



CCI Registrant Spotlight

Jason B. Pereira, RCS

As an Exercise Physiology grad student, Jason Pereira was involved in research concerning athletes and cardiovascular disease. While attending a conference, he saw echocardiograms being performed, and the sight piqued his interest. When looking for more information about echocardiography, he was introduced to Richie Palma, Program Director of the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut School of Cardiac Ultrasound, which is located at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford. As a result, Jason went on to complete the Adult Cardiac Ultrasound certificate program in 2016 and earned his Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS) credential the same year.

While a cardiac ultrasound student, Jason earned the CCI Aaron S. White Examination Scholarship and the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) Foundation Alan D. Waggoner Student Scholarship Award. Most recently, at the 2018 ASE Scientific Sessions, Jason won the Brian Haluska Sonographer Research Competition for his project, "Feasibility of Contrast Echocardiography to Assess Right Ventricular Size and Function."



Jason works at the Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT, where he started as a Tech 1 and moved to his current position as a Research Sonographer. His work focuses on utilizing contrast echo and participating in 3D and 4D interventional procedures. In 2019, Jason will be presenting at the ASE Scientific Sessions on utilization of contrast echocardiography.

To sonography students or new graduates, Jason advises, "Don't say no. Be open and take advantage of opportunities to learn. If you keep an open mind to learn new things, then the reward will be great for your career."



Jason plans to earn the Advanced Cardiac Sonographer (ACS) credential when he's eligible and would one day like to work as a Lead Tech and maybe teach.

Jason enjoys hiking and the outdoors and recently began bowling. He hopes to increase his score to 300 very soon.

CCI spotlights registrants for accomplishments and dedication to the cardiovascular profession. Submissions may be sent to Christine Johnson at cjohnson@cci-online.org.

