

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the MSDC annual meeting and reception! I am delighted to be attending my first MSDC member event and meeting many of you for the first time. As MSDC's new executive vice president, building on the success of my predecessor is a formidable task, but I am confident that working together we can grow the Medical Society and continue to keep it relevant in the major policy discussions of the day.

The year 2018 is one of major change for this society. Economic challenges to the profession, the changing delivery of healthcare in the city, and even growing demands on the Medical Society itself mean that MSDC faces an exciting future in the years to come. The Board of Directors recognized this and last year created a strategic vision to make DC "the best place to practice medicine." The Board, under the leadership of President Dr. Barry Lewis and Board Chair Dr. Susanne Bathgate, has undertaken this mission commendably. I join you tonight in applauding Dr. Lewis for his work and welcoming new president Dr. Raymond Tu and his vision for the Medical Society.

An executive vice president is only as good as his or her staff. MSDC is fortunate to have Pia Duryea and Rose Smith behind the scenes keeping the Society operational and moving forward. However, we need you to keep involved and help shape the future of your profession and professional society. I encourage you to volunteer for a task force, attend a networking session, speak on behalf of MSDC at a DC Council hearing, or even join a committee! We promise not to take all of your precious free time.

I look forward to working with you in the year to come. If you ever have an idea, comment, or suggestion, reach out and contact me so we can grow your professional society together.

WHY DO YOU WORK IN WASHINGTON, DC?

I was born in Providence Hospital and grew up in Washington, DC. When I walk to a meeting or drive to work, it feels like coming home. Whether

it's admiring the powerful government buildings, eating in one of the city's diverse restaurants, or even taking a stroll near Rock Creek Park, I can't imagine working in another place that offers so much beauty in so little space.

WHAT WILL MEDICINE IN DC LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?

I think we will see medicine return to its roots as technology becomes more integrated in medicine. We are quickly approaching a place where a patient theoretically would not need to see a human face-to-face for routine care. That said, I believe the value of the physician-patient relationship to physical, mental, and emotional health will continue to be reaffirmed and physicians will still be the center of that care.

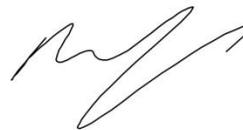
WHERE DO YOU SEE THE MEDICAL SOCIETY IN THE FUTURE?

The Medical Society will be critical to making DC the best place to practice medicine. Through its members, the city will become a model for the rest of the nation on how to practice healthcare, how to handle health crises, and how physicians can speak up to influence policy.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE DOCTOR (REAL OR FICTIONAL)?

MSDC's members are my favorite real physicians, so to answer the question I will choose a fictional physician: Jack Shephard from the television show *Lost*. Despite his flaws, Dr. Shephard uses compassion and leadership skills in making the decisions for what's best for his companions. His mixture of emotional intelligence, decisiveness, and "outside-the-box" thinking makes his (fictional) personality a model for how the Medical Society should make some of its decisions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Vice President

