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## Pathology Chairs & Administrators 2025 Consolidated Regional Meeting

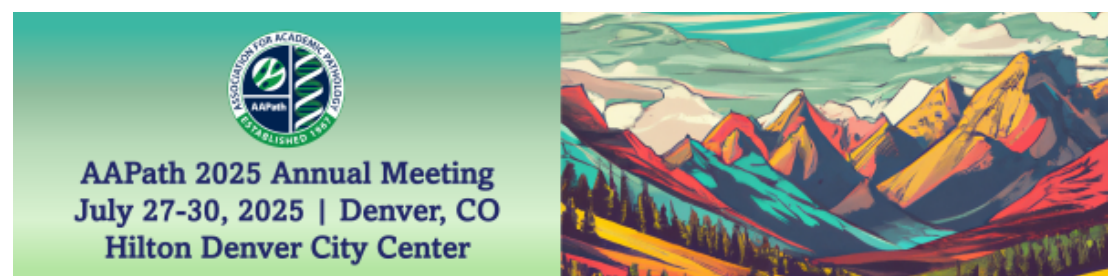
Terranea Resort – Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
Registration Open – Act Now!  
[www.apcprods.org/m-regional-meetings](http://www.apcprods.org/m-regional-meetings)

**Only a few days and seats remain! Department Chairs and Administrators must register by December 26<sup>th</sup>** to attend the first-ever AAPath Consolidated Regional Meeting on January 17-20, 2025 for a weekend of activities, networking and discussion of timely topics in the beautiful surroundings of Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Visit the [registration](#) page for program details! Departments currently registered include:

- **Midwest:** Indiana Univ, NEOMED/Akron Children's Hospital, NorthShore Univ HealthSystem, Northwestern, Univ of Iowa, Univ of Kansas, Univ of Missouri, Univ of North Dakota
- **Northeast:** Allegheny Health Network, Columbia Univ, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Montefiore/Albert Einstein, New York Medical College/Westchester Medical Center, Penn State, Rutgers, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences Univ, Univ of Rochester, Yale
- **Southeast:** Duke Univ, Houston Methodist Hospital, Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Univ of Florida, Univ of Louisville, Univ of Miami, Univ of Mississippi, UNC Chapel Hill, UTMB-Galveston, Virginia Commonwealth Univ, West Virginia Univ
- **West:** Keck/USC, Loma Linda Univ, Oregon Health and Science Univ, Univ of Arizona-Phoenix, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UCSD, UCSF, Univ of Colorado, Univ of Utah, Univ of Washington

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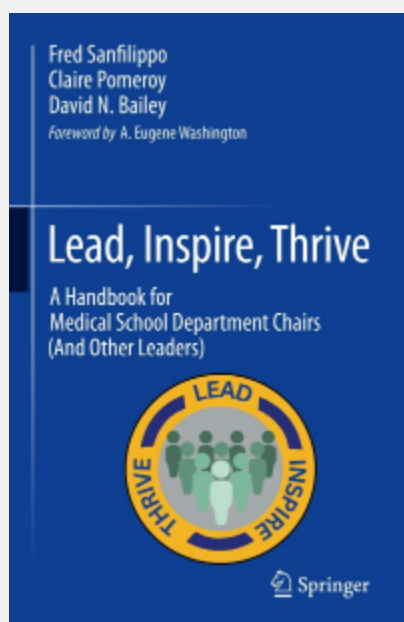
## AAPath 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



**Registration is NOW OPEN for the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting!**

The 58<sup>th</sup> AAPath Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, CO, July 27-30, 2025. Join your colleagues at this once-yearly, highly anticipated opportunity to network with leaders in academic pathology. Arrive in time to reunite at

Congratulations to AAPath Senior Fellows Members, Fred Sanfilippo, and David N. Bailey, with Claire Pomeroy on their handbook for academic leadership of medical school departments [published by Springer](#).



## Academic Pathology

[Academic Pathology](#) is AAPath's fully open-access, PubMed-indexed, peer-reviewed journal published by Elsevier available on Science Direct and Clinical Key. [Submit a manuscript](#) and gain international recognition for your advances in pathology education, administration or practice.

[Click here](#) to view the latest issue of [Academic Pathology](#) and [subscribe to receive alerts](#) when the latest issues are published!



## Member Directory

Only members in good standing have

the Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and then immerse yourself in educational topics over three full days of programming – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday! For those unable to attend in-person, a robust online experience broadcast via Zoom will be available for remote attendees. As a reminder, the AAPath Annual Meeting is not only for Chairs and its Section Members, but open to ALL faculty and staff who are interested in advancing their career potential and the missions of academic pathology!

