

**Ruth Ann Vleugels, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAD**  
**Board of Director**

My name is Ruth Ann Vleugels, and it is an absolute privilege to be considered for the Academy's Board of Directors. I fell in love with our specialty as a medical student at Vanderbilt when I had the fortune to help care for a patient with dermatomyositis. Since that time, I have dedicated my career to generating new knowledge and improving the care of patients with autoimmune skin diseases. I am deeply committed to educating and mentoring future generations of dermatologists and to using my leadership skills to help colleagues, ensure the continued strength of our specialty, and effect change on a larger scale. I look forward to the potential opportunity to serve my colleagues in this capacity.

Thank you.