



# Registrant Spotlight

## *Ian H. Crandall, MS, RCS*

Today, Ian is the only level three adult sonographer at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut, and he has a passion for research and the progression of interventional echocardiography. He began his education by earning degrees from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), focused on exercise physiology with a concentration in human performance. During undergrad, he became intrigued by the use of caffeine as an ergogenic aid in the use of sport and the possible clinical outcomes on athlete recovery. Furthermore, while attending the New England chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) conference, he heard a lecture from a cardiologist at Mass General named Aaron Baggish. Baggish gave a talk on the athlete's heart as it relates to the field of echocardiography and the prevention of sudden cardiac death amongst athletes. Ian began looking for further information regarding this topic, and he soon realized that studying it more would be an opportunity to understand the heart from a different perspective. This led Ian to apply to the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute in Hartford, Connecticut, where he attended after completing graduate school.

Associate Professor of Medicine at Yale School of Medicine Lissa Sugeng, MD states, "Ian is our go-to expert for sonographer education within the Yale New Haven Health System." Ian's former Program Director at Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute, Richie Palma, BS, ACS, RDCS, FASE, recalls, "Ian is a very bright and intelligent young man who is highly motivated to be successful in the cardiac ultrasound field. As an outstanding echo student,



he was an American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) scholarship winner."

In addition to his full-time job, Ian also works as a Lantheus Clinical Specialist for their DEFINITY product, is an Allied Health adjunct faculty professor at SCSU, and is a research scientist at the Yale Echo CORE Laboratory.



Ian says, "Credentialing in echocardiography via Cardiovascular Credentialing International and receiving my Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS) credential has awarded me the opportunity to work in a close-knit echo community, yet also be in a progressive, fast-paced, multifaceted career. Additionally, CCI has sonographers at heart, as the Advanced Cardiac Sonographer (ACS) exam is becoming recognized across the echo community. I feel this is an important step in the progression of sonographers and their careers."

Ian and his wife Maria have a three-year-old named Kai, who loves drums and heavy metal music. They also have quite the hectic household with two dogs, two fish tanks, two cats, and an iguana on the way. Ian enjoys skateboarding into work, paddle boarding, surfing, camping, and shredding the Carinthia terrain park at Mount Snow in Vermont during the winter.

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