AAPath Section Councils and Committees are hard at work developing exceptional and timely educational content for the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting. Program details will be updated as they evolve at: <https://www.academicpathology.org/aapath2025>.

From NOW through February 15, 2025 use the discount code **EARLY2025** for **\$100 off your meeting registration!** Learn more about pricing and registration details, including the AAPath Health and Safety Policy and Cancellation Policy at: <https://www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2025-Pricing>

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## AAPath PATHOLOGY LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM



**Application period is NOW OPEN and closes on February 7, 2025!**

The AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) program cultivates leadership potential and opportunities by providing experiences and education that accelerate understanding and competency in the skills required for academic administration. This well-received year-long (July to July) course has filled all classes since it was first offered in 2021. The APLF program is suitable for mid-to-senior level faculty (assistant, preferably associate, professor level faculty) pursuing vice chair, director, chief or chair roles. No more than two participants will be selected from any one AAPath member department in good standing (current dues paid). **Note that the application period is earlier than in previous years to give more advance notice to accepted applicants, before the first program activity in July.** For information about the program and how to apply, visit [www.academicpathology.org/aplf](http://www.academicpathology.org/aplf).

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## ADVOCACY UPDATES

From the desk of AAPath's Deputy Director, [Lydia P. Howell, MD](#)

The end of the year is always a time for reflection and for resolutions to do even more in the new year – this includes professional organizations, like AAPath. Federal regulation of laboratory-developed tests has been a long-standing threat for many years. This heated

access to AAPath member resources, including the exclusive online member directory. AAPath's member list is always live and searchable. [Click here to search the directory today!](#)

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## Member Profile

Each AAPath Member has a profile that allows you to post information and even upload a photo to let others know who you are and what you do! Your member profile is searchable in the AAPath Member Directory. Update your information today by logging in to the AAPath website at [www.academicpathology.org](http://www.academicpathology.org)!

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## Membership Updates

**New Members** should complete a New Member Inquiry Form found at: [www.academicpathology.org/membership](http://www.academicpathology.org/membership)

**Need to remove a member from your roster?** Please submit a [Member Removal Request](#).

Please contact the AAPath office at [info@academicpathology.org](mailto:info@academicpathology.org) if you have any questions about AAPath Membership.

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## Student and Trainee Opportunities

AAPath is pleased to offer the following *FREE* resources and opportunities for students and trainees:

- [PSTP Program Listings](#)
- [PathElective](#)
- [Fellowship Application Resources](#)
- [Fellowship Open Houses and Unexpected Fellowship Openings](#)
- [S'67 Trainee Project Grants](#)
- [S'67 Open Access Award](#)
- [S'67 Kinney Scholars Program](#)
- [Student Educational Opportunities](#)
- [Residency Open Houses](#)

...and More!

Visit the [AAPath website](#) to learn more!

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## Professional Resources

AAPath is pleased to offer professional resources for members and interested faculty/staff. Click the links below to learn more about the spotlighted professional resources and visit the AAPath website to learn more about what AAPath has to offer!

- [Benchmarking Portal](#)
- [PSTP Recruitment Tips](#)
- [Medical Educator Toolbox](#)

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Reflecting on the FDA-LDT regulation issue over the past year, AAPath is proud of its advocacy efforts throughout 2024 that support the best patient care via the practice of academic pathology. These efforts include:

- [A formal response to the FDA](#) submitted at the end of 2023 outlined our many objections to the proposed rule. We can reflect with pride that some of our objections were heard. Implementation of the final rule included some change recommended in our submitted comments and those of others.
- [A letter to Senator Bill Cassidy MD \(R-LA\)](#) submitted in April 2024 included responses to many questions posed to the laboratory community regarding LDTs and their regulation. Input from our members was instrumental in this response. Senator Cassidy is the ranking member of the Senate's Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, and will be the Chair of this important committee in the new Congress.
- [An amicus curiae brief](#) submitted by AAPath in October 2024 to provide background to the court in support of the lawsuits filed by the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) and the American Clinical Laboratory Association opposing the FDA's regulation of laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
- [Signed participation in a stakeholder letter](#) in November 2024 initiated by the Association for Molecular Pathology denoting support for the recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee that FDA pause its implementation of this rule and instead collaborate with Congress on modernizing the regulatory approach for LDTs.

AAPath remains resolved to continue its work with other organizations toward withdrawal of the final rule, as well as for modernizing the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA). We will be following the progress of the lawsuits against this rule, which will be heard in court in January 2025, though it may take several months for a final decision to be made.

