

# ARKANSAS STATE ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

## 2021 Year End Newsletter December 31, 2021

### 2022 ARSA BOARD

At the ARSA Fall Workshop and Business Meeting in October at Fort Smith, a new ARSA Board was elected. Due to COVID canceling elections in 2020, the complete board was up for election, with some positions (Secretary & 3 Directors) serving 1 year and the remainder of the board for 2 years. Introducing the 2022 ARSA Board:

President: Ashley Smith, Vice

President: Tamara Morgan,

Treasurer: Cynthia Lewis,

Secretary: Tammy Schaefer,

Directors: Kendra Thompson,

Anna Nelson, Mashauna Conley,

Katie Simpson, and Rachel Ray.



### Scholarship winner!



Congratulations to Susie Clayberg of Siloam Springs, AR one of the ARSA 2021 "Daniel Castleberry Memorial Student Scholarship" recipients. Susie graduated from Northwest Technical Institute and is employed as a CST at Northwest Medical Center in Siloam Springs.

### 2021 SCHOLARSHIP #2!

ARSA was fortunate to be able to award two student scholarships for 2021. The second "Daniel Castleberry Memorial Student Scholarship" winner is Piper Lawrence of Benton, AR. Piper graduated from Baptist Health College of Little Rock and is employed as a CST at the Surgical Pavilion in Little Rock.



### KEY DATES

#### April 30, 2022

Arkansas State Assembly Spring Workshop, RJ Wills Lecture Hall, UAPTC, 3000 W Scenic Dr, NLR

#### Fall 2022

Arkansas State Assembly Fall Workshop and Business Meeting, TBD

#### February 10-12, 2022

AST Educator's Conference  
Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas

#### June 2-4, 2022

AST National Conference  
New Orleans Marriott, NOLA

## 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 member Cynthia Lewis (3rd from left) on receiving the FAST title, with recognition and swearing in at the 2021 AST National Conference in Las Vegas.



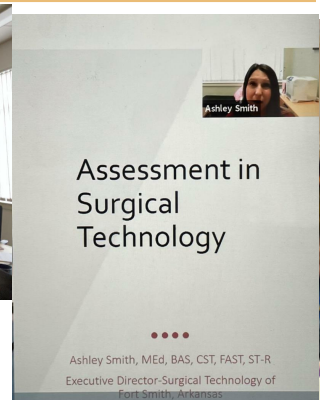
## ARSA & STUDENTS GIVE BACK



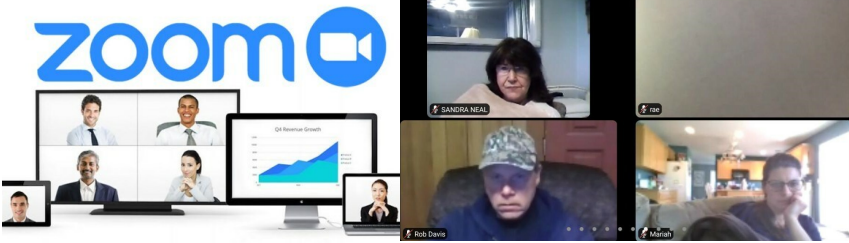
The Arkansas State Assembly believes in giving back to the community and we support a charity at each of our workshops. For the Spring 2021 Zoom Workshop, we chose "20th Century Club Lodge Hope Away From Home" which provides housing and meals to patients from across the country receiving cancer treatment in the Little Rock area. For the Fall 2021 Workshop, we chose to partner with the Fort Smith Junior League to collect items for the Sebastian County Foster Children's Program. ARSA also included the surgical technology schools in the charity by holding a friendly competition among the schools to raise donations of supplies for the foster children's program. The school with the most donations received a pizza party compliments of Domino's Pizza. Northwest Technical Institute won the pizza party. "[www.hopeawayfromhome.org](http://www.hopeawayfromhome.org)" "[www.jlfs.org](http://www.jlfs.org)"

## AST 2021 Educator's ZOOM Conference

Due to COVID, the 2021 AST Educator's Conference was converted to a Zoom Conference. ARSA Treasurer, Ashley Smith moved her travel plans to a computer and was one of a few that presented via Zoom in February on "Assessment in Surgical Technology".



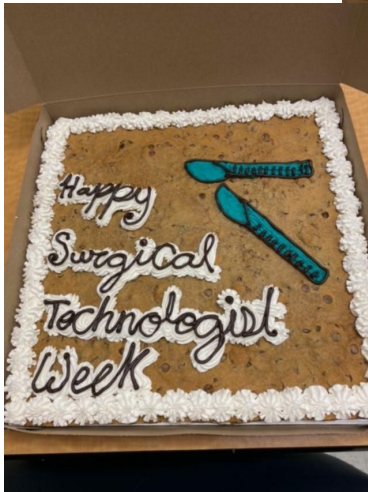
# 2021....What A Year for ARSA to Remember!



ARSA Spring Workshop via Zoom, April 2021



AST National Conference, Las Vegas, July 2021



Surgical Technologists Week, September 2021



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Live ARSA Fall Workshop and Business Meeting, Fort Smith, October 2021



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