

MEMBER

Spotlight



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What did being named a Fellow of NASCI mean to you, both personally and professionally?

Becoming a Fellow of NASCI has been a dream and a professional goal of mine since my thoracic imaging fellowship at the University of Washington. My mentors encouraged all fellows to become involved in the society and experience firsthand what makes NASCI so special, and I am incredibly grateful that I did. The welcoming, supportive, and collaborative nature of the NASCI community inspired me to become increasingly engaged over the years. Achieving Fellow status is particularly meaningful because it reflects not only my contributions to the society, but also the pride and gratitude I feel in being a member of NASCI. It is an honor to stand alongside colleagues whom I deeply respect and to proudly say that I am part of this remarkable organization.

How has this recognition impacted your involvement within the society?

This recognition has further strengthened my commitment to NASCI and motivated me to remain actively involved in supporting the society in any way I can. Becoming a Fellow is not only a meaningful professional milestone, but also a reminder of the value of engagement, service, and mentorship within our community. It has inspired me to encourage others to become involved and pursue Fellowship as well. Seeing colleagues achieve this recognition is incredibly rewarding, and I hope to help others experience the same sense of accomplishment, pride, and connection that comes with becoming a NASCI Fellow.

What current development or innovation in cardiovascular imaging excites you the most?

I honestly get so excited learning about all the advances we are making in the preventative care and longevity spaces. Realizing how much powerful and truly amazing information that exists in our images is just astounding and inspiring. Like we all learn and talk about personalized medicine and we are living in the actual time where things are moving so quickly towards that goal.

What advice would you give to early-career professionals who are interested in cardiovascular imaging?

My advice is just put yourself out there. Submit education exhibits, write papers, give talks! And most of all, do it with NASCI! We are here to support everyone, especially the individuals who are the future of our profession.

What would you say to someone who is considering applying this year?

Get everything in early, and don't be afraid to ask for help. I know I get scared reaching out to others for help, like even for asking for a letter of recommendation, but don't be afraid at all! The committee chairs and current Fellows want you to succeed and become a Fellow too, and we're so happy to support your goals.

What qualities or achievements do you think helped your application stand out?

Oh gosh I might not be the best to answer this question because my application was probably the most "unique" the first time I applied. I was not entirely sure if I qualified the first time but was like let's try maybe I do. So I wrote my first personal statement saying that and paraphrased Wayne Gretzky saying that I will miss 100% of the shots I don't take and probably had some other fun anecdotes like how I used to work at Taco Bell (something I always sneak into conversations and statements lol). But it was so nice because even though I didn't qualify for Fellow at the time, Dr Young and Dr Kicska called me to say what I needed to do to qualify for it the next time, which just speaks to how much NASCI cares about us all. So when I applied the second time I couldn't let me readership down and started my application with an inspirational quote from Marshall Mather's II (Eminem)... "Guess who's back, back again", and clearly I must have won the committee over.