In 2025, [research is a looming thematic area targeted for change, which may require heightened advocacy](#). AAPath is closely following changes introduced by the new administration regarding research and hopes to influence and address these proposals, both before and after the inauguration. Below are a couple of hot topics that we are following closely -- you may want to follow these too, and work with your institutional government relations representatives on advocacy:

- [NIH optimization and reform](#): Members of the Senate and House, notably Senator Cassidy and Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers, have been active in proposals on this topic. Structural changes have been incorporated into appropriations bills in the House, although many think a new spending package is unlikely soon since this would be disruptive and needs stakeholder input. *Science* published an interesting article on this topic in November ([Trump won. Is NIH in for a major shake-up? | Science | AAAS](#)). Sen Cassidy's white paper on NIH modernization ([NIH Modernization 5.9.24.pdf](#)) is also seen as a window into potential areas of reform.
- [Bans on animal research](#): FDA Modernization Act 3.0 introduced by Representatives Buddy Carter (R-GA) and Nancy Mace (R-SC) would bar research on non-human primates. Legislation proposed by the House Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (MilCon VA) Appropriations Subcommittee prohibits funding for canine, feline, and nonhuman primate research, unless the studies are approved in writing by the VA Secretary, and additionally eliminates research utilizing these species' research by March 2026. Activists want non-animal models expanded at NIH.

Of course, the more things change, the more they stay the same – we look forward to your ongoing participation and help as AAPath continues its tradition of advocating for the interests of academic pathology, so that we may best serve our patients, students, and

- [Program Directors' Toolbox](#)
- [Pathology Competencies for Medical Education](#)
- [AAPath Statements & Reports](#)
- [AAPath Career Center \(Job Board\)](#)

...and More!

Visit the [AAPath website](#) to learn more!

## Get Involved - Join a Committee and Appoint Faculty to Affinity Groups

### Committees

Active Chair discussion on issues of common interest occurs primarily through [AAPath's committee activities](#). All Chairs are invited to participate in any of AAPath's committees (listed below). If you are a Chair who is interested in joining one of the committees listed below, please submit your written request to the AAPath office at [info@academicpathology.org](mailto:info@academicpathology.org)

- [Advocacy](#)
- [Graduate Medical Education](#)
- [Undergraduate Medical Education](#)
- [Leadership Development & Diversity](#)
- [Practice & Management](#)
- [Research](#)

### Affinity Groups

AAPath Committees have established affinity groups to address important needs relevant to academic pathology departments. Chairs can appoint faculty leaders to join the groups listed below. More information and appointment processes can be found by clicking the links below.

- [Clinical Service Leaders](#)
- [DEI Faculty Leaders Network](#)
- [Directors of Post-Sophomore Fellowships](#)
- [PhD Program Leaders](#)
- [Vice Chairs of Education](#)

## 2024 Advocacy Priorities

In cooperation with AAPath's Advocacy Committee, which consists of representatives from the Graduate Medical Education, Practice & Management, Research, and Undergraduate Medical Education Committees, AAPath Council issued their [2024 Advocacy Priorities](#).

To learn more about AAPath's advocacy efforts and collaborations to address the most pressing needs of academic pathology, visit: [www.academicpathology.org/statements](http://www.academicpathology.org/statements).

communities. Wishing you happy holidays and a new year of success, health and satisfaction!

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## UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

Members can register for upcoming virtual events at:

[www.academicpathology.org/upcoming-virtual-events](http://www.academicpathology.org/upcoming-virtual-events).

### New Affinity Group for Vice Chairs of Research Meeting

**Date:** January 6, 2025

**Time:** 4:30-5:30pm EST

**Event Description and Registration:** If you are a Vice Chair of Research or equivalent type of leadership in your department, be sure your Chair designates you to this new AAPath Affinity Group by completing: <https://www.academicpathology.org/vice-chairs-for-research-affinity-group>. Upon submission, you will receive the calendar appointment with the Zoom information!

