

## Personal Statement – Secretary

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My training in PM&R has been immensely fulfilling. It has been shaped by rigorous academic training, extensive research, and a deep commitment to community service. Nevertheless, serving on the 2023-2024 PHiT Council Board has been a highlight in my training. It provided opportunities to collaborate with other incredible residents from around the country and meet outstanding mentors. This experience has deepened my passion for our specialty and reinforced my commitment to professional growth and mentorship.

My past leadership roles, such as Vice-Executive Director for a non-profit organization, VP for a research committee, and organizer of multiple outreach initiatives, have equipped me with strong organizational, communication, social, and leadership skills, which I am eager to bring to the Vice President position on the PHiT Board. Through my experience as a liaison in the Specialty Brand Expansion Committee, I learned and contributed to the Academy's developing initiatives to continue headlining PM&R with the recognition it deserves. I would love to continue to expand on these initiatives and bring residents' voices to those efforts.

My passion for serving as Vice President is driven by a deep commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all resident members of the Academy. I am dedicated to continuing the development of essential programs, such as the PHiT Ambassador Program, and supporting the PHiT President's vision of the council and its initiatives. I am committed to promoting and enhancing the specialty's visibility and impact, and I believe this passion will be an invaluable asset to the PHiT Council Board.