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Dear ACS Member,

**Congratulations** on successfully matriculating into a surgical internship and commencing your journey to becoming a surgeon! With your transition into surgical training, membership in the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Resident Member is an important step and, with that membership, you have become a valued part of the Resident and Associate Society (RAS-ACS); an elite group of medical professionals held to the highest standards of patient care, professionalism, and integrity. **Welcome!**

RAS-ACS is *your* society and your voice within the American College of Surgeons. Composed of surgical trainees from across the country, the RAS-ACS aims to encourage and enhance your participation in the activities of the College by serving as the gateway to the College's benefits, support, and facilities. **As a Resident Member of the American College of Surgeons**, you will receive a complimentary subscription to the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (JACS), waived registration fees at the Clinical Congress, numerous scholarship and travel opportunities, publication opportunities in the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*, and through your affiliation with RAS-ACS, there will be numerous opportunities to network and interact with resident colleagues across the country and abroad.

As a new RAS-ACS member, we also encourage you to take some time to access and sign-up for the RAS-ACS Community—which you can access as one of the benefits of Resident membership. The RAS-ACS Community allows you to take advantage of a networking tool through which, in real time, ACS members can connect, engage, and share information and best practices, while also being able to ask for advice, share experiences, exchange resources, and build professional relationships. As with all of the private forums found in the ACS Communities, the RAS-ACS Community is protected by multiple security levels that create a place where ACS members can discuss professional issues without putting patient privacy in jeopardy. To access the RAS-ACS Community, you will need to log into the members-only side of the ACS website, using the login information provided to you, by clicking on the "Member Login" link on the ACS homepage. Once you are logged in, underneath "Welcome," select "ACS Communities."

**RAS-ACS has an open door policy**, and the four standing committees meet on a once-monthly basis. Feel free to call into ANY of the RAS-ACS Committee conference calls, introduce yourself, and get involved in your future and the future of surgery!

Please review the attached brochure outlining the benefits of membership and how to become involved TODAY. We look forward to meeting you and working with you! **Congratulations again, and welcome!**

Sincerely,

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