SOCIETY OF BLACK VASCULAR SURGEONS

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OUR MISSION & VISION

Founded in 2021, the Society of Black Vascular Surgeons rests on a simple conviction: excellence in vascular care and equity in who delivers it are inseparable goals. Its 350 members — approximately 2% of U.S. vascular surgeons and trainees — are surgeons, educators, and mentors advancing the science of the specialty through education, research, and leadership.

We develop the next generation of Black vascular surgeons, open doors for those who follow, and work to improve outcomes in communities the health system too often overlooks. Above all, we are a professional home: a place where members support and advance one another.

"We Serve Each Other."



Members of the Society of Black Vascular Surgeons at the Annual SBVS Meeting, Boston, MA, 2026.

Advancing Excellence. Building Community. Shaping the Future of Vascular Surgery.



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Olamide Alabi, MD, MS, FACS

Excellence is our first principle — and mentorship is how it endures. Many of us can name the person who believed in us first. We intend to be that person for the next generation, so that no one navigates this profession alone.



PAST PRESIDENT

Vincent Rowe, MD, FACS, DFSVS

When a group of vascular surgeons first imagined this Society, they were not simply forming an organization. They were making a commitment to one another — and to a profession that reflects the patients it serves.

The Future of the Society of Black Vascular Surgeons

"SBVS is not simply celebrating today's vascular surgeons. It is intentionally developing the ones who will follow them."



PRESIDENT · 2026–2028

Frederick P. Beavers, MD, FACS

Chief of Vascular Surgery, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center · Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, Georgetown University

Dr. Beavers assumes the presidency as SBVS enters its most consequential year — expanding year-round education, deepening mentorship, and building the infrastructure to sustain both.

A native of Chicago's South Side, Dr. Frederick P. Beavers brings more than 20 years of experience in vascular care. His path to the specialty was shaped by influential mentors who inspired his commitment to clinical excellence, education, and service. Throughout his career he has combined expertise in both open and endovascular techniques to provide thoughtful, patient-centered care while training the next generation of vascular surgeons. His experiences have also shaped a deep commitment to advancing health equity and ensuring every patient receives compassionate, high-quality treatment. As President this year, his depth of expertise, wisdom, and genuine passion for both the field and the people it serves will make him an invaluable leader, helping guide the organization forward with purpose, perspective, and impact.

Considering Vascular Surgery?

A guide to the integrated vascular residency application — timeline, letters, and away rotations.
Vascular Surgery Training Pathways ↗

The Gore Book Program

A book program supporting residents and fellows who match into vascular surgery.
Gina Treadwell · gtreadwell@wlgore.com

Mentor the Next Generation

Mentor a student or resident, host a trainee, or speak with a group considering the specialty.

SOCIETY ACTIVITY

SBVS in Motion

Building year-round value — education, mentorship, and connection across all twelve months.

ANNUAL SBVS MEETING

Inspiring the Next Generation.







This year, the Society of Black Vascular Surgeons celebrated the fifth anniversary of our annual reception during the SVS Vascular Annual Meeting. The reception has become one of the signature events for SBVS and an important opportunity for our members to come together, reconnect, and strengthen the relationships that sustain our organization.

Throughout the year, many of us work together through committees, mentorship, advocacy, education, and virtual meetings, but the annual reception gives us the chance to finally connect in person. There is something uniquely meaningful about gathering in a room filled with Black vascular surgeons from across the country—sharing experiences, celebrating accomplishments, welcoming trainees and new members, and simply enjoying the fellowship of colleagues who understand our shared professional journey.

We are especially grateful to Cook Medical for sponsoring the SBVS reception for each of the past five years. Their continued support has helped make this gathering possible and has contributed to the growth of an event that has become an important tradition for our Society.

LOOKING AHEAD

2026 & 2027

With the SBVS Industry Council, the Society is developing programming that extends well beyond the annual meeting.