### Navigating the FDA Approval Process: More Academic Lab Learning Experiences

**Date:** January 23, 2025

**Time:** 1:00-2:00pm EST

**Speakers:** Omai Garner, PhD (UCLA) and YanYun Wu, MD, PhD (Univ of Miami)

**Registration:** [Click here to register today!](#)

### UMEDS Mid-Year Meeting

**Date:** January 28, 2025

**Time:** 12:00-1:30pm EST

**Registration:** [Click here to register today!](#)

### GMEAS Mid-Year Meeting

**Date:** February 6, 2025

**Time:** 1:00-2:30pm EST

**Registration:** [Click here to register today!](#)

**Missed previous AAPath Virtual Events?** Members can login to access the recordings at:

[www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events](http://www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events)

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## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### QIPS Scholarship Forum - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

[www.academicpathology.org/qips-forum](http://www.academicpathology.org/qips-forum) - The Residency Program Directors Section (PRODS) of AAPath is pleased to announce a new opportunity to further residents' and fellows' participation and success in scholarship, while raising awareness among programs to the many ways that quality improvement and patient safety (QIPS) values are being learned and applied. All accepted abstracts will be published in *Academic Pathology*. Selected abstracts will be presented in a virtual forum that will be held on April 14, 2025 at 6:00p Eastern. The virtual forum will be free and open to all program directors, residents and fellows. This is an outstanding opportunity for residents and fellows to build their scholarship portfolios and showcase their work in QIPS to other trainees and programs.

### Nominations for AAPath 2025 Distinguished Member Awards - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

[www.academicpathology.org/awards](http://www.academicpathology.org/awards) - AAPath is pleased to annually honor leaders in academic pathology—past and present—with the following awards:

- [Association for Academic Pathology Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [Margaret Grimes Distinguished Achievement Award in GME](#)

## Free Virtual Events for Members

Learn more about upcoming events and access past event recordings by visiting the AAPath website at:

[www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events](http://www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events)

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## Job Postings

Do you have a job opening at your institution?

Members can share openings with their [section listserv](#) network for *free* as a member benefit. Job openings can also be posted directly to the **AAPath Career Center (Job Board)**, which has broad national visibility.

Post or Search for Jobs

at: <https://careers.apcprods.org/>

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## Listserv Networks

**Guidelines:** Members are expected to abide by the [AAPath listserv policies](#). For more information on AAPath's listservs, visit the AAPath website at: [www.academicpathology.org/m-lists](http://www.academicpathology.org/m-lists)

**Best Practice:** When sending messages to the listserv, please be sure to include a **short signature line with at least your name, role, institution, and email address** so that other members can reach you directly if needed.

**Archives:** To view the archive of listserv messages, [log in to your member profile](#) and access the E-lists under My Features.

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## Monthly e-News Archive

Find all previous issues of AAPath's Monthly e-News at:

[www.academicpathology.org/e-news](http://www.academicpathology.org/e-news)

- o [Michele Raible Distinguished Achievement Award in UME](#)
- o [Academic Pathology Executives Section Distinguished Service Award](#)
- o [GME Administrators Section Distinguished Service Award](#)

Nominate a dedicated Chair, Program Director, Medical Educator, Department Administrator, or Program Coordinator. Click on the award links above to see each award's criteria, process, and prior recipients. Recipients will be honored and recognized at the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting, July 27-30, 2025, in Denver, CO! If you have any questions or need further information, please contact: [awards@academicpathology.org](mailto:awards@academicpathology.org).

Donate to the Society of '67 – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

**Donate by the end of the year** to support programs of the Society of '67 in 2025, and make an impact on the next generation of academic pathologists:

- **The Thomas D. Kinney Scholars Program:** While any contribution helps support a Kinney Scholar, a **donation of \$2500** allows the contributor to be a **named sponsor** of a medical student or pathology resident to attend the AAPath Annual Meeting and experience academic pathology leadership. [Donate today!](#)
- **Open Access Publication Awards** cover the article processing fee for a research article or educational case published in AAPath's journal, *Academic Pathology*, by a student, resident, or early career pathologist. Eligible authors can apply throughout the year. [Donate today!](#)
- **Trainee Project Grants in Health Services Research or Education** fund up to \$5,000 for innovative projects that are relevant to health services research or education, including but not limited to healthcare quality, costs, and/or access related to pathology services. Typically launched in the fall, the current project proposals invited for a full submission are under review. [Donate today!](#)
- The **Academic Pathology Executive Section (APEX) Fellowship Program** provides an opportunity for developing the careers of emerging and new pathology administrators (Affiliate APEX Members) to network with the community of administrators at the AAPath Annual Meeting and beyond. [Donate today!](#)

*A special note for Senior Fellow Group members...*

With the generosity of an anonymous Senior Fellow of the AAPath, a **matching challenge to all Senior Fellow Group members** has been launched! **The donor will match up to \$2,000 total per Senior Fellow member contribution through December 31, 2024 --** Double your investment and make an impact on future leaders in academic pathology!  
**[DONATE TODAY.](#)**

Thank you to the generosity of donors who have made contributions in 2024 so far!

