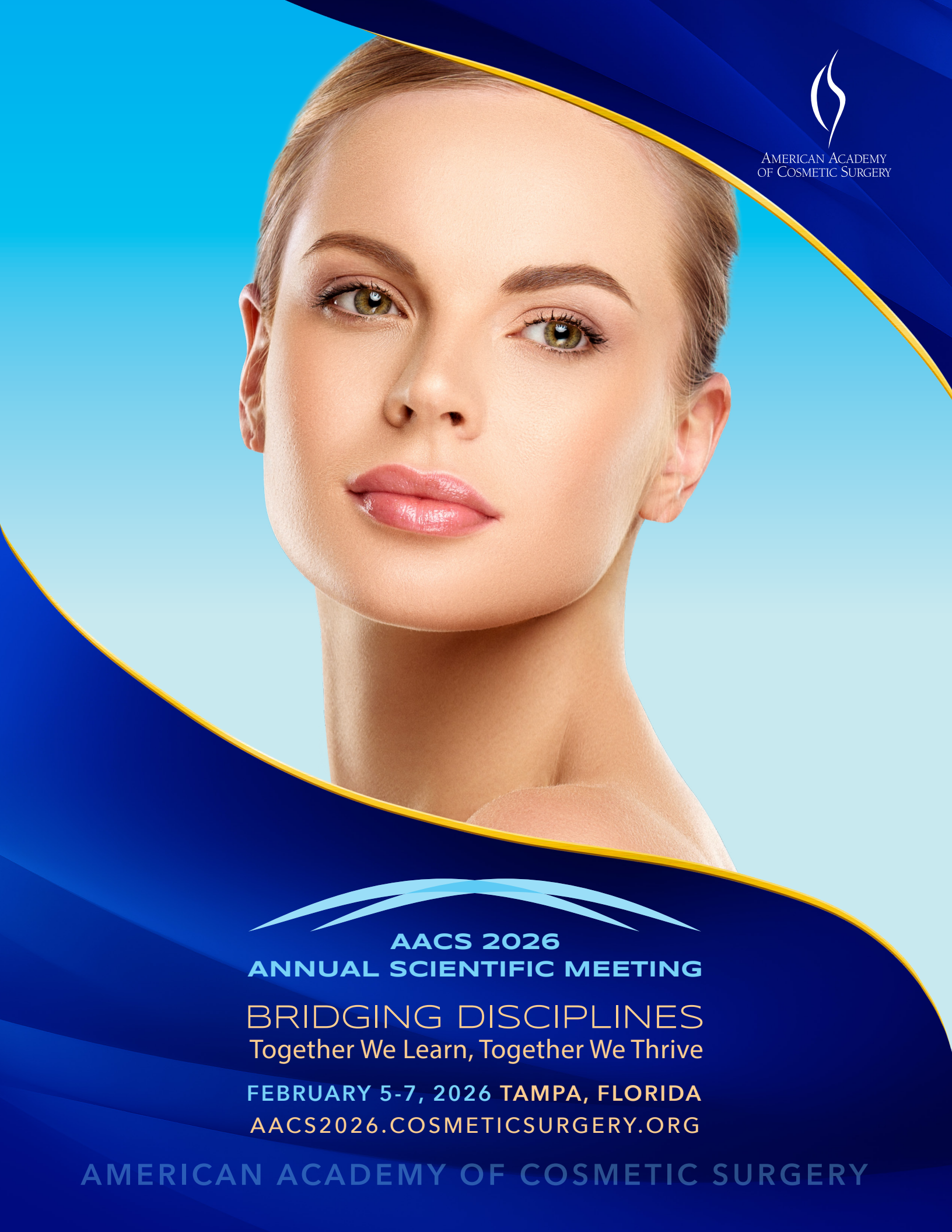
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WHY ATTEND?

A POWERHOUSE LINEUP OF MUST-SEE SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

Step into the future of cosmetic surgery at a meeting built to inspire, educate, and connect.

Explore cutting-edge scientific sessions on **Breast, Abdominoplasty, Face Lift, Rhinoplasty, Injectables,** and more; plus fresh topics for 2026, from **Psychology Considerations in the Cosmetic Surgery Patient** and **Massive Weight Loss** to **Anti-Aging, Regenerative Medicine,** and a groundbreaking two-session track on **Artificial Intelligence**. Learn from industry leaders and innovators, with content tailored for both newcomers and seasoned experts.

GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH LEADING EXPERTS IN COSMETIC SURGERY

Attendees can engage directly with leading experts thanks to a diverse range of **close-contact, interactive session formats,** such as **Roundtable Discussions, Coffee with the Experts, Case Study Panels, Q&As, and debates.**

This is your chance to get involved, ask questions, share insights, and help shape the discourse driving the future of cosmetic surgery.

FORGE REAL CONNECTIONS THAT LAST

Networking goes beyond the sessions with can't-miss socials and local experiences. Kick things off at the **Early Registration social hour** with some **local Tampa craft brews**, then choose from post-meeting adventures like a **boat cruise**, **soundscape meditation class**, **cigar rolling workshop**, **flamenco dance class**, and more. Don't miss the **Webster Gala**, our signature celebration supporting the Cosmetic Surgery Foundation. First time attending? **The Newcomers Breakfast** is your warm welcome into the AACS community.

Unwind and have fun with colleagues with these social events and more - see the full lineup on our website.

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JOIN US

At the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery

THREE-DAY DEDICATED ALLIED HEALTH TRACK

We're proud to offer a **dedicated three-day Allied Health track**, focused on clinical and practice management topics tailored for the entire cosmetic surgery team. Here **all professionals - surgeons, nurses, coordinators, and staff - can grow together** and contribute meaningfully to the patient experience and the success of the practice.

MEET WITH TRAILBLAZERS IN COSMETIC SURGERY SOLUTIONS

The experience extends beyond the lecture halls - our **jam-packed Exhibit Hall** will showcase the latest innovations from top industry providers, giving attendees hands-on access to the tools, tech, and techniques transforming cosmetic practice today. And keep an eye out for some **furry VIP guests**!

PARTICIPATE IN ELITE PRE-MEETING CADAVER LABS

Enhance your meeting experience by taking advantage of our **exclusive Pre-meeting Cadaver Workshops**, taking place at the state-of-the-art facilities of the USF CAMLS in Tampa. With two topics to choose from, **Rhinoplasty** or **Liposuction**, **BBL & Body Sculpting**, you can master procedures and practise your technique on fresh cadaver under direct 1:1 guidance from world-class faculty.

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE DETAILS.

MORE THAN JUST A CONFERENCE

Why Our Members Love the AACS

At the heart of everything we do at the AACS is a singular, unwavering mission: to **educate for patient safety and quality in cosmetic surgery**. This guiding principle shapes every session, every speaker, and every interaction at our conference. We are proud to foster **intimate**, **high-value educational experiences**, where attendees gain direct access to leading faculty and real-world expertise.

Our community is uniquely diverse—bringing together practitioners from all specialties and backgrounds who have expanded their practice to include cosmetic surgery. This rich mix of perspectives fuels a culture of **collaborative learning and shared excellence**, strengthening both individual physicians and the field as a whole.

We believe that
Together We Learn, Together We Thrive.

We warmly welcome all cosmetic surgery practitioners to join our growing community—united by a shared commitment to continuous improvement and to advancing the practice for the benefit of patients around the world.

"I've been a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery for over 30 years, and let me tell you, it's the best organization that I belong to medically. Why? Because in my early years as an ophthalmologist, I took many workshops offered by the Academy, and I learned to do facelifts, endoscopic brow lifts, full body liposuction, which I did for 25 years in my practice. It's a multidisciplinary organization and welcomes physicians of all specialties, surgical and non-surgical."

—Emilio Justo, MD, FAACS

"Membership of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery changed my life. I came into this organization, and I met lifelong friends. I call on them for advice, not only professional, but friendship. I've met thousands of people. I know somebody in every specialty that I can talk to if I have a question."

—Joe Niamtu, DMD, FAACS

"I think the AACS differs from many of the other societies that are out there because we are very close-knit, you make friends and colleagues that you can reach out to for help with a difficult case or if you want to shadow and learn a new procedure."

