



# — THE CNS FOUNDATION REPORT —



The CNS Foundation’s accomplishments over the past year are remarkable and entirely due to the generosity of you, our donors, and a hard-working group of volunteer board members. If you have not yet read about our **Spanish Translator Volunteers**, **third Getch K12 Scholar**, and our first **Innovative Seed Grant** to help fund online education for residents and international colleagues, please read our [2020 Fall Impact Report](#).

In 2019 and 2020, the board was very busy creating structure to support our initiatives behind the mission. As you will read on the following pages, 2021 will be a busy year executing and measuring our impact on the projects approved during 2020.

**FALL 2020 IMPACT REPORT**

**CNS Foundation**

**CNS Foundation Strength in its Supporters**

Having led with a generous donation in 2019, they remain committed to our partnership and we are grateful. Medtronic has been a source of inspiration for many of us over the years and we are grateful to have their vote of confidence—especially during this unprecedented year. With the support of our many generous donors who remain committed to improving neuroscience patient care around the world, the CNS Foundation will maintain our steep, positive trajectory in fulfillment of our mission.

**The CNS and CNS Foundation Create Hit Online Resources in Response to COVID-19**

The CNS and the CNS Foundation collaborated to develop the Virtual Visiting Professor (VVP) and Online Grand Rounds (OGR) webinars to support neurosurgeons worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic. Produced by the CNS Education Outreach volunteers and staff, the CNS Foundation's grant provides international neurosurgeons and residents complimentary access to an innovative collection of educational products.

**Getch K12 Scholar Award**

Named in honor of past CNS president, the late Christopher C. Getch, the award is a testament to the CNS commitment to fostering tomorrow's neurosurgeon scientists. The CNS Foundation is pleased to announce that Nicolas Au Yong, assistant professor of Neurosurgery at Emory University School of Medicine, was named the NINDS/CNSF "Getch" K12 Scholar Award recipient by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The award, which aims to increase the number of neurosurgeon-scientists trained to conduct research into neurological disorders, is made possible by a collaboration with the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNHI). Dr. Au Yong is the third neurosurgeon to have received this prestigious honor.

**Update on Second K12 Award:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the application cycle has been modified. Details for the next award will be announced in 2021.

## INAUGURAL CNS GUIDELINES QUALITY SCHOLAR AWARD

With sincere gratitude to Mohamad Bydon, Nader Pouratian and Jennifer Sweet, tireless leaders of the CNS Guidelines Committee, the CNS Foundation approved funding for the new CNS Guidelines Quality Scholar Award. The resident or fellow recipient of this award will conduct a one-year project where they select guideline recommendation(s) from a published CNS Guideline, develop quality measures, and use CPT codes to analyze a dataset of their choosing to assess the impact of guidelines on practice. Applications opening in late Spring 2021.

For more information, please visit [Foundation.CNS.org/Awards](https://Foundation.CNS.org/Awards).



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Chair, CNS Foundation  
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## Schedule of Awards and Scholarships supported by CNS Foundation Donors

Scholarship/Award	Application Period
Data Science Award	January 4 – February 15, 2021
Future Women Leaders in Neurosurgery Scholarship	March 1 – April 30, 2021
Innovative Seed Funding Program	Opening 2021
CNS Guidelines Quality Scholar Award	March 1-31, 2021
Tumor Observership in Miami	Late Summer 2021
2022 NINDS/CNSF Getch K12 Scholar Award	Fall 2021

Links to all awards and scholarships supported by the CNS Foundation are found at [Foundation.CNS/Awards](https://www.foundation.cns.org/awards)

To receive periodic emails announcing application openings, please contact **Courtney Johnson**, Manager CNS Foundation: [CJohnson@CNS.org](mailto:CJohnson@CNS.org)

### Applications open March 1, 2021 for Inaugural Future Women Leaders in Neurosurgery Scholarships

The CNS Foundation and the Section for Women in Neurosurgery are preparing to receive their inaugural applications for the new Future Women Leaders in Neurosurgery (FWLN) Scholarship. Each awardee will receive a stipend to attend a leadership course of their choice. For more information on the Scholarship and a link to the application, please visit: [Foundation.CNS/Awards](https://www.foundation.cns.org/awards)

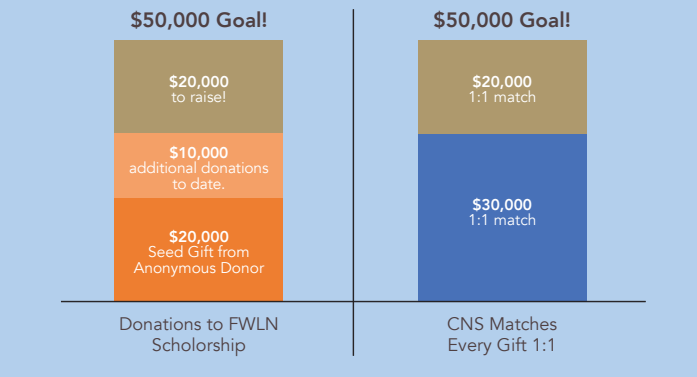
### Goal to Raise \$50,000 for Future Women Leaders in Neurosurgery Scholarship Nearly Achieved!

