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American Society of Echocardiography Announces its 2022-2024 Leadership Academy Cohort

(DURHAM, NC, Oct. 18, 2022)—[The American Society of Echocardiography \(ASE\)](#) is pleased to announce the participants who will make up its third [ASE Leadership Academy cohort](#). The 15-members of the 2022-2024 cohort, were selected from a large pool of highly qualified applicants. They will spend the next 20 months training to increase their knowledge and develop skills to help become successful leaders in the field of cardiovascular ultrasound.

The ASE Leadership Academy program is composed of didactics, and experiential, self-directed, and peer-to-peer learning. Participants are matched with a senior adviser, acquire a personalized evaluation of their leadership aptitude, and receive high-quality online tutorials on leadership topics. At the completion of the program, successful candidates are eligible to serve a term on the ASE Board of Directors.

The ASE Leadership Academy Selection Task Force, which was led by Program Director and ASE Past President **Vera Rigolin, MD, FASE**, selected a diverse group made up of nine physicians and six sonographers from 11 states.

“I’m looking forward to the many ways this new cohort will learn and grow professionally and personally in the coming months,” said Dr. Rigolin, a cardiologist at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago. “After a very competitive selection process, we are thrilled to have chosen a stellar group of physicians and sonographers dedicated to advancing their careers and the field of cardiovascular ultrasound.”

The 2022-2024 Leadership Academy Cohort:

- **Jennifer Acevedo, ACS, RDCS, FASE**, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
- **Bhaskar Arora, MD, FASE**, Oregon Health & Science University
- **Kiran Belani, MD, FASE**, Inova Fairfax Hospital
- **Courtney Cassidy, RDCS, FASE**, Children’s Hospital Colorado
- **Tiffany Chen, MD, FASE**, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- **Nadeen Faza, MD, FASE**, Houston Methodist
- **Cody Frye, BA, RDCS, FASE**, Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute – Atrium Health
- **Gary Huang, MD, FASE**, University of Washington
- **Denise Ignatowski, BS, RDCS, FASE**, Aurora Health Care
- **Megan Kraushaar, BS, RCS, FASE**, UCSD Medical Center
- **Shiraz Maskatia, MD, FASE**, Stanford University Medical Center
- **Anuj Mediratta, MD, FASE, FACC**, Morristown Medical Center

- **Purvi Parwani, MD**, Loma Linda University Medical Center
- **Bo Xu, MD, FASE, FACC**, Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- **Megan Yamat, RDCS, RCS, ACS, FASE**, University of Chicago Medical Center

The ASE Leadership Academy program was created in 2018 and exemplifies the Society's commitment to the professional growth of its members. In addition to creating a pipeline of emerging leaders with specific talents that will be helpful for ASE's committees and Board of Directors, many ASE Leadership Academy cohort graduates go on to serve in leadership roles within their respective institutions and other organizations. Learn more at ASEcho.org/LeadershipAcademy.

About American Society of Echocardiography

The American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the Society for Cardiovascular Ultrasound Professionals™. ASE is the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging serving physicians, sonographers, nurses, veterinarians, and scientists and as such is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines for the field. The Society is committed to advancing cardiovascular ultrasound to improve lives. For more information, visit the ASE website ASEcho.org or social media pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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