—Suzan Obagi, MD, FAACS

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PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 2026 PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

4 WEDNESDAY

- PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP — Body Cadaver Workshop — Offsite at USF CAMLS — TICKETED
- PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP — Rhinoplasty Cadaver Workshop — Offsite at USF CAMLS — TICKETED
- ATTENDEE REGISTRATION OPENS
- CRAFT BREWS & CONNECT — Early Registration Social — AACS Training Fellows Meet & Greet
- Moderators Meeting

5 THURSDAY

General Session
- COFFEE
- SESSION 1 — Opening & Keynote — Xiaochen Zhang
- COFFEE
- SESSION 2 — Brazilian Butt Lift
- COFFEE BREAK — INDUSTRY STAGE
- SESSION 5 — Abdomi-noplasty & Body Sculpting
- SESSION 8 — Webster Lecture — R. Shumway, MD
- SESSION 9 — Eyes
- COFFEE BREAK — Formal Poster Session — INDUSTRY STAGE
- SESSION 12 — Brows
- WELCOME RECEPTION — Wine & Canapés Reception — EXHIBIT HALL

Concurrent Session 1
- Newcomers Breakfast & Orientation — TICKETED NON-CME
- SESSION 3 — Male & Female Genitourinary
- SESSION 6 — Anti-Aging & Longevity
- LUNCH
- INDUSTRY SAT. SYMP. — NON-CME
- SESSION 10 — Breast
- SESSION 13 — Skin Rejuvenation & Resurfacing

Concurrent Session 2
- BREAKFAST INDUST. SAT. SYMP. — Hosted by Sono Bello — NON-CME
- SESSION 4 — Injectables — For Physicians & Allied Health
- SESSION 7 — Social Media & Marketing — Allied Health & Pr. Mgmt. — NON-CME
- LUNCH
- LUNCH & LEARN SAT. SYMP. — Hosted by Legally Mine — NON-CME
- SESSION 11 — Artificial Intelligence Interactive Session 1 — For Physicians & Allied Health
- SESSION 14 — Artificial Intelligence Interactive Session 2 — For Physicians & Allied Health

Exhibit Hall
- EXHIBITS & POSTERS
- LUNCH — INDUSTRY STAGE
- EXHIBITS & POSTERS
- ANCILLARY MEETING — ABCS & ABFCS President's Dinner — ABCS/ABFCS Diplomates Only — TICKETED

6 FRIDAY

General Session
- BREAKFAST in Session 6:45-7:45AM
- SESSION 15 — BREAKFAST SESSION — Women in Cosmetic Surgery Session — Melani Morassutti — TICKETED NON-CME
- COFFEE BREAK
- SESSION 16 — Face Lift & Neck Lift
- COFFEE BREAK — INDUSTRY STAGE
- Keynote — Willie Underwood III,MD — AMA President-Elect — NON-CME
- SESSION 19 — Expert Roundtables
- LUNCH
- AACS Business Town Hall & Awards Lunch — NON-CME
- SESSION 21 — Surgery After Massive Weight Loss
- COFFEE BREAK — INDUSTRY STAGE
- SESSION 24 — Regenerative Medicine — NON-CME
- WEBSTER SOCIETY GALA — THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM — 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM — TICKETED

Concurrent Session 1
- BREAKFAST
- SESSION 17 — Body Surgery 360°
- SESSION 22 — Hair Restoration
- SESSION 25 — Rhinoplasty

Concurrent Session 2
- INDUSTRY SAT. SYMP. — NON-CME
- SESSION 18 — Practice Management & Administration — Allied Health & Pr. Mgmt. — NON-CME
- SESSION 20 — Post-Operative Management — Allied Health — NON-CME
- SESSION 23 — Legal Considerations for the Cosmetic Surgeon
- SESSION 26 — Injectables & Lasers — Allied Health — NON-CME

Exhibit Hall
- EXHIBITS & POSTERS
- LUNCH — INDUSTRY STAGE
- EXHIBITS & POSTERS

7 SATURDAY

General Session
- BREAKFAST in Session 7:45-8:45AM
- SESSION 27 — Perspectives in Practice: Head-to-Head Discussions
- Coffee with the Experts — NON-CME — INDUSTRY STAGE
- SESSION 29 — Psychology Considerations with Cosmetic Surgery Patients — Keynote Katharine Phillips, MD
- SESSION 31 — Complications Case Studies & Panel

