

WELCOME TO VASAM

# Quarterly Bulletin

*we're so glad you're here!*

## President's Message



Dear Members,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our annual conference in Virginia Beach! We were honored to have several honored guests, including national ASAM representation, representatives from SAMSHA and the Virginia Governor, as well as the presidents of the Georgia and Tennessee chapters. It was a great opportunity for learning and networking.

Please save the date for next year's annual conference, to be held November 1 - 2, 2024, at the Westin Dulles in Herndon, Virginia. If you have suggestions for speakers or content, don't hesitate to reach out to the Education Committee or one of our board members. Or, even better, sign up to be a member of one of our committees and get involved with the fastest growing (and most fun) state chapter in ASAM!

Registration is now open for the national ASAM 2024 Annual Conference, April 4 - 7, in Dallas, Texas. This conference is always a valuable experience, and we will be planning some special activities for our Virginia members! The conference will be held at the stunning Gaylord Grapevine; rooms will sell out, so book now.

The final episode of our WHAM series is coming up next month. Dr. Douglas Brown will be discussing Auricular Neural Stimulation as a New Non-Invasive Treatment for Opioid Withdrawal please join us for this informative discussion, for which CMEs are available.

Happy Holidays!

Debra O'Beirne, MD, FASAM  
President, Virginia Society of Addiction Medicine

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# VaSAM 2023 Annual Conference

More than two-hundred attendees gathered at the Virginia Beach Marriott Oceanfront Resort November 3-4, 2023 to take part in the VaSAM 2023 Workshops & Annual Conference. Over the course of the two-day event, attendees from across Virginia and eleven (11) other states learned from fourteen outstanding speakers and panelists on a range of Addiction Medicine topics.

Nine (9) students participated in the Student/Medical Trainee Poster Competition with the top honors going to Augustus M. White, of VCU School of Medicine, who won the Sherman Master, MD Memorial Scholarship Award (Judge's Choice Award) and Jason T. Bard, of Eastern Virginia Medical School, who won the K. LeGree Hallmann Memorial Award (People's Choice Award).

VASAM 2023 had a record setting year in vendor participation as well. Three (3) Flagship Sponsors, nine (9) Event Sponsors and seventeen (17) exhibitors showcased products and services during the Welcome Reception, networking breakfast and luncheon and coffee break.

The VaSAM community wishes to recognize the VaSAM 2023 Program Planning Committee: Dr. Jonathan Lee, Dr. Brandon Wills and Dr. Debra O'Beirne, for their extraordinary efforts in pulling together an excellent conference. Additional photos can be found on Page 10.





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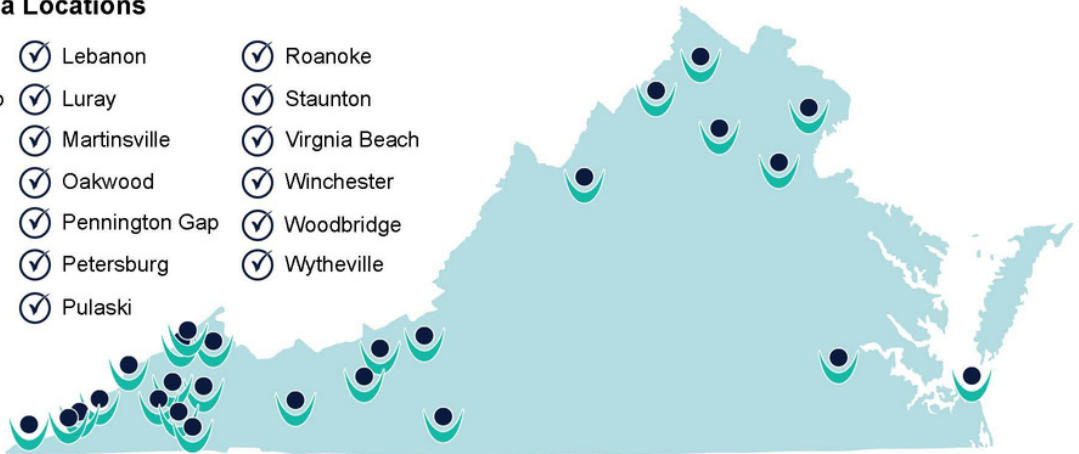
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# WHAM 2023 Webinar Series

Registration is still available for the 4th and final WHAM, which is being held virtual on December 6, 2023. The “*What's Hot in Addiction Medicine*” Webinar Series is free for all VASAM Members, and \$49 per webinar for non-members. This activity has been approved for **(4) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ – one (1) credit for each live virtual webinar attended.** If you have already registered, look for an email with the Zoom link on December 4th!

