

December 3, 2009

Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI)
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: ICPI Travel Award

Dear Travel Award Selection Committee:

I was able to attend the annual College of American Pathologists (CAP) meeting in Washington D.C. this past October with your support through an ICPI Travel Award. As a fourth year medical student applying for a pathology residency this experience was invaluable. I attended the CAP resident forum on Saturday where I met many pathologists in training from various residency programs across the nation. They offered advice about the interviewing process and residency program selection. This guidance has helped me tremendously over the last month since starting to interview for a PGY-1 position. I also saw first-hand how the CAP executive committee runs and learned about many of the current concerns regarding fellowship and job placement through talks from both residents and practicing physicians.

On Sunday morning I attended two lectures followed by the morning poster session where my project was on display. I got the opportunity to present my work to numerous pathologists and fielded many questions. I also met other investigators with similar research interests. Unfortunately, I had to return to New York that evening to resume my clinical responsibilities, but feel that I was able to attend the portions of the conference most applicable to me. I would not have been able to do so without an ICPI travel award. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

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