Concurrent Session 1
- SESSION 28 — Panel: The Unhappy Patient — Allied Health & Pr. Mgmt. — NON-CME
- SESSION 30 — New Surgeons, Residents, & Training Fellows
- LUNCH
- INDUSTRY SAT. SYMP. — NON-CME
- SOCIAL ACTIVITIES — Boat Cruise — Soundscape Meditation Class — Cigar Rolling — Flamenco Class — Pool Party

Exhibit Hall
- EXHIBITS & POSTERS

Current as of October 2025. All times are in Eastern Time Zone.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Xiaochen Zhang

Executive Director & Chief AI Officer, AI 2030
CEO, FinTech4Good

THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 2026, 8:00AM

From Wall Street to the Operating Room: Responsible AI Lessons Cosmetic Surgery Can't Afford to Miss

Responsible AI (Artificial Intelligence) is already reshaping industries like finance, insurance, and healthcare, where safety, compliance, and trust are mission-critical. Xiaochen Zhang will discuss how cosmetic surgery can apply those same lessons to harness AI responsibly, mitigate risks, and deliver safer, more transparent patient care.

Xiaochen Zhang is the Executive Director and Chief AI Officer of AI 2030, a global initiative dedicated to mainstreaming responsible AI to benefit humanity. A recognized leader in applying emerging technologies for social impact, he has over two decades of experience at the intersection of AI, fintech, blockchain, and sustainability.

Katharine Phillips, MD

Professor of Psychiatry
DeWitt Wallace Senior Scholar
Weill Cornell Medical College

SATURDAY, FEB. 7, 2026, 10:15AM

Expert on Body Dysmorphic Disorder

Body dysmorphic disorder (BDD) — an often-severe psychiatric disorder that cosmetic surgeons often encounter — virtually never improves with cosmetic treatment. Dr. Phillips will discuss what BDD is, risks of surgery and other cosmetic procedures for patients and clinicians alike, how to identify BDD, and tips for managing patients with BDD in cosmetic surgery settings.

Dr. Katharine Phillips is a world-renowned expert in body dysmorphic disorder (BDD), with over 20 years of continuous NIMH-funded research. She has published 375+ articles and chapters, authored or edited 11 books, and delivered 650+ presentations worldwide. Recognized for her contributions to research, clinical care, and education, she has received numerous honors, including a Special Presidential Commendation from the American Psychiatric Association and the 2023 Outstanding Career Achievement Award from the International OCD Foundation.

2026 WEBSTER LECTURER

Robert Shumway, MD, FAACS, FACS

THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 2026, 1:30PM

Robert A. Shumway, MD, FAACS, FACS has dedicated more than two decades to advancing cosmetic surgery through education, leadership, and clinical practice. A Fellow and Diplomate of six major medical boards, he has served in numerous medical societies and organizations, including as President of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery in 2016-2017.
He has long embodied the Webster values of open knowledge and collaboration through active participation in clinical teaching, lecturing internationally, and has taught at six major universities. Dr. Shumway remains a strong advocate for inclusive education in the cosmetic surgery specialty.

FEATURED SPEAKER – WOMEN IN COSMETIC SURGERY SESSION

Melani Morassutti, CCMA

Founder & CEO of Astratta Media

FRIDAY, FEB. 6, 2026, 7:00AM

From Invisible to Iconic:
How to Build a Brand That No One Can Compete With

In a crowded aesthetic marketplace, your story is your superpower. Melani Morassutti, founder of Astratta Media, shares how to break through imposter syndrome and build a magnetic personal brand that attracts, connects, and converts.

THE WEBSTER SOCIETY GALA DINNER

Gulf Coast Glamour

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026
7PM-11PM
THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM

Join your colleagues and industry partners

for the Cosmetic Surgery Foundation's (CSF) Webster Society Cocktail Reception and Gala Dinner. The 2026 Webster Society Gala will take place at the renowned Florida Aquarium, promising a truly memorable evening.

Experience an elegant evening

where sophistication meets celebration at **The Webster Society Gala: Gulf Coast Glamour**. The night begins inside the Aquarium with an hour to explore and enjoy the vibrant sea life, followed by a rooftop dinner with stunning views of the water.

Come celebrate with us

as we honor Dr. Robert Shumway, the 2026 Webster Awardee.

Named in honor of one of the founders of the AACS, Dr. Richard Webster, the Webster Society recognizes contributors who make annual leadership gifts of $1,200 or more to the Annual Fund. This contribution is tax-deductible.

