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Annual Conference Agenda

The 32nd Annual Conference “Gateway to the Future” will be in San Francisco, California from Saturday, October 26th to Tuesday, October 29th. This year’s conference will feature cutting-edge educational content, unique social events, and opportunities to network with administrative counterparts and our sponsors. Learn more about the schedule, presentations and speakers in the online conference agenda.

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AASA Headquarters Hotel

InterContinental San Francisco

888 Howard Street, San Francisco, California

The AASA is excited to have you join us at the renovated InterContinental San Francisco hotel. The InterContinental San Francisco hotel is a short walk to the Museum of Modern Art, Union Square’s upscale shopping and dining and Moscone Center conventions. For those staying at the hotel check-in is at 3:00 PM and checkout is at 12:00 PM

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Estimated taxi Cost : 40 USD

Estimated time by taxi : 20 Minutes

Train charge (one way): null USD

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Estimated taxi Cost : 65 USD

Estimated time by taxi : 35 Minutes

Train charge (one way): 3.5 USD

San Jose International Airport (SJC)

Estimated taxi Cost : 140 USD

Estimated time by taxi : 60 Minutes

San Francisco

San Francisco is known for its scenic beauty, cultural attractions, diverse communities, and world-class cuisine. Measuring 49 square miles, this walkable city includes landmarks like the Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars, Alcatraz and the largest Chinatown in the United States. A stroll of the city's streets can lead from Union Square to North Beach to Fisherman's Wharf, Japantown and the Mission District, with intriguing neighborhoods to explore at every turn. Views of the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay are often laced with fog, creating a romantic mood in this most European of American cities. The



city has a colorful past, growing from a small village to a major city nearly overnight as a result of the 1849 Gold Rush. The writers of the "beat" generation, the hippies of the Summer of Love in the late 1960s and the large gay/lesbian population have all contributed to making San Francisco the fascinating place it is today. The city is home to world-class theatre, opera, symphony

and ballet companies and often boasts premieres of Broadway-bound plays and culture-changing performing arts. San Francisco is one of America's greatest dining cities. The diverse cultural influences, proximity of the freshest ingredients and competitive creativity of the chefs result in unforgettable dining experiences throughout the city.

For more information on San Francisco visit www.sftravel.com.



3rd Annual #Surgery Gives Event

The AASA is excited to offer the #SurgeryGives event to kick off the 32nd Annual Conference in San Francisco on Saturday, October 26th! This year AASA members will volunteer at the St. Anthony Foundation. St. Anthony's mission is to feed, heal, shelter, clothe, lift the spirits of those in need, and create a society in which all persons flourish. This mission is guided by five values: healing, community, personalism, justice, and gratitude

AASA members will volunteer their time at the [St. Anthony Foundation's Free Clothing Program](#). St. Anthony Foundation's Free Clothing Program is San Francisco's

largest free clothing program, providing warm clothes, interview or employment apparel, and children's clothing to homeless and low-income families and individuals.

The #SurgeryGives Event was planned by Jason Quinn, AASA Western Regional Representative, University of Utah, and Erika Hapa from St. Anthony's. Onsite Giana Aluculesei, AASA volunteer and AASA staff will work with Erika and her team to ensure the event goes smoothly.

Originally, Jason was given the idea from CU Department of Surgery's Steph Farmer's cousin who used to do a lot of volunteer work in the San Francisco area. His name is Reed Connell. Jonathan Radin, AASA Education Co-Chair from CU Surgery gave Jason the information from Stephanie. From there Jason did a lot of researching

to see which organization the AASA would pair best with and he received echoing information from University of California - San Francisco's own Kalpana Harish. Since both Reed and Kalpana had recommended St. Anthony's Jason decided to reach out to them and Erika was able to pair us together for the upcoming event.

Registration for this event is full but you can be added to the waiting list. If you would like be added to the waiting list please contact office@aasa1.org.



Celia King Dinner

San Francisco War Memorial & Performing Arts Center,

The Green Room
401 Van Ness Avenue, 2nd Floor,
San Francisco
6:00-9:00 PM

This dinner is in memory of Celia who was once a former member of the AASA during the mid-1980s and the Administrative Officer in the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto until her untimely death at the age of 41 in

1990. She is remembered for her Scottish wit, contagious laugh, vigor, and professionalism, as well as her commitment to encouraging fellowship and camaraderie among AASA members and guests.

About the Venue

The Veterans Building opened on November 11, 1932, one year after the cornerstones were laid. The Veterans Building was designed for and has been

devoted to veterans organizations, arts organizations and the administrative offices of the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center.



On the main floor of the Veterans Building, the lobby and foyer areas lead to the Herbst Theatre, a 892-seat hall originally

designed as an auditorium and refurbished in 1978 with a

\$750,000 grant from the Herbst Foundation. The hall is adorned with stunning murals by Frank Brangwyn portraying the four elements — Air, Earth, Fire and Water — in their service to the welfare of mankind. The murals were brought from the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915.

