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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

We are delighted to come together here in the heart of Music City to celebrate an extraordinary year for the SIR Foundation and the ever-evolving field of interventional radiology. This evening provides an opportunity to reflect on our shared journey, honor the achievements that propel our specialty forward and celebrate the vibrant community that makes it all possible.

Tonight, we highlight the transformative power of research and innovation in advancing patient care. Your unwavering dedication drives our mission to elevate IR to new heights of excellence and impact.

We are especially honored to recognize Dr. Michael Darcy, MD, FSIR, as the recipient of the 2025 Frederick S. Keller, MD, Philanthropy Award. This distinction reflects his steadfast support of the Foundation and his profound contributions to advancing IR. The award presentation will take place tomorrow morning during the SIR Foundation Award Plenary, and I encourage everyone to join us in celebrating Dr. Darcy's remarkable achievements.

Additionally, we proudly celebrate the 2025 Leaders in Innovation Award recipients: Jeanne M. LaBerge, MD, FSIR; John A. Kaufman, MD, MS, FSIR; M. Victoria Marx, MD, FSIR; and Matthew A. Mauro, MD, FSIR. This award recognizes their pioneering contributions to IR education and research and their unwavering dedication to developing and implementing the IR/DR residency training program, shaping the future of our specialty.

To our donors, volunteers, colleagues, corporate partners and staff—your passion, participation and generosity form the foundation of our success. Your support drives the future of IR research and innovation, paving the way for transformative advancements in patient care.

Finally, please join me in extending heartfelt gratitude to the Gala Committee for their exceptional efforts in making tonight such a resounding success.

Enjoy this wonderful evening, and thank you for your continued commitment to the SIR Foundation and the future of IR.

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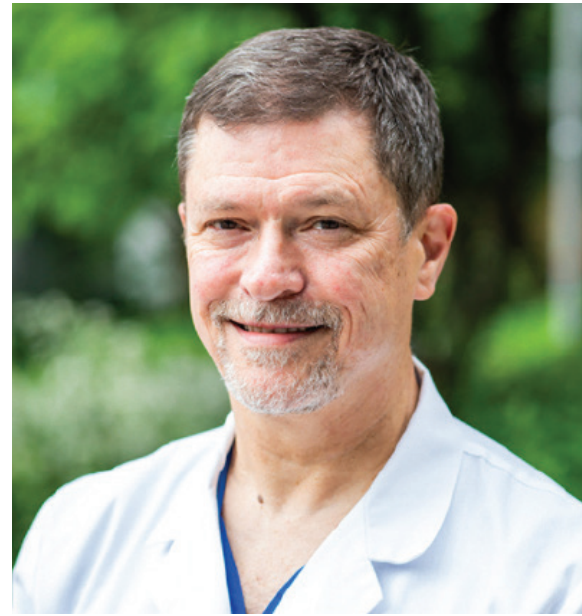


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We are pleased to announce **MICHAEL D. DARCY, MD, FSIR** as the recipient of the 2025 Frederick S. Keller, MD Philanthropy Award.

Michael D. Darcy, MD, FSIR, is a professor of radiology at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University in St. Louis. He earned his medical degree from Ohio State University. After completing three years of surgery residency, he transitioned to radiology and interventional radiology training at the University of Minnesota. His first position was at the Medical University of South Carolina, but he moved to the Mallinckrodt Institute in 1989. Dr. Darcy served as chief of interventional radiology for 18 years before stepping down in 2019 and retiring from clinical practice in 2022. He was actively involved in the Society of Interventional Radiology, holding numerous roles including SIR Annual Scientific Meeting chair, SIR Foundation chair, and SIR president. His primary clinical and academic interests are portal hypertension and GI bleeding. Dr. Darcy and his wife Susan have three daughters, four grandchildren and two dogs. Outside of interventional radiology, he enjoys woodworking and mountain hiking.

