

## Thank You!

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As another year comes to an end, I would like to take a moment and thank all those around me. It would not have been possible to accomplish everything we did without the help of so many wonderful individuals.

Jennifer Kanapicki served as Vice President and worked hard in the development of the new YPS iPhone/iPod application. Michael Ybarra served admirably as Secretary-Treasurer. Michael Pulia, our Past President & YPS Director, remained dedicated to all YPS endeavors. Heather Jimenez worked hard as our Education Chair, while Sandra Thomasian took charge of Membership and Jeff Pinnow served as the Editorial Chair. Michael Tang did a great job serving as our Government Affairs Chair while Stephanie Gardner served as our RSA Director. Lastly, I would like to recognize Ginger Czajkowski and Janet Wilson for all their hard work behind the scenes as part of the AAEM office staff.

It has been an honor and privilege to work alongside all these incredible individuals this past year. I look forward to staying involved with the YPS as the Past-President this coming year.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of you for what you do everyday.


Medicine can be difficult. There is an ever-increasing demand to see more patients as the volume of our departments keep increasing.

There are pressures to order fewer tests and admit fewer patients, in hospitals that are overcrowded and at many times have few available in-patient beds. We spend an increasing amount of time sitting at the computer documenting, and less time at the patient's bedside. We call consultants and occasionally have to fight for our patients. We work all hours of the day — including nights, weekends, holidays — but don't always receive the respect and appreciation we deserve. However, we continue to work and return day after day.

I ask everyone to always remember why you went into medicine. Remember that we are here because of our patients. The febrile infant, the adolescent who presents with the sprained ankle, the young adult with an excruciating headache, the elderly man who is septic from his urinary tract infection, or the wife of the cardiac arrest patient you just pronounced — we are here for our patients and their families. That is what matters.

I thank all of you for what you do every day. Please remember to provide all your patients the time that they deserve, tell your colleagues you appreciate them, and know that you do make a difference in the lives of every patient and family that you encounter. What you do matters, and the people that you touch every day appreciate it.

Thank you! ■

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