

iScan 2026 Recap

What an incredible experience at this year's iScan Competition during the AAPA Conference in New Orleans!

The energy, enthusiasm, and talent on display throughout the competition were truly impressive. This year, 196 students across 44 teams participated in iScan, supported by 55 instructors and faculty mentors from PA programs across the country. Teams demonstrated not only strong ultrasound knowledge and technical skill, but also teamwork, adaptability, and clinical reasoning under pressure — all qualities that reflect the growing impact of point-of-care ultrasound within PA education and practice.

This year's competition highlighted just how rapidly POCUS continues to expand across the profession.

From novice learners to advanced student competitors, it was exciting to see participants applying ultrasound principles in dynamic, clinically relevant scenarios while supporting and learning from one another.



A special thank you to AAPA for their support and collaboration in helping make this event such a success. We would also like to recognize and thank our ultrasound industry partners — Vave, Esaote, Butterfly, GE, Exo, EchoNous, Philips, and Mindray — whose support helped create an outstanding educational experience for all participants.

We extend our gratitude to all of the student competitors, faculty mentors, judges, volunteers, sponsors, and SPOCUS leaders who helped make iScan such a success. Events like this require tremendous collaboration behind the scenes, and the dedication of our POCUS community was evident throughout the weekend.

Congratulations to all participating teams and to this year's top finishers. Your hard work and preparation were inspiring to watch.

We are excited to continue building opportunities for ultrasound education, mentorship, collaboration, and innovation within the PA profession. If this year's competition showed us anything, it is that the future of POCUS is incredibly bright.

Thank you again to everyone who participated and supported SPOCUS at AAPA 2026. We are already looking forward to next year's iScan Competition!

Best regards,

The Society of Point of Care Ultrasound