Dr. Darcy's exceptional contributions to the field of interventional radiology and his steadfast commitment to the SIR Foundation exemplify the values of the Frederick S. Keller, MD Philanthropy Award. His influential career and dedication to enhancing patient care serve as a powerful example of philanthropic excellence. Congratulations Dr. Darcy!

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It's with great joy that we welcome you to this special gathering. This evening, as we come together, we hope you'll take full advantage of the opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new connections and celebrate the strength of our extraordinary community.

Looking ahead, we feel an incredible sense of optimism for the future of interventional radiology. The possibilities are truly limitless, and the progress we've made so far is just the beginning. It's your unwavering support that allows us to continue pushing the boundaries of medical research and innovation. Your presence tonight is more than a gesture of dedication, it's a driving force behind the advancements that will shape the future of healthcare and transform lives.

With your generosity, we are empowering the next generation of investigators, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to further elevate the field. Your support extends to vital education programs, helping both trainees and patients understand the life-changing potential of IR. Together, we are ensuring that the benefits of these advances reach those who need them most.

Thank you again for being with us tonight and for playing such a crucial role in shaping a future that is bright with possibility. Our commitment to our cause is what fuels the progress we celebrate tonight, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

With deepest appreciation,



Merve Ozen, MD  
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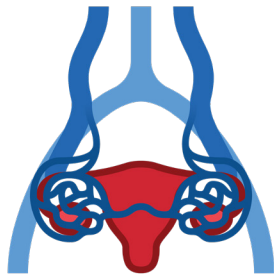
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This trial is the first time SIR Foundation is leading a multi-organization collaboration to generate the data necessary to impact and improve patient care. EMBOLIZE is being led co-PIs **Ronald S. Winokur, MD, FSIR**, professor of clinical radiology at Weill Cornell Medicine, and **Gloria Salazar, MD, FSIR**, associate professor of radiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



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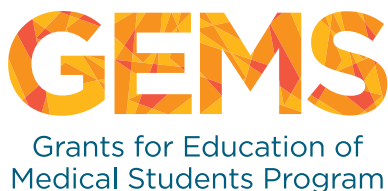
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When I learned about interventional radiology in my third year of medical school, I fell in love with it. However, I knew I would be at a disadvantage in pursuing IR as a specialty since my home institution doesn't have either a DR or IR residency program. I sought any opportunity available and worked hard to gain exposure to this specialty, and when I learned that I had been selected for both the SIR Foundation's GEMS and SMIP programs, I was extremely grateful.

**Those programs provided me with a wealth of knowledge and hands-on experience in the field**, and they exponentially increased my professional network. I am convinced they made all the difference in my pursuit of becoming an interventional radiologist, and I will be forever grateful to the SIR Foundation and to everyone else who made those opportunities possible.



—ANDRES AQUINO, MD

*2023 Summer Medical Program and GEMS Scholar*



## 2025 Leaders in Innovation Award Recipients



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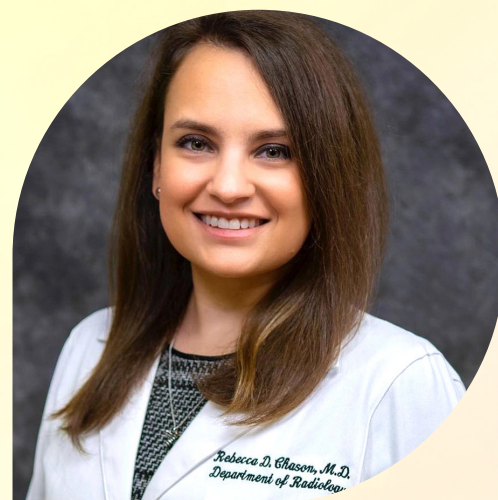


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Although one of my abstracts was accepted at a previous meeting, I was unable to go as I gave birth to my child during that time. **With the GCAW funding, I will be able to attend an SIR meeting before I finish my residency,** which makes it feel much more personal.”

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