

My experience at CAP '08 in San Diego was invaluable. I had the opportunity to learn from many experts in an array of pathology subspecialties. Spending hours in fascinating lectures I learned practical ways to approach difficult cases from neuropath frozen sections to salivary gland neoplasms to soft tissue tumors.

In addition, I enjoyed meeting a variety of residents from all over the United States and Canada. During the Residents' Forum meeting, we learned of the advances the College of American Pathologists has made in the recent past for residency programs and the strides being made in transforming the future. We all worked together to formulate ideas for changes of the current education system that would benefit all pathology residents and improve the existing training process.

Furthermore, it was exciting to meet and speak with many practicing pathologists with different experiences and backgrounds. Whether a private-practice pathologist or someone based in academic medicine, they each offered unique pieces of advice for beginning a career in pathology.

The College of American Pathologists is a wonderful organization with an important mission. I am honored to have been able to participate this year, and I look forward to my involvement in the future.