

# MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS

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## In Case You Missed It: MSP Annual Meeting

Dear Members,

After a multi-year hiatus, the MSP gathered for its first annual meeting in Columbia, Missouri on Saturday, March 5. The meeting had record attendance of pathologists from across the state who all enjoyed an immersive day of presentations and discussions on cutting edge topics in pathology. MSP President Dr. Chakshu Gupta kicked off the general session and expressed gratitude to those who have joined his efforts to resurrect the society. He introduced the 2022 Officers, Directors, Section Chairs, and Leadership and thanked them for their efforts over the past year.

The scientific programs were organized by Dr. Douglas Miller from the University of Missouri. Presentations were given by Dr. Huazhang Guo from Saint Louis University, Dr. Eric Duncavage from Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Richard Hammer from the University of Missouri, and Dr. Douglas Miller from the University of Missouri. Topics included machine learning in digital pathology, molecular diagnosis, software innovations for tumor boards, and WHO classifications of CNS tumors. All speakers and topics were well received and appreciated by the attendees.

One of the new initiatives for the MSP is research travel grants for residents and fellows. Dr. Eric Ewing, Chair of the MSP's Research Grants Section, oversaw the application process and selection of two recipients for the inaugural awarding. Excellence in Research travel grants were awarded to Dr. Aneeza Irfan, PGY2 at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, and Caitlyn Smith, Post-Sophomore Fellow at the University of Missouri – Columbia. Recipients were provided with \$250 to cover the cost of attending the annual meeting and a certificate of recognition.

MSP Leadership extends its sincerest thanks and appreciation to the corporate exhibitors for our annual meeting, including silver-level sponsors AstaZeneca and Genentech, and Biocartis US, APS Medical Billing, Caris Life Sciences, CSI Laboratories, Hologic, Merck & Co, PathGroup, Seagen, and StemLine Therapeutics. The annual meeting and program was organized by Donna Rostamian, MSP Executive Director, at WJ Weiser & Associates. Donna's efforts were instrumental in making this one of the most well attended meetings in recent history. The MSP also thanks Mary Sabatini for her diligent work behind the scenes in helping reach out to pathologists across the state through emails and social media.

In closing, our work has just begun. We need all of you to help increase the membership and engagement of our society. Please ensure you are following us on social media ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#)) and staying up to date through our website and email news. A final thanks to all the Officers, Directors, and Leaders that helped make this annual meeting a success, and to all those who attended the meeting in Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chakshu Gupta".

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