- **Physician well-being (December 2026)**
  Sustaining a career in vascular surgery
- **Industry site visits (January–June 2027)**
  Immersive visits for members and trainees
- **Abstract training (April 2027)**
  Practical guidance to help vascular surgeons develop, write, and submit high-quality scientific abstracts for presentation and publication.
- **Physician & resident education**
  Monthly programming with Council partners
- **VISTA opportunities**
  Bimonthly medical education VISTA events
- **Virtual education**
  Quarterly reimbursement, clinical trials, and practice topics
- **Career development**
  Quarterly leadership and professional advancement

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

Partners in the Mission

Industry support makes much of this work possible. The mission it supports remains the Society's own.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Terrence Wiggins, MBA

Director of Marketing, North America · Cordis

"I'm grateful to Dr. Vincent Rowe and SBVS for the trust and partnership we've built around this important mission. It remains a privilege to support the Society as we continue creating new opportunities for its physicians and trainees and expanding our collective impact in the communities they serve."



With gratitude, SBVS recognizes Terrence Wiggins for the leadership, vision, and commitment he brought to Cook Medical's partnership with the Society. His support helped strengthen the relationship between SBVS and industry, expand opportunities for education and professional development, and establish a foundation for meaningful, long-term collaboration. Terrence's commitment to the mission and to the physicians and trainees SBVS serves has created an impact that will continue as he begins his new leadership role with Cordis. We are beyond thankful to you.

A CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP

Continuity in Partnership

SBVS extends particular thanks to Cook Medical for its continued support of the Society and its participation in the Industry Council — a partnership grounded in education, trainee development, and better vascular care for the communities our members serve. That support has helped underwrite physician and resident education and the professional development programming members rely on between annual meetings.

Erica Adams, MBA, Market Development Manager at Cook Medical, appointed by Terrence Wiggins, now serves as the company's partnership representative to SBVS, continuing that work without interruption.

"It is a privilege to support a Society whose mission is grounded in excellence, mentorship, and service. I look forward to listening, learning, and helping advance the priorities that matter most to SBVS members."

ERICA R. ADAMS, MBA
Market Development Manager, AMER · Cook Medical

THE SBVS INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Thank You to Our Partners

The Society thanks the partners of the SBVS Industry Council, whose support helps sustain physician education, resident and fellow development, community outreach, and the year-round programming that carries the mission forward.

Abbott · Boston Scientific · COOK MEDICAL · Cordis · GORE · AOTI

2027 INDUSTRY COUNCIL COMMITMENTS

SBVS Master Class Series

Expert-led education designed around the evolving clinical and professional needs of SBVS members.

Abstract Training

Practical guidance for developing and submitting high-quality scientific abstracts.

Industry Site Visits

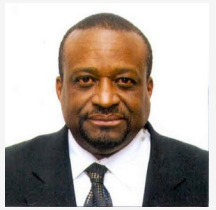
Immersive experiences connecting members and trainees with industry.

MEMBER ACTION

Help Move Our Mission Forward

"SBVS is strongest when our members are engaged. I encourage each of you to stay connected, lend your voice, share your expertise, and support the work ahead as we continue building this Society together."

KENNETH SIMON, MD, MBA, FACS · Board Chairman, Society of Black Vascular Surgeons



ENGAGE

Stay connected and participate.

MENTOR

Support students, residents, and fellows.

CONTRIBUTE

Support the monthly member pledge.

SERVE

Join community outreach and Society initiatives.

THE MONTHLY MEMBER PLEDGE

$10–$15 PER MEMBER, PER MONTH

Small commitment. Collective impact.

Member contributions fund education, mentorship, member services, and the infrastructure that lets SBVS grow.

blackvascular.org/donate

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Global & Community Impact

- **International outreach**

  Outreach in Africa and the Caribbean, creating opportunities for aligned grant support.

- **PAD screening event kits**

  In development, to enable scalable community engagement.

TRAINEE LEADERSHIP

The Next Generation

Two PGY-5 residents are building the Society's trainee community — a home for mentorship, professional development, and connection.



PGY-5 · INTEGRATED VASCULAR SURGERY RESIDENT

Falen Demsas, MD

Massachusetts General Hospital

Originally from Eritrea and raised in Los Angeles, Dr. Demsas taught high school science for several years before entering medicine. She earned her undergraduate degree at Boston College, a master's degree in Medical Sciences at Loyola University Chicago, and her medical degree at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She was drawn to vascular surgery by its technical complexity, its longitudinal patient relationships, and the opportunity to improve care for patients who have faced barriers to access. At MGH, her surgical quality improvement work earned the Codman Golden Egg Award, and she is a Commonwealth Fund Fellow in Health Policy and Leadership at Harvard University. Alongside Dr. Savage, she is helping build the SBVS trainee section.



