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Dear Dr. Sobel,

I would like to thank you and the ICPI board for helping to fund my trip to CAP'08 in San Diego California with the Trainee Travel Award. It was a wonderful, enriching experience that is almost impossible to sum up in just a few words.

I started the meeting off with the Resident's Forum where I was excited to be able to discuss issues that will affect the future of Pathology resident education. In addition, I was able to network with other residents and broaden my horizons with ideas that traveled back with me to VCU Medical Center. I was also able to attend seminars in my areas of interest that immensely enhanced my pathology education.

While attending the conference, I also participated in a poster presentation that outlined my research entitled "Clinically Undetected Malignancies Identified at Autopsy: A Single Institution Review". I received the second place Junior Member Abstract Award for this research and thus my poster was displayed at a prominent location in the exhibit hall for most of the meeting. In addition, I was recognized at the Spotlight Event towards the end of the meeting.

In summation, it was an exhilarating meeting and I was proud to attend and represent VCU Medical Center. Thank you once again for helping to make it possible.

Sincerely,

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