



AMAT LOOKING BACK | MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT | 2018 WHAT'S IN STORE



# Dear AMAT Family,



It is my great pleasure to greet you as the president of The Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation (AMAT). I was thrilled to see many of you at our 25th anniversary conference in Atlanta. I want to express my gratitude to the leadership of our Past President, Remonia Chapman, and the hard work of our Board of Directors, all the committees and members who helped to make our conference a successful one.

AMAT we did it! 25 years of service!

What is next?... To continue to build upon our foundation, grow bigger and stronger.

We are looking forward to more educational resources, training opportunities, leadership workshops, partnerships, webinars, newsletters and working on a strong relationship with you.

Check out our website, [amat1.org](http://amat1.org)! Our website is the best resource for our members. You will find the latest news and events, current conference presentations, most recent webinars and newsletters.

At this time, I would like to charge you with a goal: attend one of our committee meetings. "Start where you are....."

Please reach out to our committees, multicultural workgroups and chairs/ co-chairs. I cannot say enough about them and their work ethic. This is where it all starts!

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." - Arthur Ashe  
Sincerely,

*Maria Veve*

# 2017 REVIEW

## AMAT'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE AND CELEBRATION



For conference presentations  
visit:

<https://goo.gl/p6qNkc>

For more photos  
visit:

<https://goo.gl/EZ9yAr>

# 2017 REVIEW

## WEBINARS

For past recordings and presentations visit:

[HTTP://WWW.AMATI.ORG/PROGRAMS/EDUCATIONAL-SERIES/](http://www.amati.org/programs/educational-series/)

## **FEBRUARY**

Reframing the Donation Conversation in the Era of Black Lives Matter

## **MAY**

Understanding the Chinese Culture and Community

## **JULY**

Promoting Donation: Lessons from the Muslim World

## **AUGUST**

Fresh Strategies for High Impact Campaigns in African American Churches

## **NOVEMBER**

Native American Perspective on Approach for Organ and Tissue Donation

# AMAT Member Spotlight



Shared by Kristian Rush, STA Southwest Transplant Alliance

Through Southwest Transplant Alliance's community events we have registered more than 700 donation decisions in 2017. The picture above is from an event held on April 28, 2017, National Blue and Green Day, where we featured our volunteer advocate, Andre Tucker, who was on the kidney transplant waiting list for four and half years. We are proud to announce that this July, Andre received his lifesaving kidney transplant. Miracles do happen! To listen to Andre's journey click on the following link:

<http://bit.ly/2Bhm7sM>



Shared by Tanja Edwards, TransLife Organ and Tissue Donation Services

Gift of Gospel: Gift of Life concert. This event recognizes some of the local African American artists who either have a personal connection to the cause or has been touched passionately to support organ and tissue donation.



Shared by Ieesha Johnson,  
The Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland

In the fall of 2015, The Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland developed The Decision Project, a taskforce created to empower Maryland residents to make an educated and inspired decision about organ, eye, and tissue donation and then share that decision with their family. Our targeted focus included zip codes in Maryland with low designation rates. In 2017, the campaign focused its efforts in the 21215 and 21216 communities that have the lowest donor designation rates and the highest need of organ transplants in the state. We hope that this campaign will highlight the importance of improving trust, outreach, education, and communication with African-Americans in our community.

To learn more about The Decision Project visit [www.TheDecisionProject.org](http://www.TheDecisionProject.org).

# AMAT Member Spotlight cont.



As part of Donate Life Month, LifeBanc held the first Blue & Green Day Pinwheel Dedication. The front lawn of LifeBanc was filled with 956 blue and green pinwheels representing the Northeast Ohio legends that were organ, eye & tissue donors in 2016.

Donor family members were invited to customize a pinwheel for their loved one and participate in "planting" the pinwheel. A short program and raising of the Donate Life flag by LifeBanc staff members topped off the day.

Shared by Laura Rodriguez - Carbone,  
LifeBanc

## help us share your stories!

AMAT would love to share what's  
happening at your organization!

Send information and pictures to the  
PR Committee at [tlove@donatelifenc.org](mailto:tlove@donatelifenc.org)

# WE'RE READY 2018!!

## 2018 Annual Conference!

The Nevada Donor Network is ecstatic to host the 2018 Annual AMAT Conference. You will have the opportunity to learn best practices in our industry, site-see in our beautiful city of Las Vegas, network with other partners, catch-up or make new friends and build long-lasting relationships.

The conference will be held at the Caesar's Palace on the Las Vegas Strip. We hope to see you in September.

Save the dates September 18th - 21st, 2018!

Stay up to date with conference information by visiting, [www.AMAT1.org](http://www.AMAT1.org). Questions? Contact Conference Committee Chair Alma Rodriguez at [arodriguez@nvdonor.org](mailto:arodriguez@nvdonor.org)



## 2018 Membership

AMAT has some very exciting and exclusive "Member Only" perks that will be rolled out in 2018 and you won't want to miss all that AMAT has to offer!

Please consider joining AMAT today. Visit [www.AMAT1.org](http://www.AMAT1.org)

Questions about your membership? Contact the membership committee at [brandi.ahonsi@lifelinkfound.org](mailto:brandi.ahonsi@lifelinkfound.org)

# Your 2018 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

## Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Maria Veve
<b>President Elect</b>	Marion Shuck
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Remonia A. Chapman
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lisa Upsher
<b>Secretary</b>	Karen Gans
<b>Member At Large (E)*</b>	Janice Whaley
<b>Member At Large (E)*</b>	Jeff Thomas
<b>Member At Large (E)*</b>	Amanda Hollowell
<b>Member At Large (E)*</b>	Carla Hawkins
<b>Member At Large (A)</b>	Collin Ross
<b>Member At Large (A)</b>	George Herrera
<b>Member At Large (A)</b>	Esmeralda Sierra
<b>Member At Large (A)</b>	Mark Tudor

Committees	Chair	Co-Chair
Conference Planning	Alma Rodriguez	Bobby Howard+
Fundraising	Mark Brevard	Pending
Finance	Lisa Upsher	R. Kelvin Satcher+
Office Administration	Executive Board	-----
Bylaws	<u>Joe Greulich</u>	Paula Gutierrez
Public Relations	Tanise Love	Olivia Fox
Membership	Brandi Ahonsi	Pending
Nominations and Election	Carla Hawkins	Pending
Multicultural Workgroups	Chair	Co-Chair
African American	Ayanna Anderson	Pending
Asian Pacific Islander	Karen Gans	Lalaine To
Hispanic/Latino	Salvador Guerrero	Jennifer Aguilar
American Indian	Rhonda <u>Kukk</u>	Katy Smith

Ad Hoc Committees	Honorary Advisory Board
Technology Committee	Ruth Duncan Bell
Amanda Hollowell & Lisa Logan	Jackie Lue Raia
Clinical Development Committee	Joe Ferreira
Sheila Alston & Stephanie Johnson	R. Scott Murphy+
Hospital Development	Wendy Palmer & Morgan Reid



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