



Residents Forum Executive Committee Elections

## Candidate for Member-at-Large

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When are you taking your boards? – 2027

#### CAP Experience:

Activity	Position	Years of Service
Residents Forum	Delegate	09/30/2019 – 02/14/2023

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

I first became interested in CAP RFEC back when I was a medical student. I attended CAP for the first time virtually in 202 and in-person in 2021. I thought the RFEC sessions were incredibly enriching and engaging and couldn't wait to return. As a medical student member attending a CAP meeting for the first time, the RFEC members went out of their way to make me feel more welcomed at the annual meeting, and I was incredibly grateful for them in that way. Since then, I have been involved with multiple working groups aimed at enhancing junior member and medical student member recruitment and integration. In addition, I've used my social media platform and local reach to help connect trainees to the digital content/webinars CAP offers and have been a champion for the organization on the West Coast.

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

During my term if elected, I aim to help recruit more junior members to join the organization and attend national meetings. What I have found is that many members are trepidatious to join and attend at first, but once they do, they are excited to return. I think the resources and guidance RFEC offers its members is invaluable, and I want them to be the first place residents go when they are looking for resources during residency. I think one of the most meaningful ways we can accomplish this is through continued outreach to medical students. Medica students are not only the future of RFEC and CAP, but they are also the backbone of most medical organizations. Now that they have their own member status (a status I fought very hard for while on the medical student working group), we have to continue reaching out to them and engaging them in the annual meeting activities. I have been participating in such activities as a non-RFEC junior member, but hopefully I can continue to push for such moves, so medical student members not only chose pathology but also become CAP junior members once they match into pathology.

#### 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 position on the RFEC is an immense amount of responsibility. Through their various working groups and events, the RFEC members are able to accomplish a large number of tasks through coordinated efforts utilizing the personnel and resources available to them. I believe an effective RFEC accomplishes their goals through clear communication and engagement with active members. I have personally felt that my energies have been extraordinarily welcomed as a junior member of CAP, and I think continuing to engage passionate junior members and medical students will be the corner stone of the organization's future success. If elected, I would continue the welcoming and engaging culture that the prior RFECs have cultivated and would use my platform to help communicate with and incorporate the viewpoints of more delegate and junior members to help promote and advance the field.



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

As mentioned above, I acknowledge the time commitment of an RFEC member. I have worked closely with RFEC members in the past, and I have positioned my personal time delegation for the coming year to allow for further leadership responsibilities.

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

I am personally very passionate about medical education and outreach. I know pathology is the best field in medicine, and I want more students to understand why they should consider pathology. For the junior members, I am committed to help advance the field, and I believe that becoming a member of the RFEC would be one small way in which I can utilize my reach and platform to do so. I started my journey with pathology through social media. Not only have I learned and grown immensely from the utilization of social media, but I know social media has helped other learn more about our field. I think that this strength can be of great benefit to the RFEC and would be interested in exploring novel means of connecting with students and trainees.

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

I am a huge advocate for the field of pathology and a big pedagogy/andragogy nerd. With all the advances in digital pathology and virtual education, I think the future of pathology is incredibly bright if we capitalize on the opportunities we are given.

Outside of medicine, I am still a nerd, but I also like fitness, singing, hiking, trying new restaurants, and walking my dog, Louie.