [www.riverviewhopecampus.org](http://www.riverviewhopecampus.org)

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