The first floor also contains a Trophy Room housing military mementos, the San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery, and administrative offices for SFWMPAC and the American Legion War Memorial Commission. On the second floor,

the front of the building is devoted to a large meeting and reception space known as The Green Room, opening to a loggia facing City Hall, while the rest of the floor is used as offices and meeting space for San Francisco Posts of the American Legion.

International Landmark

In April, May and June of 1945, with the world well into its sixth year of global war, the two original buildings of the San Francisco War Memorial served as the birthplace of the United Nations. Most of the plenary sessions of the Conference took place in the War

Memorial Opera House, but it was on the stage of the Veterans Auditorium (now the Herbst Theatre) that President Truman and other heads of state and dignitaries signed the United Nations Charter on June 26, 1945.

Please note that the Celia King Dinner is included with attendee conference registration. When registering for the Annual Conference please indicate in the designated section if you plan to attend the Celia King Dinner. Already registered and not sure of your RSVP? Contact the AASA office at office@aasa1.org.

Annual Serwell Lecture

Herding Cattle/ Avoiding a Stampede: Lessons Learned from a New Chair

The Annual Serwell Lecture will take place on Monday, October 28th from 8:00-9:00 AM in the InterContinental Ballroom of the InterContinental Hotel. Herb Zeh, MD of UT Southwestern Medical Center will present “Herding Cattle/Avoiding a Stampede: Lessons Learned from a New Chair.”

Leadership is not all it's cracked up to be. The internet is full

of inspirational quotes about leadership, but no one tells you about the messy bit: the painful learning process, the mistakes, and the frustration. It's not always pretty. I just completed my first year as Chair of the Department of Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and being at the head of the proverbial table is a challenge. I have wrestled with how to assemble an effective team, how to pace changes, and how quickly communication degrades—all while assimilating into a new company culture. It has not been easy, but I am all the wiser for these challenges.

Great leaders consider their title a verb rather than a noun; I would argue that great leaders are also constantly learning and keeping their minds open to new ideas and

new strategies. I hope to become a great leader; to build on this year's successes and learning opportunities and make an already incredible department even better. I have learned so much over the past year, and what excites me is knowing I will learn something new tomorrow, and the next day, and the next.



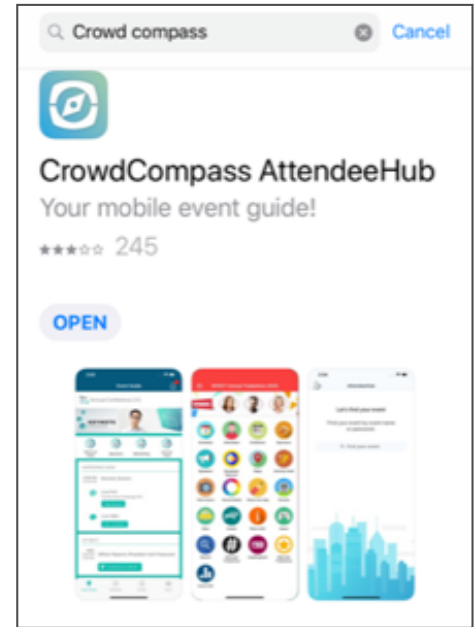
Herbert J. Zeh III, M.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, UT Southwestern Medical Center.

AASA Annual Conference App is Coming Back

In 2018 the AASA launched it's first AASA Conference App with great success! Over 95% of attendees downloaded and utilized the app. This year we will be adding even more functionality and engagement opportunities! It will be available for download on

October 11, 2019 through Crowd Compass in the Apple and Google App Stores.

Conference attendees will be emailed a link to download the App in advance of the conference. We encourage you download it before you arrive in San Francisco so you can set up your profile or link it to your LinkedIn account to prepopulate information, including your photo, and receive push notifications to receive the most up-to-date and important notices.



Welcome Reception

The AASA excited to offer the 2nd Annual Welcome Reception. The Welcome Reception will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 6:00-7:30 PM at The Chieftain Irish Pub & Restaurant located across the street from the headquarters hotel, the InterContinental San Francisco. All attendees are

encouraged to join us at the reception for good food, good drinks, and a good time!

About The Chieftain Irish Pub & Restaurant

Founded by two sets of brothers from Ireland, the Nagle's from County Kerry and the McVeigh's from County Clare, The Chieftain Irish Pub and Restaurant is dedicated to keeping our Irish

heritage alive and spreading our beloved traditions to the San Francisco community each and every day.

The Chieftain Irish Pub and Restaurant is set in a gorgeous stone building that was built in 1912. It was originally called the M&M Tavern and operated as a pub and the home for all San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner newspaper workers.

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