Kelly’s speech, which featured video footage from his time on the international space station, recounted personal experiences as an Air Force pilot and NASA astronaut and how he coped with the near assassination of his wife, former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. He explained how to draw from your strengths and talents to overcome adversity while emphasizing that how good you are in the beginning is not an indicator of how good you can become.

Energized and eager to see everything ACFAS 2018 had in store, attendees then made their way to the Exhibit Hall to get a firsthand look at the newest products, walk through the nearly 300 case study, scientific and Student Club posters, browse through the Job Fair and listen to sessions in the HUB.

Attendees topped off the first official day of the conference with an elegant evening spent mixing and mingling at the Premier Connection event in Delta Island where they enjoyed music, drinks and hors d’oeuvres.

After three full days of clinical sessions, cadaveric workshops and industry-sponsored gatherings, ACFAS 2018 closed with a sensational Wrap Party at the renowned Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. A live band playing new and old country favorites provided the background music to an energetic party. Afterward, party goers took tours of the museum and its treasure trove of exhibits.

“This conference really sets the tone for our organization and speaks volumes for what we can accomplish together,” said ACFAS President John S. Steinberg, DPM, FACFAS. “The level of education, integrity and commitment to advancing our specialty has never been stronger. I’m looking forward to the year with great enthusiasm.”

Join us next year for the 77th Annual Scientific Conference, February 14–17, 2019 in New Orleans where we’ll let the good times roll like never before in The Big Easy!