



Residents Forum Executive Committee Elections

## Candidate for Vice Chair

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When are you taking your boards? – 2025

#### CAP Experience:

Activity	Position	Years of Service
Residents Forum	Delegate	02/08/2022 – 10/07/2023

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

My interest in serving on the Residents Forum Executive Committee stems from my journey as a pathology resident at Baylor College of Medicine, where I have been actively involved in various leadership roles and research projects. From my initial experiences as a general physician in rural El Salvador to my current residency, I have always been passionate about the field of pathology. My involvement as a Resident Forum Delegate for the College of American Pathologists (CAP) since March 2021 has given me valuable insights into the impact of the Forum on our profession. This experience, along with my leadership roles at Baylor, has inspired me to contribute further to the Forum's mission and advocate for my fellow residents.

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

If elected, I aim to: Enhance Resident Engagement: Increase residents' active participation and engagement in Forum activities through innovative outreach and mentorship programs.

- Advocate for Resident Interests: Ensure that residents' concerns and needs are effectively represented and addressed within the CAP and the broader medical community.
- Promote Educational Opportunities: Develop and promote educational initiatives that focus on emerging topics and advances in pathology, providing residents with access to the latest knowledge and skills.
- Foster Community and Networking: Strengthen the sense of community among pathology residents by creating more opportunities for networking and collaboration.

#### 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.

A member of the Residents Forum Executive Committee is responsible for:

- Advocacy: Representing and advocating for pathology residents' professional and educational needs.
- Leadership: Leading and participating in initiatives that support resident development and address key issues in pathology training.
- Communication: Ensuring effective communication between residents and the CAP so that resident perspectives are considered in decision-making processes.
- Program Development: Assisting in the planning and executing of educational programs, workshops, and networking events that benefit residents.
- Representation: Representing the Residents Forum at CAP meetings and other relevant platforms, ensuring that resident concerns are included in broader discussions.



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

I understand that serving as Vice Chair on the CAP 2024-2025 Resident Forum Executive Committee entails a significant time commitment. My current schedule provides the flexibility required to fulfill these duties, and I am committed to prioritizing my responsibilities to the Forum and the CAP.

My experience in various leadership roles, including Associate Chief Resident, Chief Resident, and Social Media Chair, has honed my time management skills and my ability to balance multiple responsibilities effectively. These roles have equipped me with the necessary skills to support the Chair, contribute to the Council on Membership and Professional Development, and actively engage in initiatives that enhance the engagement of pathologists within the College.

I am particularly motivated by the opportunity to advance pathologists' leadership and practice management skills, support their ability to demonstrate value through self-advocacy, and promote effective knowledge exchange among pathologists. My dedication to the field, coupled with my leadership experience, positions me well to contribute meaningfully to the Resident Forum Executive Committee and the broader goals of the CAP.

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

I bring a diverse set of skills and talents, including:

- Leadership Experience: As Chief Resident and Associate Chief Resident at Baylor College of Medicine, I have honed my leadership and project management skills.
- Strong Communication Skills: My role as Social Media Chair and Pathology Outlines Directory Ambassador enhanced my ability to communicate effectively and engage with a wide audience.
- Analytical Thinking: My research experience has developed my analytical and problem-solving skills, allowing me to approach challenges systematically.
- Advocacy: My active participation as a Resident Forum Delegate has strengthened my advocacy skills and commitment to representing resident interests.
- Event Planning: I have successfully organized and executed educational events and workshops, which will be beneficial in planning Forum activities.

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

My journey in medicine began in rural El Salvador, where my exposure to various medical subspecialties sparked my interest in dermatopathology. This led me to pursue a pathology residency and become actively involved in research and leadership roles. I have demonstrated diligence, dedication, and a continuous desire to learn and improve throughout my career. My experience spans clinical practice, research, teaching, and leadership, providing me with a well-rounded perspective. Additionally, I have a passion for culinary arts, yoga, and salsa dancing, which contribute to a balanced and holistic approach to life and work.