PGY-5 · INTEGRATED VASCULAR SURGERY RESIDENT

Dasha Savage, MD

University of Pennsylvania

A Philadelphia native, Dr. Savage is proud to train in the community that raised her. She earned her undergraduate and medical degrees at Stanford University, where a Scholarly Concentration in Bioinformatics gave her the data science and machine learning skills she now applies to research. She chose vascular surgery for its blend of procedural skill and service to an often underserved population — and to help rewrite her patients' relationship with the healthcare system. Now in the second of two dedicated research years, she studies predictive pathways that identify disparities in CLTI care and automated longitudinal follow-up after complex aneurysm repair. She is helping develop the next generation through the SBVS Residency Chapter.

WITH GRATITUDE

"Your work is the essence of SBVS."

"A moment of gratitude for the chairs who came before us, starting with our founding chairs Dr. James Onyeniyi and Dr. Jayne Rice, as well as our most recent chairs Dr. Omodele (Dele) Durojaye and Dr. Melina Recarey. Each of you have mentored medical students who have gone on to become vascular surgeons. Your work is the essence of SBVS, and we are honored to carry it forward this upcoming year."

FALEN DEMSAS, MD · DASHA SAVAGE, MD

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Albert D. Sam II, MD, MS, MMM, FACS

A founding member of SBVS returns to the University of Illinois Chicago, where he trained — now as Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery.



Dr. Albert D. Sam II joined the University of Illinois Chicago in September 2026 as Clinical Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery. He comes most recently from the Inova Heart & Vascular Institute in Northern Virginia, where he served as Eastern Market Lead Vascular Surgeon.

LEADERSHIP

His leadership spans academic and private practice: Chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at the Tulane Heart & Vascular Institute, Chief of Vascular Surgery at Baton Rouge General Hospital, and founder of the multidisciplinary limb preservation program at Middlesex Health in Connecticut.

TRAINING

A New Orleans native, Dr. Sam graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College and earned his medical degree at Duke University. At UIC he completed general surgery residency and a Master of Science in Surgery, followed by a vascular and endovascular surgery fellowship at Northwestern University. He later earned an Executive Master of Medical Management from Tulane University.

BEYOND MEDICINE

Dr. Sam has served on the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Board of Directors of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. He currently serves on the boards of the Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine and the Blues Alley Youth Orchestra in Washington, D.C.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

FIRST

African American vascular surgeon in Louisiana

FIRST

African American surgeon member of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery

FOUNDING MEMBER

Society of Black Vascular Surgeons

PATENT

Drug-use patent for the treatment of sepsis, from his graduate research at UIC

IN MEMORIAM

Carlton Z. Adams, Jr., MD

1956–2026

Remembering a Surgeon, Educator, Mentor, and Servant Leader



“His legacy lives on in the patients he served, the physicians he taught, and the community he helped build.”

Dr. Carlton Z. Adams Jr., a member of the Society of Black Vascular Surgeons leadership and its Secretary, passed away on September 14, 2026. His life and career reflected a profound commitment to patient care, education, mentorship, and service. Through the physicians he taught, the patients he cared for, and the colleagues and communities he served, his influence will endure.

A LIFE OF SERVICE

A graduate of the University of Southern California and Howard University College of Medicine, Dr. Adams completed his general surgery residency at Meharry Medical College, practiced at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and completed fellowship training in vascular surgery at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He then returned to Nashville, where he built his career at Nashville General Hospital and Meharry Medical College.

At Meharry, he served as Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery, Surgery Clerkship Director, and Chair of the Division of Surgery from 2020 to 2024. He counted the education and mentorship of young physicians among the most meaningful parts of his profession, and he met students and trainees with patience, thoughtfulness, high expectations, and a genuine desire to see them succeed.

Those who knew him remember his calm, gentle demeanor and his gift for listening. He is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 42 years, and their family.

With gratitude, we remember Dr. Carlton Z. Adams Jr. and honor his service to the Society of Black Vascular Surgeons.

Society Leadership

The officers and Board of Directors guiding the Society of Black Vascular Surgeons in 2026.



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The Society Belongs to Its Members

Excellence in the operating room. Community among colleagues. Mentorship for the next generation. Better vascular care for the patients and communities we serve.

Join us. Participate. Mentor. Nominate. Contribute. Help build what comes next.

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