

Residents Forum Executive Committee Elections

### Candidate for Member-at-Large

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#### How did you become interested in serving on the RFEC?

I became interested in serving on the Residents Forum Executive Committee after receiving the initial email from Nicole Cacho. As I explored the available positions, I realized that this type of service aligns closely with my professional interests and long-term goals.

During a fourth-year rotation at BIDMC, I had the opportunity to briefly work with Dr. Gochoco. I found her to be exceptionally kind and deeply committed to advancing resident education and well-being—qualities I greatly admire and aspire to emulate.

I am particularly drawn to the opportunity to collaborate with individuals who are dedicated to advancing the field of pathology and strengthening its representation on both national and international platforms.

#### What do you hope to accomplish during your time, if elected?

I hope to communicate to new members the critical role that the College of American Pathologists (CAP) plays in advancing our profession. My goal is to strengthen communication between the CAP and its junior members, ensuring that resident pathologists are well-informed about the resources, publications, and support available to them. Additionally, I aim to further the CAP's mission and contribute to its vision for the future by fostering greater engagement among current and prospective members.

Please convey your understanding of the role of an Residents Forum Executive Committee member and their responsibility to the Residents Forum and the College of American Pathologists.

My understanding of the role of the Residents Forum Executive Committee (RFEC) is to represent the collective voice and goals of pathology residents. The committee works to increase resident engagement, support their professional development, and contribute to the advancement of the field as a whole.

# Please address the time commitment for the office in which you are interested and your ability to fulfill it.

As a new PGY-2, I'm eager to become involved at the member level to gain exposure to the RFEC and better understand our role within the CAP. I'm fortunate to have a very supportive Program Director and am confident that I will be able to meet any time commitments required to actively engage with the committee. I am fully prepared to fulfill the responsibilities expected of a Member-at-Large.

## What talents and skills do you bring to the Residents Forum Executive Committee that you believe would benefit the Residents Forum?

I bring a broad range of work and life experience to the RFEC. Before entering medical school and residency, I held various roles across multiple occupations, including manual, managerial, and administrative positions. These experiences have allowed me to work with diverse teams and develop strong skills in boosting morale and fostering colleague engagement. I believe my leadership background, positive attitude, and interpersonal strengths make me a strong candidate for the RFEC.

#### What else should the Residents Forum know about you?

I have many future ambitions both within and beyond the field of medicine. I aspire to take on leadership and administrative roles to help improve the experience of residents and future physicians as they navigate the challenges of medical training. My goal is to contribute meaningfully to creating a more supportive and sustainable path for those entering the profession.