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Dear Dr. Sobel and ICPI Committee Members,

I would like to sincerely thank you for the astounding opportunity to be a participant at the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP) 2012 Annual Meeting held in Boston, MA. As a recipient of the ICPI Trainee Travel Award with Abstract I was given the opportunity to present my laboratory practice poster entitled "Validation of Pneumatic Tube System and Impact on Troponin I Turnaround Time in a Level I Trauma Center". The aim of this study was to demonstrate improvements in our daily laboratory practice.

I am elated to report that the meeting was very engaging, informative and receptive to the needs of both the anatomic and clinical pathology resident. Three of the four days were dedicated exclusively to this audience; the Resident Review Mini-Courses were very helpful in preparing me for certification by the American Board of Pathology. I attended seminars pertaining to various aspects on pathology and laboratory medicine to include hematopathology, transfusion medicine, gastrointestinal and hepatic pathology, genitourinary pathology, and bone and soft tissue pathology.

Other note worthy sessions were keynote speakers Ashley Judd and Laura W. Bush. Ashley spoke about her humanitarian work with Population Services International and former first lady Laura W. Bush had a conversation with ASCP executive vice-president Dr. Blair Holladay about her partnership with Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon.

In addition, this opportunity allowed me to visit the poster and oral abstract presentations, connect with colleagues at a national level, and meet with the exhibit company members to review and discuss new technologies and techniques.

Thank you once again for this monetary award and providing an invaluable educational and professional experience.

Sincerely,

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