Webster Society Members	2 tickets included*
Physician, Training Fellow or Allied Health	$399
Resident	$199
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE COSMETIC SURGERY FOUNDATION	
Core Sponsor 1 Industry ticket	$800
Premier Sponsor 4 tickets	$3,000 + 1 Item Donation to Silent Auction
Elite Sponsor 8 tickets	$5,800 + 1 Item Donation to Silent Auction

*If donation is received by December 31, 2025.

Seating is limited, and tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. We strongly recommend securing your tickets in advance, as onsite availability is not anticipated.

Interested in donating for a good cause?

If you'd like to contribute to the Silent Auction contact Eileen Hansen at ehansen@cosmeticsurgery.org.

THE SILENT AUCTION IS BACK IN 2026,

bigger and better than ever! Bid on exclusive items like **private educational experiences with top surgeons**, the **latest surgical tools**, and other exciting prizes, all generously donated by our members and industry partners. Best of all, **every dollar raised supports the Cosmetic Surgery Foundation**—so you can bid big and feel good doing it.

WHY ATTEND THE CADAVER WORKSHOPS?

EXPERT-LED INSTRUCTION

Train directly with nationally recognized leaders in cosmetic surgery.

HANDS-ON PRACTICE

Go beyond observation! Perform procedures on cadaver tissue with expert guidance.

SMALL GROUP LEARNING

No more than four participants per specimen, with one dedicated faculty per group.

TOP-TIER SIMULATION CENTER

Learn in the state-of-the-art surgical suites at USF CAMLS, a national leader in simulation-based training.

PRE-MEETING CADAVER WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

7:30AM - 4:30PM

USF Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS)
Tampa, Florida
Just a 5-minute walk from the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street Hotel

Elevate your surgical skills in a high-impact, hands-on environment at the 2026 AACS Cadaver Workshops

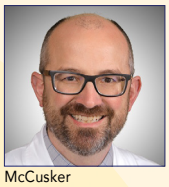
These exclusive pre-meeting courses offer attendees the opportunity to deepen anatomical knowledge, refine surgical precision, and master advanced techniques in a collaborative, small-group setting.

Taking place at CAMLS, a state-of-the-art simulation facility in downtown Tampa, these immersive workshops are ideal for both experienced surgeons and those early in their cosmetic surgery journey.

WORKSHOP 1

Facial Cadaver Lab
Rhinoplasty

CHAIRS
Scott McCusker, MD
J. Kevin Duplechain, MD, FAACS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Duplechain

Educational Highlights include:
- Cadaveric dissection of nasal anatomy
- Structural rhinoplasty techniques
- Preservation rhinoplasty approaches
- Hybrid concepts for individualized planning
- Complication management and revision strategies

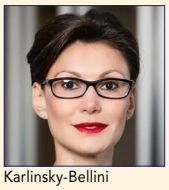
FACULTY
Gregory Casey, MD, DDS, FAACS
Ryan M. Diepenbrock, DDS, FAACS
Brittany Ky Eidson, DDS, FACS
Daria Hamrah, DMD, FAACS
Randy Sanovich, DDS
Mohan Thomas, MD, DDS, FAACS

Physician – Rhinoplasty Workshop	$3,000
Resident – Rhinoplasty Workshop	$2,000

WORKSHOP 2

Body Cadaver Lab
Liposuction, BBL & Body Sculpting

CHAIRS
Victoria Karlinsky-Bellini, MD, FAACS
Angelo Cuzalina, MD, DDS, FAACS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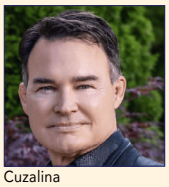
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Educational Highlights include:
- Liposuction (various techniques)
- Autologous Fat Harvesting and Transfer
- Brazilian Butt Lift (BBL)
- Lipoabdominoplasty
- Gluteal Implant Placement
- Adjunct Modalities for Skin Tightening and Contour Refinement

FACULTY
Pasquale Tolomeo, MD, DDS
James Koehler, MD, FAACS
Manik S. Bedi, MD, FAACS
Michael Rodriguez, MD, FAACS
TBA

Physician – Body Procedures Workshop	$3,700
Resident – Body Procedures Workshop	$2,700

REGISTRATION

Scan the QR Code to Register Today!

