

10 REASONS

Why *YOU* should come to Brown for Ophthalmology

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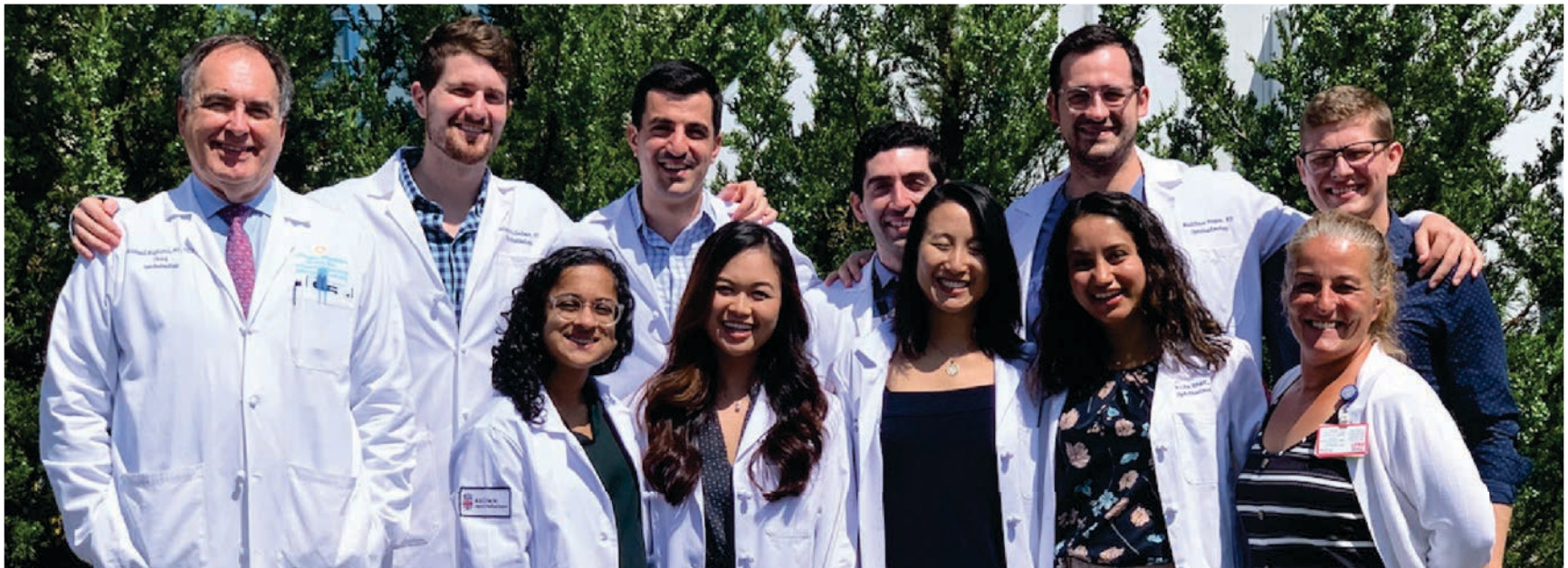


