



## President's Message

### **Garni Barkhoudarian, MD, FAANS**



I am honored and humbled to be selected by my esteemed peers to be president of the Armenian American Medical Society. These past two years have been trying times for our members and our country, and yet the AAMS has persevered and accomplished much to help our homeland as well as our Diasporan members. Much of this is directly due to the generosity of our members who donated their funds and time to aid in these efforts. Many thanks to our outgoing AAMS board led by Dr. Kevin Galstyan for their tireless efforts during their term.

We will be continuing many of the valued projects of the AAMS (such as our mentorship program), expanding certain programs (including our Scholarship program), and creating new programs that will be rolled out over time. This is thanks to

the decades of strong work that has been accomplished by this organization, allowing us to stand on the shoulders of giants before us. We look forward to engaging our membership and encouraging member volunteers to participate in these projects as we serve our colleagues and our community.

## BREAKING NEWS



### 2022 Board Elected at General Assembly

The AAMS recently held its General Assembly via Zoom, where a partial election of the Executive Committee took place.

[MEET THE 2022 - 2023 AAMS BOARD](#)

## A Look Back On 2021

### Message from Kevin Galstyan, MD, FACOG, Outgoing AAMS President

Dr. Galstyan reflects on his tenure as president—a tenure that included a pandemic and war—and enduring the power of the AAMS.

[DR. GALSTYAN'S MESSAGE](#)



Kevin Galstyan, MD, FACOG

## AAMS Gala Celebrates Its 35-Year Legacy

The AAMS held its annual gala on Saturday, November 20, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. Learn more about the festivities and last year's very deserving honorees, and take a look at photos from the event.

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## AAMS Joins City of Glendale to Hold Free Pop-Up Health Fairs

The AAMS partnered with the City of Glendale, the County of Los Angeles Public Health, and Veritas Vaccines to hold a series of pop-up health fairs at the Glendale Galleria. Health screenings, COVID vaccinations, and other valuable health-related services were provided free of charge.

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## Fundraiser Breathes New Life into Armenia's Oxygen Generating Capabilities



With COVID still rampant and Armenia's oxygen generator failing, the AAMS held a fundraiser this past May, Breath of Life, to help fund a new state-of-the-art oxygen generating system. The installation is complete and now supplies the entire nation with supplemental oxygen.

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## An Evening of Mentorship and Career Development

Our AAMS members are dedicated to helping our up-and-coming healthcare professionals by guiding them on their journey. From their education to their entrance into the medical field, our members offer invaluable advice and direction.

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## AAMS Members Spend an Evening Under the Stars

The AAMS held its first membership appreciation and networking event since 2019, high up on a rooftop under the stars. The venue provided a spectacular backdrop for the celebratory evening of reconnecting.

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## 17th Annual CME/CDE Conference Las Vegas Getaway Weekend Goes Hybrid in 2021



After the pandemic canceled the 2020 CME and CDE Conference Las Vegas Getaway, the AAMS created a hybrid event for 2021, at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

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## Member News


### Introducing the 2021 AAMS Scholarship Recipients



The AAMS awards scholarships annually to qualified Armenian students enrolled in various healthcare education programs in medical, pharmacy, dental, physician assistant, nursing, or other professional healthcare schools. These scholarships support deserving students who not only strive to be excellent healthcare professionals but are also active community members.

[LEARN ABOUT OUR 2021 SCHOLARS](#)

**Classified Ads for Healthcare Professionals**



The AAMS now offers members the opportunity to place practice-related classified ads that we will feature on our website. Are you looking for employees? Do you have office space to lease? The AAMS wants to support your practice with this service, free of charge. Please send your ad information to [info@aamsc.org](mailto:info@aamsc.org).

## Vicken Sepilian, MD, FACOG, Honored as ABMDR Man of the Year for 2021

The AAMS' very own Vicken Sepilian, MD, FACOG, was honored by the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry as their Man of the Year at their annual Match for Life gala.

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## The AAMS Salutes Our 2021 Women Achiever Honorees!

Congratulations to AAMS members **Anita Avedian, LMFT**, and **Frieda Jordan, PhD**, for being Business Life 2021 Women Achiever Honorees. Dr. Jordan, president of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry, was presented with the 2021 Women of Lifetime Achievement award.

These deserving women were honored for their contributions to the community and the significant impact they have made.



## Meet Our New 2021 AAMS Members!



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