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

Admittance to the main sessions, exhibit hall, pre-meeting Craft Brews Social Hour, scheduled continental breakfasts, lunches, breaks, and Welcome Reception, as indicated on the program, **plus 3-months access to the recorded meeting**. Most sessions will be recorded and available to view online to all registered attendees.

REGISTRATION FEES

Best Deal

TYPE	**EARLY BIRD** Deadline: NOV. 16, 2025	ADVANCE Deadline: DEC. 31, 2025	REGULAR Starting: JAN. 1, 2026
Physician AACS Member	$1,299	$1,499	$1,699
Physician Non-Member	$1,599	$1,799	$1,950
Resident AACS Member	$349	$399	$449
Resident Non-Member	$399	$449	$499
AACS Training Fellow	$449	$499	$549
Allied Health AACS Member	$149	$349	$399
Allied Health Non-Member	$450	$500	$550

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Pre-meeting Workshop: Wed. Feb 4, 2026 *Rhinoplasty Cadaver Workshop*	physician $3,000 resident $2,000
Pre-meeting Workshop: Wed. Feb 4, 2026 *Body Procedures Cadaver Workshop*	physician $3,700 resident $2,700
Women in Cosmetic Surgery Breakfast *Session with Melani Morassutti*	$50
Newcomers Breakfast & Orientation *For newcomers to the AACS and meeting first-timers*	$0
ABCS / ABFCS Presidents Dinner *For diplomates of the ABCS & ABFCS*	$0
Industry Satellite Symposia	$0
Post-Meeting Saturday Social Activities *Boat Cruise* *Cigar Rolling Class and J.C. Newman Cigar Factory Tour* *Sound Immersion — A Meditation Experience* *Pool Party* *Flamenco Latin Dance Class*	Pricing varies
Guest Badge Includes access to the exhibit hall, Craft Brews Social, Welcome Reception, lunch and breaks. No admittance to meeting sessions or breakfasts.	$349

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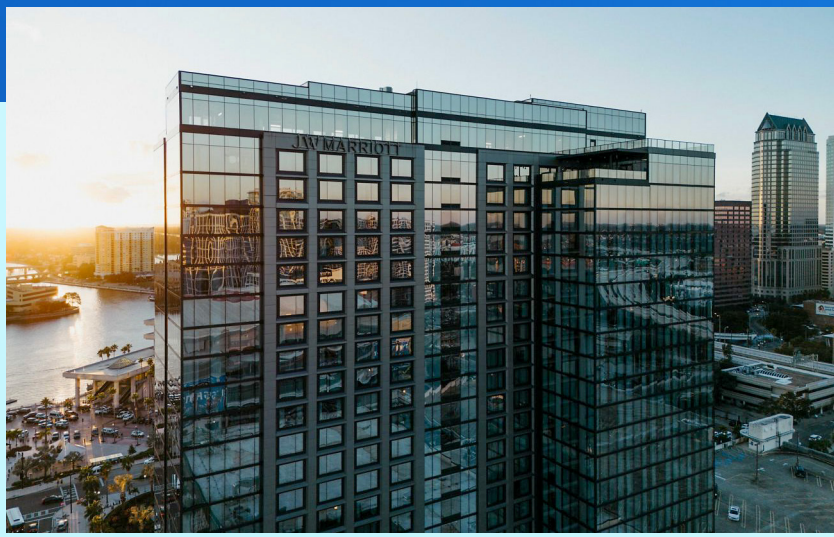
Join us to receive the discounted registration rate plus many other exclusive member benefits.

HOTEL



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The AACS has secured a discounted room rate for attendees of the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting. Do not delay and book your hotel rooms early. Reservations should be made no later than January 13, 2026, and cannot be guaranteed after this date.

ROOM RATES
$369.00 (single or double occupancy)
$389.00 (triple occupancy)
$409.00 (quadruple occupancy)

RESERVE YOUR ROOM
BOOK ONLINE • https://aacs2026.cosmeticsurgery.org/hotel/

BY PHONE • call 800-228-9290 and reference AACS 2026 or American Academy Cosmetic Surgery group block in Feb. 2026.

Important Information
Please note that by staying at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street, it allows AACS to meet its contractual obligations with the property.

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