The below individuals have joined the generous anonymous donor to raise nearly \$30,000 toward a goal of raising \$50,000. Would you like to support this scholarship? Matching funds from the CNS Leadership gift are still available, so every gift will be matched, 100%. Take advantage of this opportunity today. Make your 2021 gift to the **Future Women Leaders in Neurosurgery Scholarship** (FWLN Scholarship), have your gift matched by the CNS Leadership Gift, and help the fund reach its ultimate goal of \$100,000.

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### Every Dollar Matched Help us establish a \$100,000 FWLN Scholarship Fund!



**Interested in applying?** FWLN Scholarship applications open March 1, 2021. See [Foundation.cns/awards](https://www.foundation.cns.org/awards) for more information.



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## CNS FOUNDATION INNOVATIVE SEED FUNDING PROGRAM

The CNS has always prioritized high quality education for its members and the Education Division strives to address the needs and exceed expectations of neurosurgeons around the world. With the abrupt closure in March 2020 of so many in-person educational centers, the CNS Education Division stepped in to fill the immediate need with virtual education. The Board of the CNS Foundation recognized an opportunity to support the neurosurgical community by awarding a grant to the CNS Education Division so that all international members and residents could receive complimentary access to a large library of these new webinars.

This nimble flexibility to respond to an innovative idea gave way to the CNS Foundation Board's development of the "Innovative Seed Funding Program." The goal is to provide one-time grants of up to \$25,000 in seed funding for innovative projects that meet the CNS Foundation mission and at least one of its core initiatives. The Board is finalizing the structure of this grant program and looks forward to receiving proposals by the end of 2021.



## CNS Foundation Board Member Spotlight

Brian V. Nahed, CNS Foundation Board Member

### What makes you hopeful for the future of philanthropy in neurosurgery?

Given the explosion of innovation, research, and technology, the best days of neurosurgical care are ahead of us. The CNS and the CNS Foundation are focused on supporting the next generation of neurosurgeons and it is through philanthropy that the CNS can provide state of the art education, resources, and opportunities to every neurosurgeon as they develop the neurosurgical procedures and cures for tomorrow, today.

## CNS Foundation 2020 Financial Report

	2019		2020	
Industry	\$	586,250	\$	310,000
Medical Societies and Sections	\$	1,800,000	\$	100,000
Individuals (Pre-CNS 1:1 Match)	\$	65,234	\$	90,762
Total Fundraising (Includes CNS 1:1 Match)	\$	2,451,484	\$	591,484
Total Assets	\$	3,339,215	\$	3,396,361
Remaining in CNS \$1 million matching funds			\$	374,640



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## THANK YOU, 2020 SUPPORTERS!

### CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE

**\$20,000+**

Welcoming visionary donors who wish to help build a legacy of advancing neurosurgery through the CNS Foundation.

A gift from an **anonymous donor** to the Chairman's Circle has established the CNS Foundation Future Women Leaders in Neurosurgery Scholarship

### 2020 LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

**\$5,000+**

David Crawford | Barry Zimmerman

**\$1,000+**

Ellen Air*	Kikuo Ohno	John Caridi	Brian Nahed*	Teck-Mun Soo
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The generous Leadership Circle gift from **Stavros Maltezos** was made in memorial of Walter W. Whisler, MD, PhD, RUSH University

**\$500+**

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\*Donors to the Future Women Leaders in Neurosurgery Scholarship Fund

Names of donors for gifts of \$1 - \$499 found at [foundation.cns.org/our-impact/our-inspiring-supporters](http://foundation.cns.org/our-impact/our-inspiring-supporters)



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## 2020 PHILANTHROPY PARTNERS

We deeply appreciate the continued partnership and support from Medtronic and Penumbra. Their return in 2020 to make Philanthropy Partner gifts at the Strategic and Guardian levels provides continued growth and opportunity for the CNS Foundation to help others.

### STRATEGIC PARTNERS



### GUARDIAN PARTNERS



## THANK YOU, CNS FOUNDATION BOARD

Please help us extend our sincere appreciation to the generosity of time and thoughtful engagement these volunteers have given to shaping the CNS Foundation into a philanthropy that gives back to worldwide patient health:

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**The Mission of the CNS Foundation is to improve worldwide patient health through innovative programs that allow neurosurgeons to collaborate globally as researchers, learners, educators and caregivers.**

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Make your 2021 gift to any initiative or project or support them all by giving to the Mission Advancement Fund. To date, \$374,640 remains of funds to match all donations from individuals and medical societies. **Please visit [Foundation.cns.org/donate](https://Foundation.cns.org/donate) to make your annual donation today.**