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Medical School



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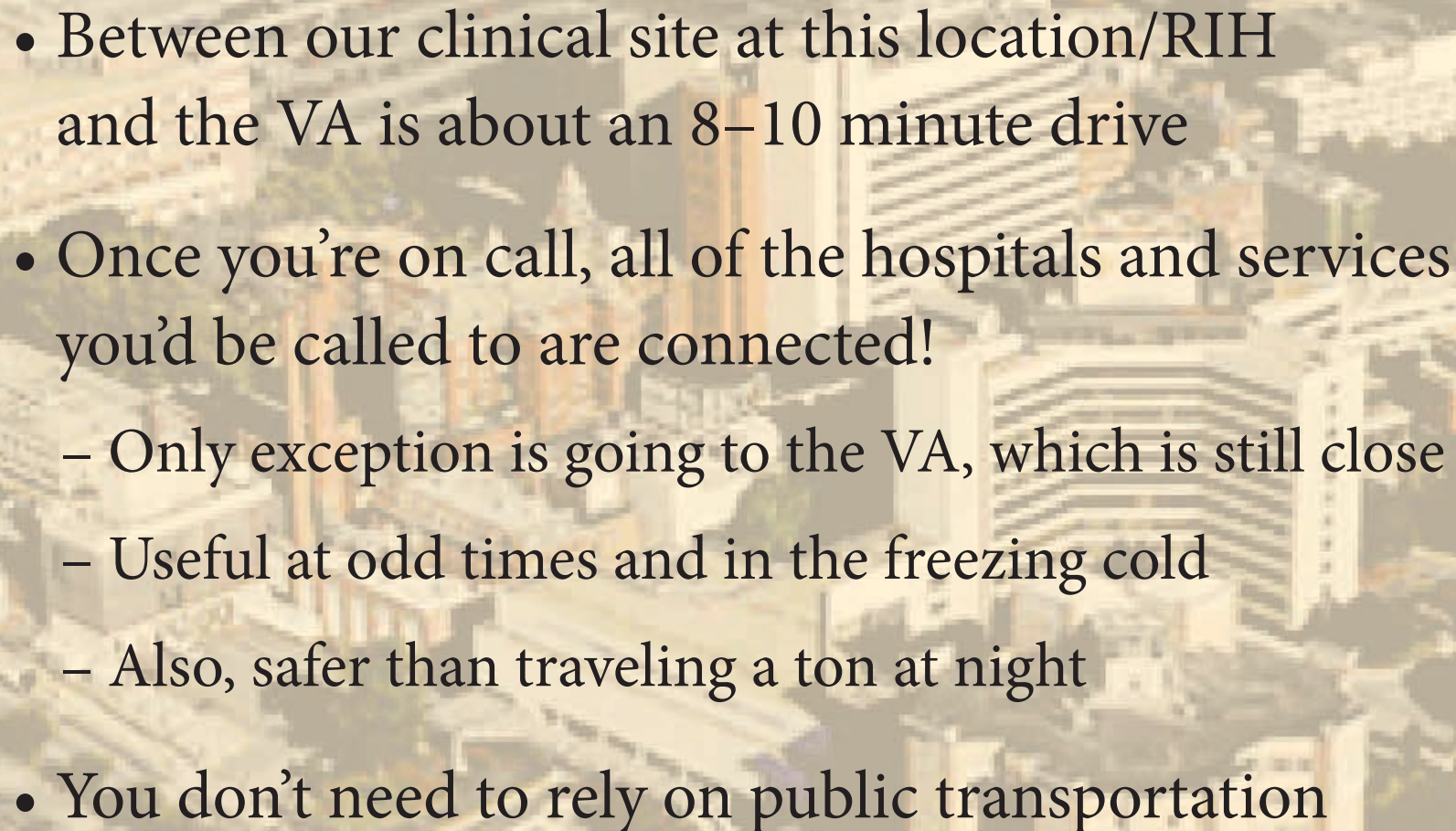
Some of these reasons are about the *program* and some are about your *life* outside the program; our goal is to demonstrate what it actually means, or would be like, for you to be *a resident here*.



