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American Society of Echocardiography Announces 2024-2026 Leadership Academy Cohort

The cohort will develop leadership skills to advance their careers and the cardiovascular ultrasound field

(DURHAM, NC, October 30, 2024)—The American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is pleased to announce the 15 participants who will make up the fourth [ASE Leadership Academy](#) cohort. The 2024-2026 cohort was selected from a large pool of highly qualified candidates looking to grow and advance their careers in ASE and the field of cardiovascular ultrasound.

The cohort, which will have its first meeting on November 8-9 in Washington, D.C., will spend nearly two years training to develop their leadership skills. Members will be matched with a senior adviser and receive access to high-quality online tutorials on leadership topics orchestrated by Kathy Pearson, PhD—a strategist, systems thinking expert and authority in decision making. Additionally, participants will closely interact with fellow classmates, and meet face-to-face with ASE leaders and staff three times throughout the 20-month program.

The ASE Leadership Academy Oversight Committee, led by Program Director and ASE Past President **Madhav Swaminathan, MD, MMCI, FASE**, selected a diverse group made up of 12 physicians and three sonographers from 10 states. The individuals were chosen through an extensive peer review process by a panel of ASE leaders and are representative of the diverse population of ASE members.

"The ASE Leadership Academy is a remarkable program designed to build leadership capacity within the cardiovascular ultrasound community. The newly selected members will acquire essential leadership skills that will not only advance their careers but also elevate the field of cardiovascular ultrasound through their commitment to the specialty," said Dr. Swaminathan, chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine and Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist in Winston-Salem, N.C.

"Ultimately, this program benefits the patients we all serve. Since its inception in 2018, 44 ASE members have graduated from the Leadership Academy and have already made significant contributions, gaining national and international recognition as experts in cardiovascular ultrasound," he added.

2024-2026 ASE Leadership Academy Cohort 4:

- **Vidhu Anand, MBBS, FASE**, Mayo Clinic Health System - Eau Claire, WI, and Mayo Clinic - Rochester, WI
- **Clara I. Angulo, BS, RDCS, MBA, ACS, FASE**, Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center - Houston, TX

- **Alicia Armour, BS, MA, ACS, RDCS, FASE**, Duke Triangle Health Associates, Health Center - Durham, NC
- **Sowmya Balasubramanian, MD, MSc, FASE**, C. S. Mott Children's Hospital - Ann Arbor, MI
- **Anisiia Crowley, MD, FASE**, University of Cincinnati Medical Center/UC Health - Cincinnati, OH
- **Ingrid Moreno Duarte, MD, FASE**, UT Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas, TX
- **Lynsy Friend, BS, ACS, RCS, FASE**, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center - Lebanon, NH
- **Joyce Johnson, MD, MS, FASE**, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - Saint Petersburg, FL
- **Kyle Lehenbauer, MD, FASE**, Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City - Kansas City, MO
- **Andrew Peters, MD, FASE**, Sidney Kimmel School of Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University - Philadelphia, PA
- **Nishath Quader, MD, FASE**, Washington University School of Medicine - St. Louis, MO
- **Karl Richardson, MD, FASE**, Wake Forest School of Medicine – Winston-Salem, NC
- **Jeremy Slivnick, MD, FASE**, The University of Chicago Medicine - Chicago, IL
- **Parag Tipnis, MD, FASE**, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health - Madison, WI
- **Betul Yilmaz, MD, FASE**, Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX

The ASE Leadership Academy program creates a pipeline of emerging leaders with specific talents to help them succeed as ASE leaders and volunteers, and in roles with other organizations and institutions. Their leadership skills will propel the future of the Society, which celebrates its milestone 50th Anniversary in 2025. 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 accounts on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Instagram](#).

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