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Growing up on a small dairy farm in western Pennsylvania I never imagined I would be writing a letter seeking votes in an election. It just doesn't seem natural. The strong work ethic, however, became innate and eventually resulted in a wealth of experience from serving in many leadership roles in the AAD, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, American Board of Medical Specialties, Women's Dermatologic Society, American Society of Dermatopathology, International Society of Dermatopathology, American Board of Pathology and American Board of Dermatology. Through these positions I have gained an extensive understanding of organizational structure and developed a strong network of connections. It has been a pleasure serving in these roles and I will continue to work tirelessly to represent you on the AAD board.

The best leaders are flexible and adjust their style to the situation at hand. While striving to be responsive, I naturally gravitate toward servant leadership; the key principle of which is listening. Servant leaders identify and clarify the needs and opinions of the group working to find alignment.

My goal is to preserve the whole of our specialty: all generations, races, genders, practice types, and subspecialties. We need to strengthen the perception of dermatology and preserve our expertise and practices. Dermatology faces many challenges: regulation, the pandemic, reimbursement, corporatization, step therapy, scope of practice, prior authorization, technology, among others. It is vital that we advocate together to advance our specialty.

*The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new. -Socrates*