Balance in Training

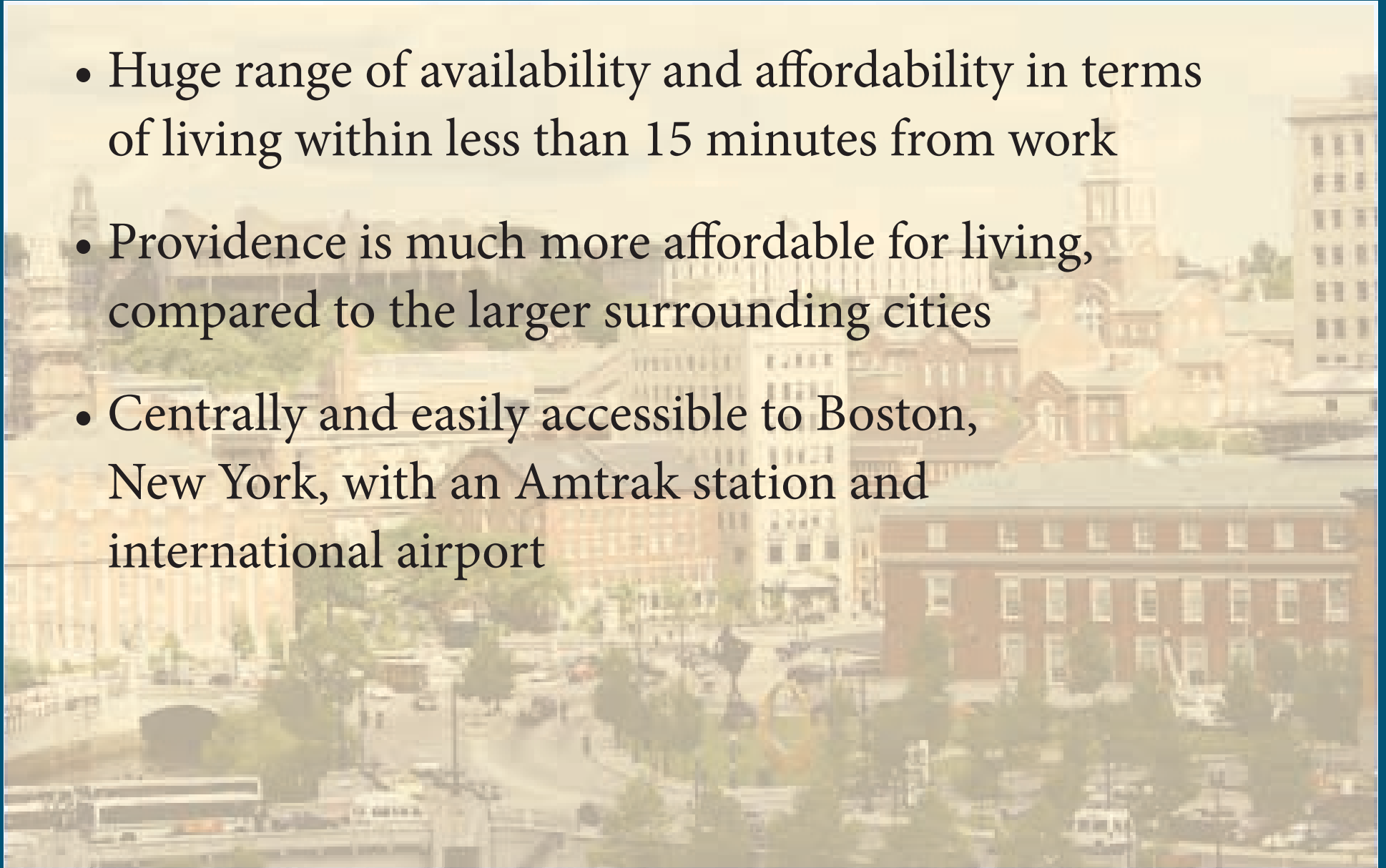


10. Convenience

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- Between our clinical site at this location/RIH and the VA is about an 8–10 minute drive
 - Once you're on call, all of the hospitals and services you'd be called to are connected!
 - Only exception is going to the VA, which is still close
 - Useful at odd times and in the freezing cold
 - Also, safer than traveling a ton at night
 - You don't need to rely on public transportation

9. Affordability/Accessibility

- Huge range of availability and affordability in terms of living within less than 15 minutes from work
- Providence is much more affordable for living, compared to the larger surrounding cities
- Centrally and easily accessible to Boston, New York, with an Amtrak station and international airport



8. Research

- Annual Research Symposium
- Allocation for each first author presentation
- These endeavors are encouraged and supported
- Residents travel nationally and internationally to present research at well recognized Medical and Ophthalmology meetings, to name a few:

AAO

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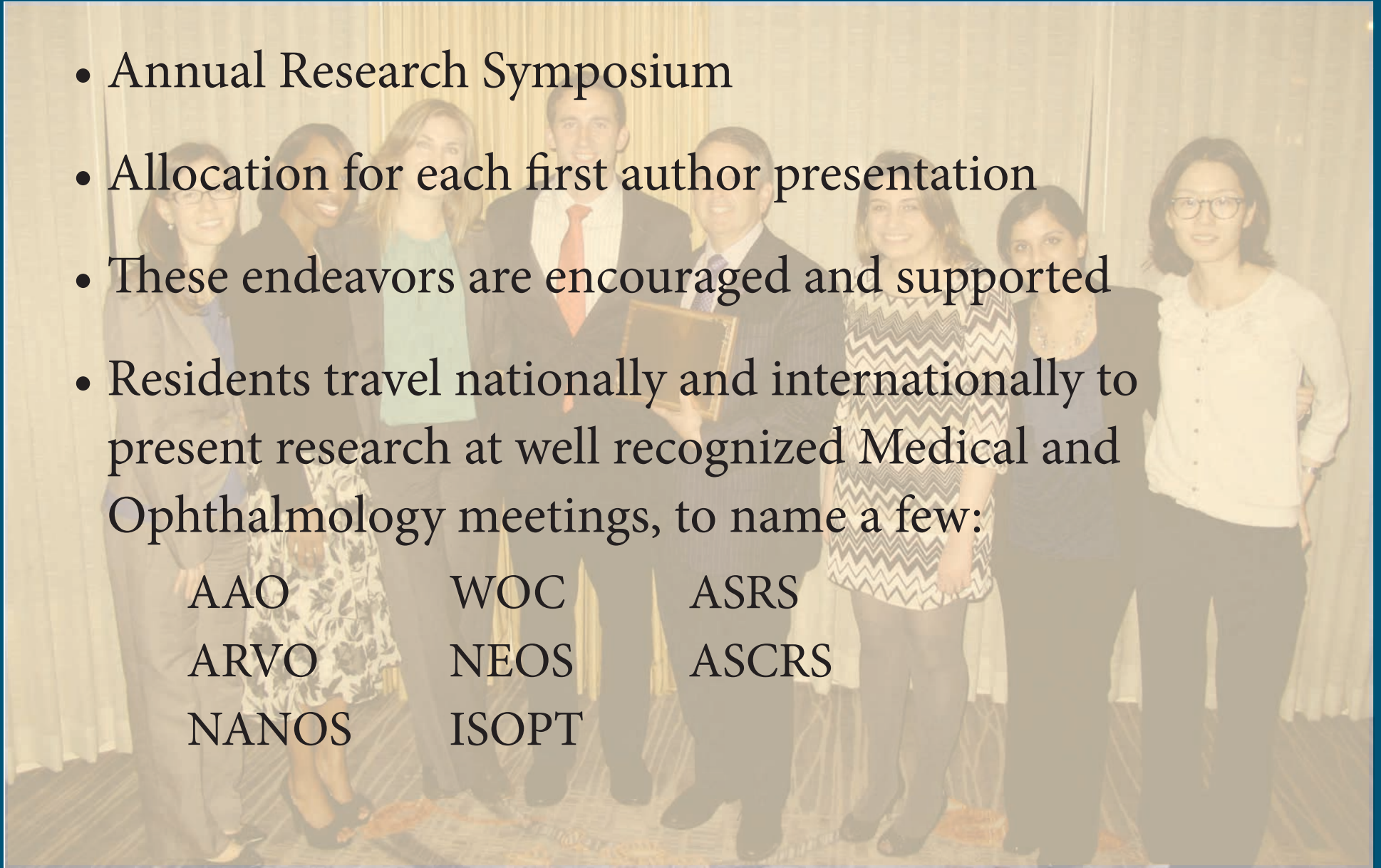
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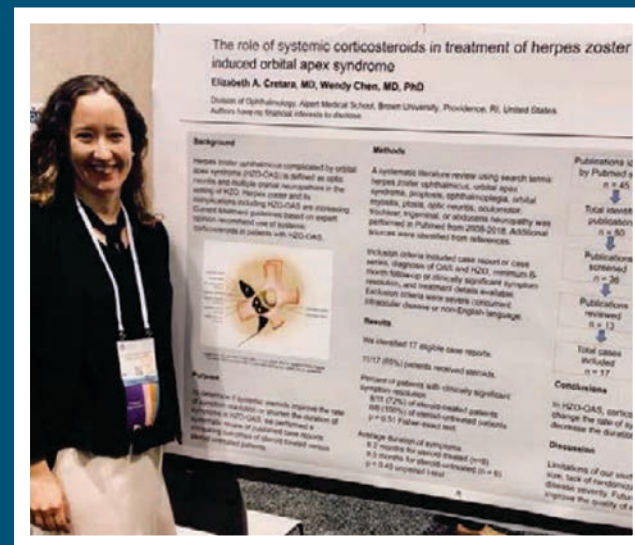




