SVU Announces 2019 Honorees

LANHAM, MD, August 21, 2019 – The Society for Vascular Ultrasound (SVU) is proud to announce the 2019 SVU Award Winners, which were presented in a ceremony on August 2nd, 2019 at the SVU Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. Sixteen awards were presented to 14 different recipients.

The highlight of the evening was the induction of longtime SVU member and volunteer leader Steve Knight, BS RVT RDCS RDMS FSVU as an SVU Fellow.

SVU Leadership and Professional Awards are given to recognize service to the Society and the profession of vascular ultrasound. For the first time since 2007, an Honorary Membership was bestowed upon an individual. SVU staff member Missi Mclean was awarded this distinction in recognition of her 20 years of dedicated service to SVU.

SVU Scientific Awards recognize noteworthy presentations and posters at the Annual Conference. Honorees are determined the SVU Awards Committee, with final approval by the SVU Board of Directors. Awards Committee members are Brian Fowler, BS RVT FASE (Chair); Amanda Frederick, RDCS RVT (Co-Chair); Karen Burns, MBA RN RVT; Emily Coelho; Tammy Foraker, BS RVT; Jessica Kralec, AA RDMS RVT; Dixon Santana, MD; and Paula Walsh, MM RDCS RDMS RVT.

The complete list of award winners follows.

The next round of SVU Awards will be presented during the SVU 2020 Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA on August 6-8, 2020. Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their service to SVU and the profession? Nominations will be accepted starting in February 2020. Visit www.svunet.org/svuawards for complete details about award descriptions, criteria, nomination process, and more.

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SVU is a membership society dedicated to the advancement of noninvasive technology used in the diagnosis of vascular disease. The Society has a diverse membership of 6,000 vascular technologists, surgeons, cardiologists, lab directors, academics, students and other professionals involved in the practice of vascular ultrasound. SVU provides its members with continuing medical education (CME) programs at both introductory and advanced levels through a series of webinars, in-person conferences and educational products. From its headquarters in the Washington, DC suburbs, SVU maintains a strong and highly successful advocacy program. SVU works on issues affecting its members at the federal and state levels, ranging from reimbursement, to state licensure, to musculoskeletal injury and more. SVU also publishes the leading medical publication on vascular non-invasive technology, the Journal for Vascular Ultrasound (JVU).
2019 SVU Honorees

SVU Fellow:
Steve Knight, BS RVT RDCS RDMS FSVU

SVU Scientific Awards

D.E. Strandness, M.D., Scientific Award for Excellence in Research:
Marge Hutchisson, BS RVT RDCS RPhS
“Intersocietal Accreditation Commission Quality Improvement Tool Results Comparison: Facilities vs. Expert Panel”

Excellence in Oral Clinical Presentation Award:
Douglas Wooster, MD RVT
“Effect of Multiple Aneurysms on Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Expansion Rates”

Award for Excellence in a Scientific Poster Presentation:
Akram Asbeutah, PhD
“The interrelationship of vascular parameters of transcranial Doppler imaging in children with sickle cell disease”

Award for Excellence in a Case Study Poster Presentation:
Jacqui Robinson
“Aortocaval Fistula in Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm: Endovascular Repair and Endoleak Monitoring With Duplex Ultrasound”

Physician Presenter Award:
Douglas Wooster, MD RVT
“Effect of Multiple Aneurysms on Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Expansion Rates”

People’s Choice Poster Award:
Amina Ahmed, BS RVT
“Intra-arterial Deployment of a Vascular Closure Device: An Incidental Finding on Duplex Ultrasound”

First Time Presenter’s Award:
Kathryn Stuhler, MBA RVT RPhS
“An Unusual Case of an Arteriovenous Fistula Involving the Vertebral Artery”

Student Poster Presentation Award:
Jessica Jacso, RVT
“Anterior Nutcracker Syndrome: Stenosis After Intravascular Stenting”

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SVU Service & Professional Awards

Leadership Award – (formerly Cynthia Burnham Award)
The most prestigious service award offered by SVU, presented to members who have made outstanding contributions

Joseph P. Hughes, RVT RVS FSVU
Robert Scissons, RVT FSVU

Pioneer Award –
Recognizes an individual’s outstanding pioneering scientific contributions to the noninvasive vascular diagnostics profession

Anne M. Jones, RN BSN RVT RDMS FSVU FSDMS
Robert Zwolak, MD PhD RVT

Distinguished Service Award –
For meritorious service to SVU by any member

Patrick Washko, BSRT RVT RDMS FSVU
Stephanie Wilson, RVT RDMS BS FSVU

Honorary Membership -
Bestowed upon individuals who have given outstanding support and/or service to SVU.

Missi Mclean

Certificate of Appreciation -
Bestowed upon individuals or groups in recognition of creative endeavor or outstanding achievement in promoting noninvasive vascular technology

Missi Mclean

SVU would like to congratulate all the above winners and thank them for their contributions to our field.