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## *News from the MVSS*

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### *Message from the President*

**Ross Milner, MD**

*2025-2026 MVSS President*

Dear Members and Colleagues,

The 49th annual MVSS meeting was a huge success for Vascular Surgery in Cincinnati. As a Chicagoan and a Cubs fan, it was less of a success when discussing baseball. The Cubs were easily swept by the Reds over 4 nights. The nice part about baseball was that my son came from New York City to join me for the game on Saturday night

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**MVSS would like to welcome our newly elected officers & committee members:**

- [2025-2026 MVSS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES & COMMITTEE MEMBERS](#)



*Front Row: Pegge Halandras, Bernadette Aulivola, Patrick Muck, Ross Milner, Jill Colglazier & Rachael Nicholson;  
Back Row: Matthew Smeds, John Rectenwald, Loay Kabbani & Gary Seabrook*



### **2025 Annual Meeting Recap**

**By Loay Kabbani, MD,  
MVSS Secretary and Program Chair**

The 2025 MVSS Annual Meeting was an outstanding success, drawing record engagement from across our 12-state region and beyond. This year's meeting combined scientific excellence, thought-provoking guest lectures, and vibrant engagement from trainees, APPs, and industry partners. A record 159 abstracts were submitted from 49 institutions – the highest in MVSS history. Of these, 28 were selected for plenary presentation, along with 13 rapid fire talks, 11 case reports, 30 moderated posters, and 76 invited e-posters. The quality and diversity of submissions reflected the strength of vascular research and innovation across the Midwest.



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## **2025 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

If you missed it, we have posted Dr. Patrick Muck's Presidential Address to the Society's YouTube Channel.

[MVSS YouTube Channel](#)





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## 2025 MVS PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER

This Annual Gathering is a way of honoring our current and former Society Leaders.



### MVSS Past Presidents

*BackRow: Gary Seabrook, Patrick Geraghty, Raghu Motaganahalli, Jeffrey Jim, Mark Mattos, Donald Jacobs*

*Front Row: Bernadette Aulivola, Mike Dalsing, Jean Starr, Sean Lyden*

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## 2025 SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



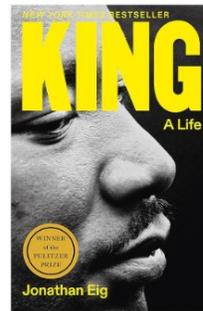
**PRESIDENT'S INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Niten Singh, MD & William Marston, MD**  
w/ Patrick Muck, MD



**HONORARY GUEST LECTURER**

**Jonathan Eid, MD**  
w/Ross Milner, MD



**2025 MVSS Award Winners**



**D. Emerick Szilagyi Award**  
**Mouhammad Halabi, MD**  
**Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI**  
*Comparative Learning Curves In Carotid Artery Stenting: TCAR Is More Forgiving Than TFCAS*



**Charles C. Guthrie Award**  
**Taleen Alexandria MacArthur, MD**  
**Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN**  
*Photon- Counting Detector CT More Accurately Characterizes Lower Extremity Runoff Than Traditional CT Angiogram*



### John R. Pfeifer Award

**Ahmed M. Afifi, MD**

**University of Toledo, Toledo, OH**

*Trends, Disparities, And Outcomes In Pulmonary Embolism Management: A Nationwide Analysis (2016-2022)*



### DEI Disparities Research Award

**Karen Yuen**

**Loyola University, Chicago, IL**

*Female Gender is Associated with Adverse Cardiac Remodeling and Increased Aortic Stiffness Post-TEVAR*



### Best Poster Award

**Sam Dunseith**

**University of Toledo College of Medicine**

*Comparing Outcomes Of Single-vessel Vs. Dual-vessel Endovascular Revascularization In Patients With Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia*



### Simulation Assessment Course Winner

**Jacob Hughes, MD**

**University of Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH**

### 2025 Diversity in Vascular Surgery Medical Student Research Scholarship Winner

**Amy Liu**

**Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine Chicago, IL**

*"The Association of Vessel Size and Outcomes in Patients Undergoing Lower Extremity Bypass for Peripheral Arterial Disease"*



## 2025 INDUSTRY SUPPORT

On behalf of the MVSS Executive Council & Membership, we want to thank the following companies for their generous support of the 2025 Annual Meeting.