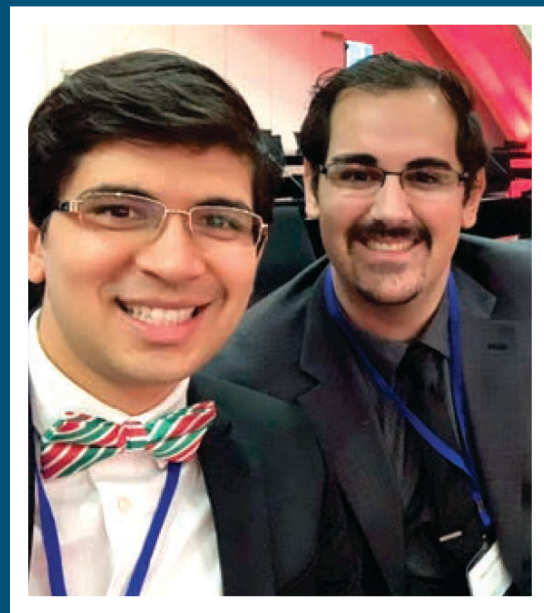
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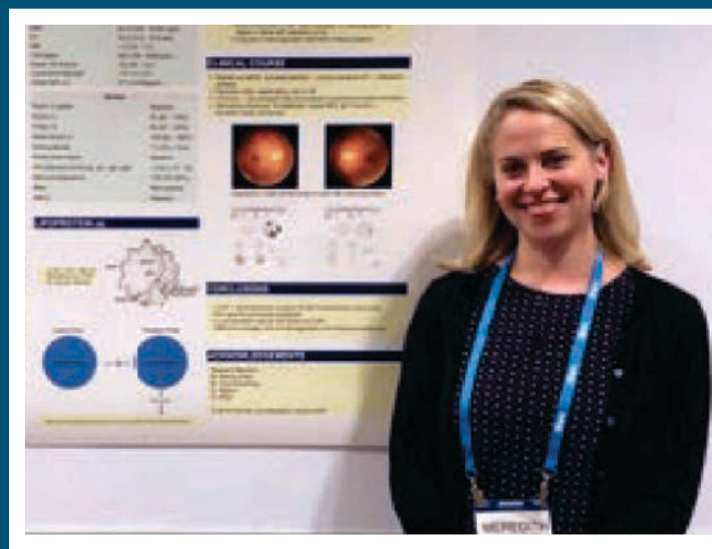
WOC, Barcelona



