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Letter from the Editor

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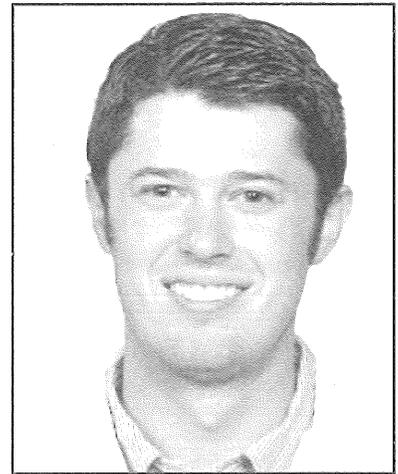


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Dear PCOM Community,

May is a busy and stressful month in the life of any PCOM medical student. If you are a 1st year student, you are taking the last exams of what was surely a difficult and intense year. 2nd year students are studying for what will be one of the most important exams in their career. 3rd year students are beginning the 'audition rotation' time period of their medical education and 4th year students are wrapping up that last rotation and preparing for internship.

In order to be successful, medical students plan months, even years ahead to achieve a final goal. By the end of 4th year, every medical student hopes that the hard work, sacrifice and long hours spent studying and on rotation has culminated in an acceptance into the residency program of their choice. As 3rd and 4th year students, we have some idea of what that experience will be like. We have interacted with interns and residents on rotation, emulated their confidence and swagger and in some cases envisioned ourselves in their shoes.

In this edition of *Voices from the Floor*, I have touched upon each period of the graduate medical education experience and beyond. As a student myself, I found it incredibly enlightening to gain the perspective of the intern, medical resident and GME director of a residency program. I would personally like to thank all of the attending physicians and medical residents at Roxborough Memorial Hospital for their guidance and teaching. Your lessons will undoubtedly benefit me in future rotations and my professional career. I hope everyone enjoys a look into the life of an intern, senior medical resident, GME Director and life beyond medicine.

Very Truly Yours,

Justin Guthier, OMS-III

