LIEBERMAN EARNS TOP SCORE

David Lieberman, MD, of Menlo Park, Calif., earned the highest score on the 2012 ABFPRS examination and will be honored with the Jack R. Anderson Prize for Scholastic Excellence at the AAFPRS Fall Meeting in Washington, D.C.

When asked if other career options might have enticed him, Dr. Lieberman confessed that at an early age he tried to imagine something other than medicine as his profession. "Nothing else felt right to me," he notes. "I knew that becoming a physician was a perfect blend of what I was passionate about: service, human contact, science, technology, communication, and art. When I have had the opportunity to advise students as they make career decisions, I always say that medicine is the right choice when your gut tells you it's right," says Dr. Lieberman.

Lieberman's father, Carl M. Lieberman, MD, is an otolaryngologist who has practiced facial plastic surgery for 40 years. "He never put pressure on me to pursue medicine, but once I decided that was my goal, my father and my mother, who was an educator, provided unconditional support and encouragement throughout my training," he adds.

The encouragement to excel in his training continued throughout his residency at Stanford under Sam P. Most, MD, and Richard L. Goode, MD, who helped Dr. Lieberman fine tune his goal to embrace facial plastic surgery as his specialty choice.

When Dr. Lieberman decided on the next step—pursuing facial plastic fellowship training—a fellowship with Vito C. Quatela, MD, proved to be the perfect fit. "I will spend the rest of my career indebted to Dr. Quatela and the experience he imparts to surgeons beginning their careers. Over the course of the year, he helps his fellows perfect their operating techniques, instructs them on how to develop a practice, and provides the ultimate examples for positive patient interaction and medical treatment. Dr. Quatela cares deeply about his fellows and their futures and remains a mentor to each of us throughout our careers," Dr. Lieberman stresses. "I really think that my winning the Anderson Award is a testament to him and the incredible experience he provides for his fellows."

Dr. Lieberman has recently returned to the San Francisco Bay area with his wife, Liza, and their two children, and is immersed in building a facial plastic and reconstructive surgery practice with Sachin Parikh, MD, a former fellow of Andrew Jacono, MD. "Our goal is to build a practice that offers the full complement of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery services," explains the Anderson winner. "As cornerstones for any facial plastic surgery practice, my Dad helped me realize early on how important the AAFPRS and the ABFPRS are to each person in our specialty. Now that my practice is becoming established, I am proud to be following in his footsteps and to be involved in these two vital organizations," says Lieberman. "I have to pay my dues—especially since my Dad did his residency at Mount Sinai with Bobby Simons!" he adds. ∎

The 2013 examination will take place in Washington, D.C., June 22-23. To register for the exam or to apply for certification, visit www.abfprs.org. Or contact the ABFPRS office, (703) 549-3223; info@abfprs.org.

COURSE FOR RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

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The New York Center for Facial Plastic & Laser Surgery held their biannual facial aesthetic injectables course on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. The course participants were otolaryngology residents and facial plastic surgery fellows from the greater New York City area (N.Y., N.J., Conn., Pa.). Those who participated injected patients under the supervision of course director Andrew Jacono, MD and co-director Matt White, MD.

Dr. Jacono began the course with a lecture and live patient demonstration. After learning the didactic and practical aspects, the attendees were each assigned to a station with two patients and several vials of filler and neuromodulator product. Participants learned to obtain pertinent history and physical exam, including the patients' individual aesthetic desires. ∎