

Dear Society of Black Pathologists,

I extend gratitude for your hard work, feedback, and patience as we moved from an idea to an actuality. Two years later, our mission remains the same with my focus for us this year being connection - fostering fellowship and partnering with organizations and institutions as the greater healthcare community moves to become more aware and inclusive. We have been working behind the scenes to forge these connections, create new content, and provide professional engagements for our membership. The following is a list of available opportunities:

1. [ASCP Patient Champions](#) is looking to identify champions with diseases that disproportionately affect Black patients.
2. The [Diversity & Inclusion Committee of the International Clinical Cytometry Society \(ICCS\)](#) is seeking an SBP member to provide feedback as they implant current and planned projects.
3. Our [Speaker's Bureau](#) has had its first solicitation - the UVA Department of Pathology is seeking an SBP member to give a Grand Rounds presentation for Juneteenth.

Other initiatives in the works include outreach to learners at Historically Black Colleges and Universities through SBP liaisons, virtual group mentoring and financial sessions, collaborating with the Latin American Pathology Foundation for a summer/fall symposium, fostering fellowship locally and at national meetings, and continuing to highlight diverse excellence across our areas of practice. Lastly, I will hold the first of my quarterly virtual Coffee Chat drop-in sessions on [April 19th](#) from 11-13:00 PDT, where any member is welcome to drop in and chat about our organization.

To make these dreams and more a reality, I am calling upon you - each of our committees is looking for more members!

- **Membership: Kisha Mitchell Richards (Chair):** Works to ensure all applications are streamlined and verified through our intake process. Please [renew your membership](#) if you have not done so.
- **Program: Adeniran Adebowole (Chair):** Plans educational content and liaises with DEI committees.
- **Outreach: Marissa White (Chair):** Manages connections with SBP members and organizes mentoring efforts toward earlier exposure of pathology to those underrepresented.
- **Website and Social Media: Jordan Reynolds (Chair):** Oversees updates to our website and content postings on our social media channels ([Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)).

Dates and events to bookmark:

April 23-29: Lab Week

October 7-10: CAP in Chicago, IL

September: HBCU Week

October 18-20: ASCP in Long Beach, CA

As a reminder, our Job Openings [page](#) is live and is free for active members to advertise positions. We strongly encourage our members to nominate other members for the [ASCP's 40 under Forty](#) for 2023. We appreciate your membership, support, and ideas, and encourage you to reach out with any questions, comments, concerns, and suggestions at info@societyofblackpathologists.org. Please contact me directly if you have an interest in participating in any of the aforementioned programs.

Sincerely,



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