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To the Board Members of the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information,

I was very honored to be awarded a Trainee Travel Award by the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information to attend the 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists in Garden Grove, California. There, I participated in special courses on *Genetics, Genomics, and Epigenomics in Clinical Neuropathology* and *Understanding Autism*, attended several platform presentations and keynote lectures, and was able to showcase my own work on Saturday's (June 10th) poster session. This meeting was a fantastic opportunity to network with prominent neuropathologists in my field of study (neurodegeneration). It is large enough to cover a great breadth and depth of information, yet intimate enough to engage presenters, ask questions, and converse with my peers. I was able to meet with established collaborators to discuss ongoing experimental studies and get acquainted with new colleagues during refreshment breaks and Thursday's (June 8th) dinner reception. Following my poster session, my interactions have subsequently led to postmortem tissue exchange with neuropathology researchers in Chicago and Philadelphia. I believe my time at the AANP Meeting was both intellectually invigorating and positive for my career development. I hope my AANP Annual Meeting attendance becomes a cherished ongoing tradition.

Kind regards,



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