

Fall Newsletter 2026

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2026 Fall Virtual Symposium November 7th

NORTH CAROLINA
ULTRASOUND SOCIETY
PRESENTS

FALL SYMPOSIUM 2026

-VIRTUAL EVENT
-UP TO 8 CMES PER ATTENDEE
-MULTIMODALITY WITH DIVERSE TOPICS

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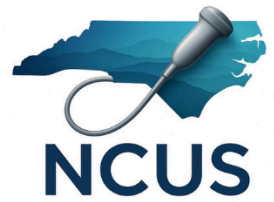
ULTRASOUND SOCIETY

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

9TH-10TH APRIL 2027

UNC CHARLOTTE MARIOTT

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!



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MULTIMODALITY
IN PERSON
~18 CMES AVAILABLE
VENDORS PRESENT
STUDENT EVENTS
NETWORKING



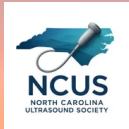
Would you like to speak at this year's
Spring Symposium?

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Letter from the President

Jon Owensby, ACS, RDACS

As we begin another academic year, thank you for being a part of our society. We're grateful to partner with our members, volunteers, and industry partners as we advance our mission—providing continuing education and networking opportunities for professionals in diagnostic ultrasound.

Your feedback continues to shape how we serve you. We're now offering mid-week live CME opportunities at no cost to members and students. The Board of Directors is also working diligently to deliver an excellent program for our Virtual Fall Symposium and our Spring Symposium in Charlotte.

There are new ways to get involved, with varying levels of commitment. We have a **Micro-volunteer opportunity** and positions available for **committee members** (percentage discount off of Spring Symposium). We are also taking nominations for Board members through the end of July. For details on these opportunities—and to sign up for Study Group Sessions—please visit:

www.NCUS.org.

Our communication team is working to grow content and engagement across all media outlets. We're looking forward to live events on social media and additional opportunities, and we're also exploring ways to mentor early-career sonographers.

Thank you,

Jon Owensby, NCUS President

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VENDORS AND SPONSORS





MICROVOLUNTEERING is a way for you to get involved with minimal commitment! We will provide potential volunteers with a form to submit on our website. You will be assigned a single task based on current needs, with specific instructions for carrying it out.

There are also possible **COMMITTEE MEMBER** assignments. Committee members could receive benefits including admission discounts for one of our symposia.

Stay tuned for more information!!!

A poster with a blue border and a white background. At the top, there are two lightbulb icons. The main heading "APPLY TODAY" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the text "Present at the 2026 NCUS Virtual Fall Symposium!" is in bold black letters, followed by the date "November 7th, 2026". A list of topics is provided, including OB, Vascular, General, Fetal Echo, Fetal Brain, Guidelines Updates in OBGYN, Renal Doppler, Liver Masses and Pathology, Tips and Tricks for Abdominal Scanning, MSK, and Sliding Sign. It states that applications convey interest in speakership and that a completed presentation is not required to apply. A call to action asks for help to diversify presentations and encourages applying today. A button at the bottom left contains the URL "Apply at www.ncus.org/apply-to-present". A small icon of a medical ultrasound machine is at the bottom right.

APPLY TODAY

**Present at the 2026 NCUS
Virtual Fall Symposium!**

November 7th, 2026

Are you interested in presenting any of the following?

- YOUR IDEA for OB, Vascular, or General
- Fetal Echo
- Fetal Brain
- Guidelines Updates in OBGYN
- Renal Doppler
- Liver Masses and Pathology
- Tips and Tricks for Abdominal Scanning
- MSK
- Sliding Sign

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We want to diversify our presentations and need
your help! Apply today!

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT



JOHNSTON
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

Johnston Community College (JCC) in Smithfield, North Carolina, offers two accredited sonography programs: Medical Sonography and Cardiovascular Sonography. The college graduated its first cohort of medical sonographers in 1998, followed shortly thereafter by its first cardiovascular sonography graduates. Since then, more than 300 students have completed the programs. Both tracks hold CAAHEP accreditation—Medical Sonography in Abdomen-Extended and OB/GYN, and Cardiovascular Sonography in Adult Echocardiography and Vascular Technology—reflecting JCC’s long-standing commitment to high educational and professional standards.

JCC provides a rigorous, student-centered education designed to prepare graduates for competent, entry-level practice across the diagnostic medical sonography profession. The curriculum integrates foundational sciences, advanced imaging concepts, and extensive hands-on scanning to build strong technical skills, clinical reasoning, and professional communication. The current faculty brings more than 50 years of combined teaching experience, with primary instructors including Steven Penny, Catherine Rominski, and Brittany Barefoot.

Clinical education is a defining strength of the program, supported by partnerships with hospitals, outpatient centers, and specialty practices throughout Johnston County and the surrounding region. With its emphasis on accreditation standards, competency development, and workforce readiness, JCC consistently produces graduates who are well prepared and highly sought after in the healthcare community.



Sierra's Story: A Lesson in Resilience

As we highlight ways to connect, learn, and serve through NCUS, we also want to share the stories that inspire our community.

When Sierra began Cardiovascular Sonography school, she was already balancing life as a mother of two young children—one with a learning disability. She knew the program would demand focus, discipline, and sacrifice, but she was determined to succeed.

Just two months into her training, everything changed. Her mother, who had first battled breast cancer in 2017, was diagnosed with metastatic disease. The news was devastating, and its weight touched every part of Sierra's life.

Walking away would have been understandable. But Sierra chose to keep going.

She saw her journey as more than personal success—she wanted to model resilience for her children. She wanted them to see that even in the face of overwhelming challenges, it's possible to stay focused and reach your goals.

With the support of her husband, who helped provide financial stability, Sierra pressed forward. Each day required balance: caring for her children, supporting her family, and meeting the intense demands of sonography school. There were long nights, early mornings, and moments of emotional strain—but she remained committed.

Sierra's story is a reminder that resilience isn't about avoiding hardship—it's about continuing despite it.

Through dedication, focus, and purpose, she proved that even in life's most difficult moments, success is still within reach—and that sometimes the strongest lessons we teach come from simply refusing to give up.

Do you have a story to share?

Contact Steven Penny at smpenny@johnstoncc.edu