Below are some photos from this years Exhibit Hall!



## 2025 MVSS SIMULATION ASSESSMENT & SKILLS PROGRAM

The MVSS is pleased to announce that a highly successful **2025 Technology & Technique Vascular Simulation Program** was held just prior to the start of the MVSS annual meeting in Chicago. For this event we had 30 fellows and residents from across the Midwest region and 28 faculty participating as proctors. We had 10 industry sponsors including Abbott Vascular, Asahi Intec, Boston Scientific, Cook Medical,

Medtronic, Penumbra, Shockwave Medical, Terumo Aortic, and WL Gore & Associates who brought simulation stations and their expert representatives to the event.

The primary goals of the program were to enhance vascular surgery fellow and resident exposure to new technology and techniques and to showcase excellent open and endovascular techniques by those trainees. The trainees rotated through 10 simulation stations, gaining experience with the technologies and techniques under the guidance of our faculty and industry experts. The most senior trainees (PGY 6 and 7 Vascular Fellows as well as PGY 4 and 5 Integrated Vascular Residents) participated energetic simulation competition in which they were graded in the timed performance of select procedures on high-fidelity simulators.

It was a morning filled with learning, fellowship, and fun! The event received excellent reviews from the trainees, faculty, and industry sponsors. We would like to thank all trainees who came to the meeting early to participate and all of our faculty volunteers, as well as the MVSS Simulation Committee members who organized the event. Finally, a huge thank you to our industry partners who volunteered their time and expertise and provided the simulation materials for the event!

William Robinson, MD



## 2025 MEDICAL STUDENT LIVE SURGICAL SKILLS SESSION

The MVSS Medical Student Education Committee hosted an in-person vascular skills session at this year's annual meeting. 30 medical students from across the Midwest, representing all training levels (M1–M4), participated in a series of hands-on vascular simulations and demonstrations.

Students practiced dexterity and basic surgical techniques using task trainers and engaged with advanced simulators to perform open lower extremity bypass, EVAR/TEVAR graft deployment, cannulation, and lower extremity endovascular interventions. The session provided a unique opportunity for students to gain early exposure to the technical aspects of vascular surgery and to connect with faculty and trainees in the field.

Our committee is also excited to share that MVSS medical student membership nearly doubled this year, reflecting a growing interest in vascular surgery among medical trainees. The Committee looks forward to expanding outreach and continuing to build enthusiasm for our educational programs that highlight the exciting, innovative field of vascular surgery.

Katherine Holzem, MD



# 2025 MVSS Welcome Reception Photo Gallery



**Save the Dates**  
**MVSS 50th ANNIVERSARY**  
**MEETING**  
**September 17-20, 2026**  
**The Drake Hotel, Chicago, IL**  
*(Sat Night Gala Dinner!!)*

## Welcome New Members

MVSS would like to welcome the following New Members who have joined the Society since September 2024.

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Matthew	Breite	Mercy Hospital
Sara	Gaines	University of Chicago
Matthew	George	OSF St. Anthony Medical Centee
Courtney	Hanak	Cleveland Clinic
Miles	Jackson	Henry Ford Health System - Jackson
Pratheek	Kakkasseril	Mercy Bon Secours Vascular Surgery
Mohammad	Khasawneh	Minneapolis Heart Institute
David	Kull	Mercy Healthcare
Shameem	Kunhammed	Marshfield Clinic
Katherin	Leckie	Minneapolis Heart Institute
Kyle	Markel	Henry Ford Health
Aubrey	Mwinyogle	Faith Regional Health Services
Uttara	Nag	University of Missouri
Brent	Robinson	Vital Heart & Vein
Tejas	Shah	Ascension
David	Shanberg	Kansas City Veterans Affairs Hospital
Rishi	Subbarayan	Surgical Associates of Neenah

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Joseph	Eyer	Ohio University Wexner Medical Center
Bryan	Foster	Iowa Heart Center
Liza	Rieke	Veterans Health Administration
Kathryn	Strope	Washington University
Hannah	Ulasiewicz	Mount Carmel Health System
Kathryn	Vela	Northwestern Medicine

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For Membership Information and Applications go to [MVSS Membership](#)



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