[www.academicpathology.org/m-contributions](http://www.academicpathology.org/m-contributions)

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## SOCIETY OF '67 PROGRAMS

*Application period is NOW OPEN and closes on January 24, 2025!*

[www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-scholars](http://www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-scholars) - The **Kinney Scholars Program** provides an opportunity for medical students and residents to familiarize themselves with career opportunities in pathology and the critical role of pathology in healthcare delivery, research, and education through access to national leaders in academic pathology attending the AAPath Annual Meeting.

<https://www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-fellows> - Similarly, the **Academic Pathology Executives Section (APEX) Fellowship Program** provides an opportunity for emerging pathology executives (Affiliate APEX Members) to attend the APEX Program at the AAPath Annual Meeting with funding that covers the APEX meeting registration fee.

**Named Sponsors of Kinney Scholars:**  
 5 & 9: David Bailey, MD  
 1 & 7: Cheryl Hanan, MD  
 4: Eileen Ryan, MD  
 2 & 6: Dani Zander, MD  
 3 & 8: The APC Senior Fellows Group

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2024 Kinney Scholars

## Medical Students

<p><b>Carlos Francia</b><sup>1</sup></p>  	<p><b>Anaisa Quintanilla-Arteaga</b></p>  
<p><b>Alexander Kritikos</b><sup>2</sup></p>  	<p><b>Mariah Schroeder</b></p>  
<p><b>Matthew Lanehart</b><sup>3</sup></p>  	<p><b>Jacob Shaner</b></p>  
<p><b>John Overton</b></p>  	<p><b>Dawson Tan</b><sup>5</sup></p>  
<p><b>Maneka Puligandla</b><sup>4</sup></p>  	<p><b>Pierre Tran</b></p>  

## Pathology Residents

<p><b>Spencer Cope, MD</b></p>  	<p><b>Olanrewaju Oni, MD</b><sup>7</sup></p>  
<p><b>Sholeh Bazrafshan Kondori, MD</b><sup>6</sup></p>  	<p><b>Carol Rizkalla, MBBS</b><sup>8</sup></p>  
<p><b>Saroja Devi Geetha, MBBS</b></p>  	<p><b>Mahalia Robinson, DO</b><sup>9</sup></p>  
<p><b>Nikka Khorsandi, MD</b></p>  	<p><b>Haneen Salah, MD</b></p>  
<p><b>Teaghan Koster, MD</b></p>  	

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## APEX Fellowship Program (since 2021)

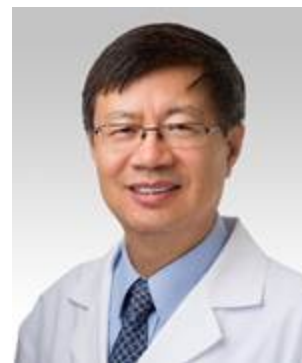
<p><b>Danielle Burns</b></p>  	<p><b>Jeannette Le</b></p>  	<p><b>Burt Martinez</b></p>  	<p><b>Yasmeen Majoka</b></p>  	<p><b>Latisha Rider</b> 2023 Marty Lawlor PDAS Fellow</p>  	<p><b>Kristin Schieble</b> 2024 Marty Lawlor APEX Fellow</p>  
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## AAPath MEMBER RECOGNITION

### Virginia Commonwealth University

Guang-Yu Yang, MD, PhD, is appointed Chair effective December 1, 2024. See the announcement from the Dean of the VCU School of Medicine by [clicking here](#).



Guang-Yu Yang, MD, PhD

AAPath seeks to highlight major member accomplishments in this Member Recognition section of the e-News, where we spotlight special announcements, such as advancement to national leadership positions, inductions into national academies, national and international awards, national press coverage, Chair retirements, new Chair appointments, and more! If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please contact the AAPath Office at [info@academicpathology.org](mailto:info@academicpathology.org) to let us know!

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## **AAPath STAFF TRANSITIONS**

AAPath President Chen Liu, MD, PhD (Yale School of Medicine) recently announced Priscilla Markwood's decision to step down as Executive Director and the AAPath Council's appointment of Melvin Limson, PhD to serve in that role, effective February 1, 2025. View the full announcement [here](#) for other staffing transitions and a tribute to our dedicated staff: Lydia Howell, MD (Deputy Director), Madeleine Markwood (Programs Manager), Angela Chopin (Member Services Coordinator), Amelia Stephenson (Technical Services Manager), and L. Henry Carter (Managing Editor).

*Season's greetings for a festive 2024 holiday season and a joyous new year!*

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