

ASCP Annual Meeting 2009, Chicago, IL:

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI) for the charitable travel award which aided my travels to the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Clinical Pathology in Chicago, Illinois. At this meeting I attended several educational sessions that will be greatly beneficial to my pathology training. It is awe inspiring to see lectures given by experts in the field. I especially appreciated being able to see Dr. Siegal, expert in bone pathology, give a talk on fibrous dysplasia, a condition with which I am afflicted. It was exciting to hear Dr. Siegal's updates both because of its personal relevance and my planned future training in Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology. I also got the opportunity to meet Dr. Goldblum, another person to whom I look up to for his work in soft tissue as well as gastrointestinal pathology.

In addition to the typical educational sessions, I took a course in professionalism which covered everything from resumes and interview dress to formal dining etiquette. This came in very useful when I found myself a week later at a dinner table with a US Senator and a former President of the AMA. I feel much more ready for my upcoming interview trail.

I am grateful for this learning and networking opportunity. It was exciting to see pathologists from all over the country working together to educate residents and attendings in order to provide the best patient care possible. It makes me proud to a pathologist.

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