## **Auricular Neural Stimulation as a New Non-Invasive Treatment for Opioid Withdrawal**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 6:30pm-7:30pm

*Douglas A Brown, MD, Medical Director, Addiction Recovery Center of Virginia*



*Dr. Douglas Brown*

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# ASAM Corner

The ASAM 55th Annual Conference, "Innovations in Addiction Medicine & Science," will take place at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Grapevine, TX. The event begins at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2024, with an opening welcome reception and concludes at 11:30 am on Sunday, April 7, 2024. [Learn more here!](#) **Early Bird Registration now OPEN!**

## Dates & Times:

These are the dates and times for the main conference content. Pre-conference courses, regional meetings, special interest group discussions, and some fun and fitness activities take place outside of these times. Please check the [full schedule](#) for more information. Pre-Conference Courses take place Thursday, April 4, 2024, and are subject to an additional registration fee.

- Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 5:30 pm - 8:45 pm
- Friday, April 5, 2024 | 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, April 6, 2024 | 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 7:30 am - 11:30 am

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# Legislative Committee Update

*Update provided by VaSAM Legislative Committee Chair,  
Douglas A Brown, MD,  
Medical Director, Addiction Recovery Center of Virginia*

2023 was a good year for VaSAM exposure at the General Assembly. My main direction was meeting with as many Delegates and Senators as I could. I wanted each of them to be aware of our State Chapter of ASAM. My objective was to explain who we are as an organization and provide them with access to our expertise in the field of Addiction Medicine.

With the elections complete, many Delegates and Senators who were reelected, I have established communication with at the General Assembly in 2023 and through email communication. I look forward to speaking all of them again at the 2024 General Assembly.

I had the pleasure of meeting newly elected Delate Amanda Batton during her campaign. Delegate Batton expressed great interest in learning about VaSAM and what is happening with the Addiction crisis in our Commonwealth. I will stay in touch with Delegate Batton and all our Delegates and Senators.



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# Save the Date for VaSAM 2024

November 1-2, 2024

The Westin Washington Dulles

Herndon, Virginia



Plans are already underway for the VASAM 2024 Annual Conference. The Program Planning Committee has been established and they are in the beginning stages of reaching out to possible presenters. We plan to share the full program in early February of 2024.

VASAM 2024 will feature Workshops, a Keynote Address, Invited Speakers, a Panel, a Student/Medical Trainee Poster Session and of course, CME and unprecedented networking opportunities!

The Westin Washington Dulles is located at 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon, VA, 20171. We have negotiated a fantastic room rate of \$109 per night which includes free parking. Book your room [here](#) as soon as possible!

Registration will open by the end of March 2024 and updates will be [added here](#) in the coming months. If you have a topic or speaker you would like the Program Planning Committee to consider, please send those details to [info@vasam.net](mailto:info@vasam.net) by December 1st.

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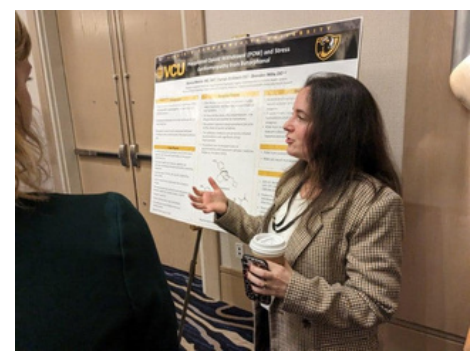
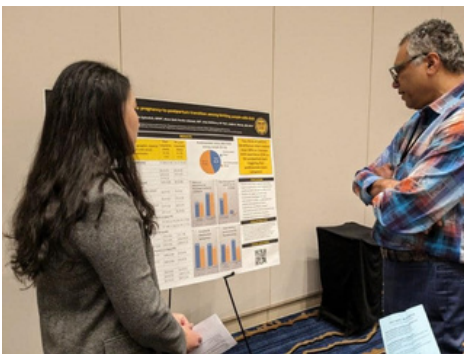
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