

## Member at-large

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**Residency program:** Pathology - University of California, Los Angeles

#### Statement of Interest

As medical students make the transition from students to residents, busier schedules, increases in responsibilities, and steep learning curves lead to a decrease in involvement in the American Medical Association. As the Member at Large, I would like to bridge that gap and increase involvement among members through creating avenues for mentorship and engagement during my year in the position. First, I would like to create a list of volunteer mentors within specialties and programs for new PGY1 residents to reach out to as they make their transition into residency. As well as providing a valuable, needed resource, this would increase engagement in our specialty society sections by bringing in their involvement through the mentorship program. We would additionally create a program for residents moving on to fellowship and connect ourselves with the Young Physicians Section by creating a list of volunteer mentors for those moving on into their first year of practice. This program would increase camaraderie amongst our members, as well as increase the value of their membership.

Additionally, in order to promote events and existing resources, as well as highlight the advocacy efforts and accomplishments of our members, I would like for a RFS Instagram to be created and maintained through our section. This would allow for us to highlight our conferences and events in a unique way and allow for us to advertise to more potential members. This would be more accessible and equitable than the current usage of the unofficial GroupMe platform, where new and potential members have to be added by current members.

Through these two avenues, our RFS would see an increase in engagement and membership value. I thank you for your consideration for this position.

#### Diversity Statement

Growing up in Central Illinois, I bring the experience and understanding of someone who has lived in a rural environment. The unique health needs and access challenges of patients living in these areas and physicians practicing in these areas is well-known to me from growing up and attending medical school there, and I hope to bring my understanding of these issues to the RFS General Council in order to best serve our members and patients.