

Tulane simulation center director honored by International Society of Simulation in Healthcare

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Society President Haru Okuda awarded Calzada the Presidential Citation for her efforts to create and launch the SSH Fund. In announcing the award, Okuda recognized Calzada for “her tremendous leadership, determination, and expertise to lead the SSH Development Task Force to launch the SSH Giving Campaign in order to advance simulation-based research and technology in training.”

The launch of the Fund raised \$45,000 in pledges during the four-day meeting and will continue throughout the year to secure pledges to meet the \$200,000 goal for year one. The SSH Fund will annually raise funds to support transformational healthcare simulation research, technology innovation, and needs-based scholarships for members from low resources regions and countries.

Watch Calzada’s [Press Box interview](#) about the Fund launch, which was recorded during the recent IMSH conference.