



## AHRS Scientific Session & Luncheon

At the 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology  
Friday, March 27, 2026 • 12:00pm-2:00pm

Hotel: Embassy Suites Denver Downtown Convention Center  
Denver, Colorado, USA  
Meeting Room: Crestone Ballroom A / B

### PROGRAM

12:00pm-12:15pm 15'	Lunch buffet and settle-in
12:15pm-12:20pm 5'	<b>Welcome</b> John T. Seykora, MD, PhD, AHRS President
12:20pm-12:25pm 5'	<b>SCIENTIFIC LECTURES</b> <b>Moderator Introduction</b> Paradi Mirmirani, MD, Chair, Clinical Subcommittee, Scientific Program Committee
12:25pm-12:45pm 20'	<b>Inflammation and Pattern Hair Loss: Another Piece of the Puzzle</b> Elise Olsen, MD
12:45pm-1:05pm 20'	<b>Updates in the Genetics of CCCA: New Pathogenic Variants</b> Amy McMichael, MD, FAAD
1:05pm-1:20pm 15'	Questions & Answers
1:20pm-1:35pm 15'	<b>AWARDS</b> <b>Presentation of 2026 AHRS Mentorship Grant Awards</b> Mentorship Grants Committee

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**UPDATES AND FINAL REMARKS**

1:35pm-1:38pm 3'

**Update from National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF)**  
George Gondo, Chief Mission Officer NAAF

1:38pm-1:41pm 3'

**Update from Scarring Alopecia Foundation (SAF)**  
Mia Littlejohn, Program Manager, SAF

1:42pm

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

### **2026 AHRS MENTORSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**Nadia El Kadi, MD, MS**, PhD Student

Mentor: Neil Sadick, MD, FAAD, FAACS, FACP, FACPh, Sadick Research Group

*Collaborative Multicenter Trichoscopic Standardization for Scalp Analysis in Individuals of African Descent*

**Itisha Jefferson, BS**, Medical Student

Mentor: Maria Hordinsky, MD, University of Minnesota

*Clinical & Research Mentorship in Hair Disorders*

**Aliza Khuhro, BS**, Medical Student

Mentor: Melissa Piliang, MD, Cleveland Clinic

*Clinical Patterns and Histologic Features of Syphilitic Alopecia in the Modern Era*

**Sidney Leno, MD**, Research Fellow

Mentor: Valerie Callender, MD, FAAD, Callender Dermatology & Cosmetic Center, Callender Center for Clinical Research

*Metabolic Risk Stratification of Primary Cicatricial Alopecia (PCA) Subtypes*

**Nina Modanlo, MS**, Medical Student

Mentor: Paradi Mirmirani, MD, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center

*Generative-AI as a Digital Support Tool for Individuals with Hair-Pulling Disorder: Assessing Utility, Limitations, and Inclusiveness*

**Ugwumsinachi Nwaubani, MS, MB**, Medical Student

Mentor: Antonella Tosti, MD, University of Miami

*Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies in the Non-Invasive Diagnosis and Prognostication of Hair Disorders*

**Nadia Talebi, BS., BA.**, Medical Student

Mentor Mariya Miteva, MD, University of Miami L. Miller School of Medicine

*Correlation of Trichoscopic Patterns and Histopathologic Features in Alopecia: A Digital Archive Project*

**Payton Trimark, BA**, Medical Student

Mentor: G Cheyana Ranasinghe, MD, FAAD, Cleveland Clinic Department of Dermatology

*Connecting Manifestations of Alopecia in the Clinic and Under the Microscope*

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