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Personal Statement

First, I would like to thank the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information for selecting me as the recipient of this award. I am currently a third year AP/CP pathology resident at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. My interest in pediatric pathology began during my first year of residency, when I had the pleasure of doing a surgical pathology rotation for two months at Texas Children's Hospital. I cannot emphasize enough what a rewarding and exceptional experience I had during these two months. This has led me to pursue a fellowship in pediatric pathology and currently, I have accepted a fellowship position at Texas Children's Hospital for the year of 2018.

With the future career I have planned, the educational advantage obtained from attending the Society for Pediatric Pathology annual meeting is self-evident. As a future pediatric pathologist, the more exposure I get to the latest topics and trends in the world of pediatric pathology, the better pathologist I will become. In addition, I presented a research project I have been working on during residency titled "Prevalence of de novo fatty liver disease in pediatric patients after liver transplant". However, beyond the obvious benefits for my career goals, I had a very personal interest in this particular meeting. Being born and raised in the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico, I am very familiar with the topic of tropical diseases and personally suffered from dengue fever twice while living in the island. Attending the meeting and learning about the latest updates in these diseases, and dengue in particular, was definitely very pertinent and of interest to me. In all, it was a very fruitful and educationally rewarding experience and I would like to end by thanking you once again for helping me make it possible.