Dear Colleagues,

I can’t begin to describe to you how thrilled and honored I am to serve as the new Governor of our Maryland ACP Chapter, arguably the very best group of internists in the world! I am already digging in and planning some new and exciting ventures to add to the outstanding meetings, workshops and activities that have been a major part of our Chapter for years. Even in the face of COVID, our chapter has never failed to rally together to provide virtual and in-person events and to try to help support the best in all of us.

I will be meeting with our Council and Executive committee soon as we strategize about new plans and I will keep you posted about them, but very much invite all ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to email me directly at colleenchristmas9@gmail.com with yours!

Please see the Maryland ACP Chapter website for details and photos from a few recent activities, including:

- **Student Social at Pickle’s Pub** - Providing an opportunity for all of our students to mix and mingle in an in-person setting.

- **IM 2022 in Chicago** - The Convocation ceremony where we celebrated our chapter’s newest Fellows, National Award winners, and chapter awardees, and activities that were attended and presented by our chapter delegation.

- **Mulholland Mohler Residents Meeting** - An in-person event for over 200 residents and 50 judges from across the state. This event featured a keynote address from Yul Ejnes, MD, MACP, Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Internal Medicine; clinical vignette and research poster competitions with over 175 residents in attendance; and oral presentations from 11 programs in the area. But scholarship is not the only marker of a good doctor we celebrate. As part of our Profiles in Excellence program, each residency program selected one own resident to honor and receive a plaque at the meeting who is not only a leader in service to their resident community but also to their patient population in general. A video celebrating each resident was shown during the MM meeting.

- **Leadership Day** - Our chapter partnered with the ACP DC chapter and worked in groups to talk with staffers in DC to advocate for better care for our patients.

Off to a great start, Maryland ACP! Looking forward to serving you as Governor for the next four years!

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