

# Grant and Award Winner Announcements, Academy Award Winning Kathy Bates Keynote at Annual Meeting

*The American Society of Breast Surgeons Announces Grant Awards that will Impact and Save Lives, Honors Academy Award Winning Kathy Bates Keynote*

COLUMBIA, MD, UNITED STATES, May 13, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- At the 2019 American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBrS) Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX, the ASBrS Foundation announced winners of its grant awards and scientific awards. The grants provide critical support for underserved populations. The ASBrS Foundation also helped bring Academy Award winning actress Kathy Bates to deliver the meeting's keynote address, sharing her message about lymphedema from a patient's perspective.

"Our grants make a difference in the lives of thousands of patients in need each year and support research that can make an impact for years to come," said Beth Boyd, RN, Chairman of the ASBrS Foundation. "We're honored to support these great programs that help men and women affected by breast cancer and other breast issues, saving lives and improving their quality of life."

The ASBrS Foundation announced the following grant and award winners at the Annual Meeting:



Academy Award Winning Actress Kathy Bates, ASBrS Keynote Speaker



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#### Community Outreach:

o"Breast Health Outreach & Education Program," Health Community Coalition, Maine  
o"BEAT – Breast Health Education Access and Treatment," TOPPS, Inc., Arkansas

#### Education:

o"Breast Health & Cancer Education in Rural Central Washington," Kittitas Valley Healthcare, Washington

#### Research:

o"Understanding Patients' Perspectives on Factors that Contribute to Socioeconomic Disparities in the Receipt of Post-Mastectomy Breast Reconstruction," University of

Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

George Peters Award for the best presentation by a fellow: Susie Sun, MD, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Institute, Houston, TX, for "Patient selection for non-operative management of HER2+ invasive breast cancer after neoadjuvant systemic therapy"

Scientific Presentation Award for the best presentation by a fellow, resident, or medical trainee: Olga Kantor, MD, University of Chicago, for "Physician Knowledge of Contralateral Breast Cancer and Local Recurrence Risk Is Associated with Increased Recommendations for Contralateral Prophylactic Mastectomy: A Survey of Physicians at NAPBC Accredited Centers"

The ASBrS Foundation also sponsors the Keynote Speaker at the Annual Meeting. Actress Kathy Bates, this year's Keynote Speaker, gave an inspiring performance.

"We are so grateful to the Lymphatic Education & Research Network, their President and CEO William Repicci, and Kathy Bates for helping to make our keynote so special and inspiring this year," said Ryan Cliche, Executive Director of the ASBrS Foundation.

To help us provide more grants next year and reach more patients in need, please consider [making a donation to the ASBrS Foundation](#).

#### About the ASBrS Foundation

The ASBrS Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization founded in 2005 to improve the standard of care for breast disease. The Foundation supports the mission of The American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBrS), the primary leadership organization for general surgeons who treat patients with breast disease. ASBrS is committed to continually improving the practice of breast surgery by serving as an advocate for surgeons who seek excellence in the care of

breast patients. This mission is accomplished by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and by promoting education, research, and the development of advanced surgical techniques. Learn more about the Foundation's programs at <http://www.breastsurgeonsfoundation.org/our-programs>.

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