AAO, Chicago



ISOPT, Valencia

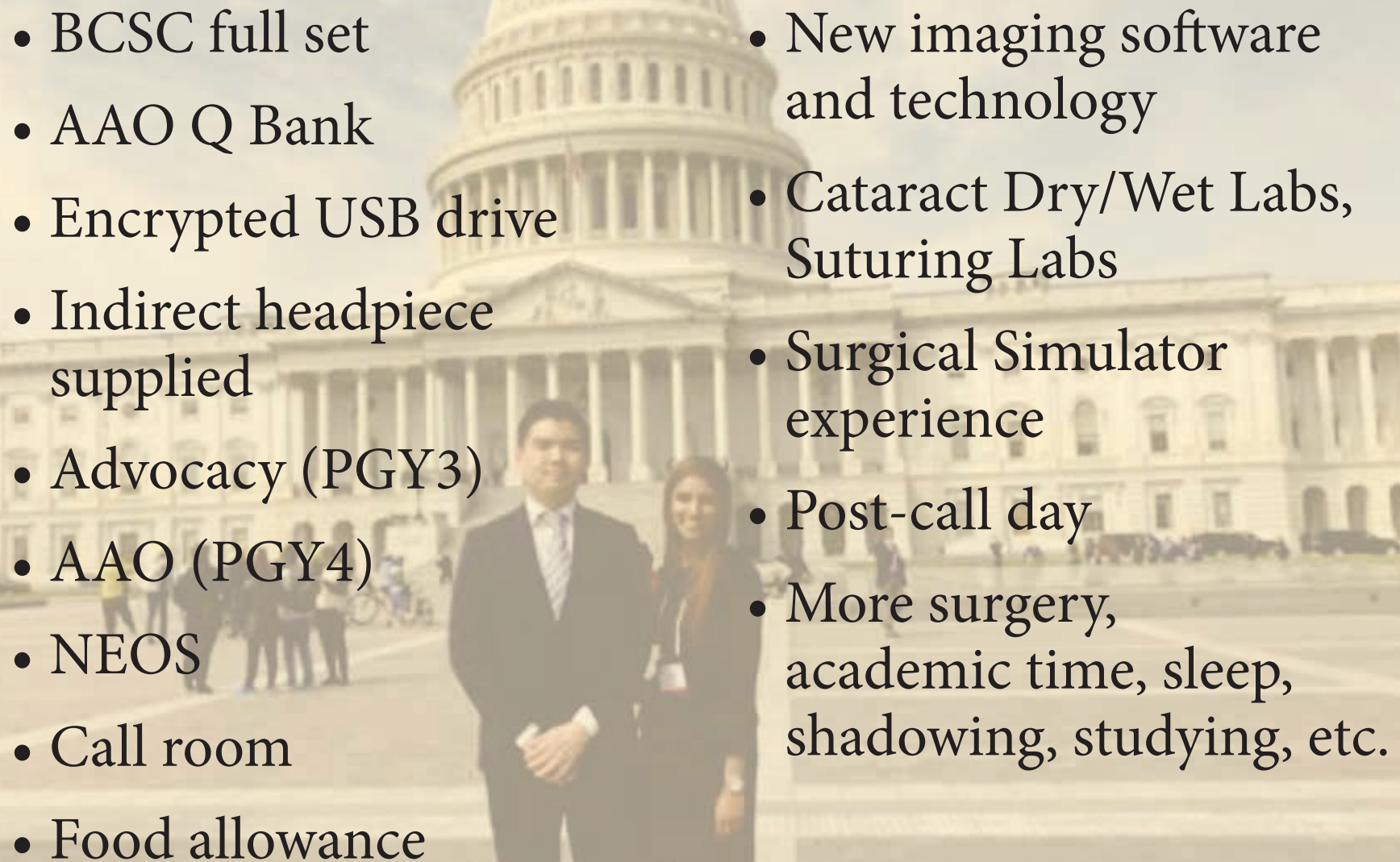


Women In Ophthalmology, Idaho



ARVO, Honolulu

7. Perks

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- BCSC full set
 - AAO Q Bank
 - Encrypted USB drive
 - Indirect headpiece supplied
 - Advocacy (PGY3)
 - AAO (PGY4)
 - NEOS
 - Call room
 - Food allowance
 - New imaging software and technology
 - Cataract Dry/Wet Labs, Suturing Labs
 - Surgical Simulator experience
 - Post-call day
 - More surgery, academic time, sleep, shadowing, studying, etc.



6. No Fellows

- You learn to manage most things that would often be deferred to a fellow, and thus the clinical acumen you gain is unparalleled
- Surgical time is not sacrificed by giving cases to those in fellowships
- Direct management and coordination with attendings, thus fostering stronger relationships
- Less watching, more doing



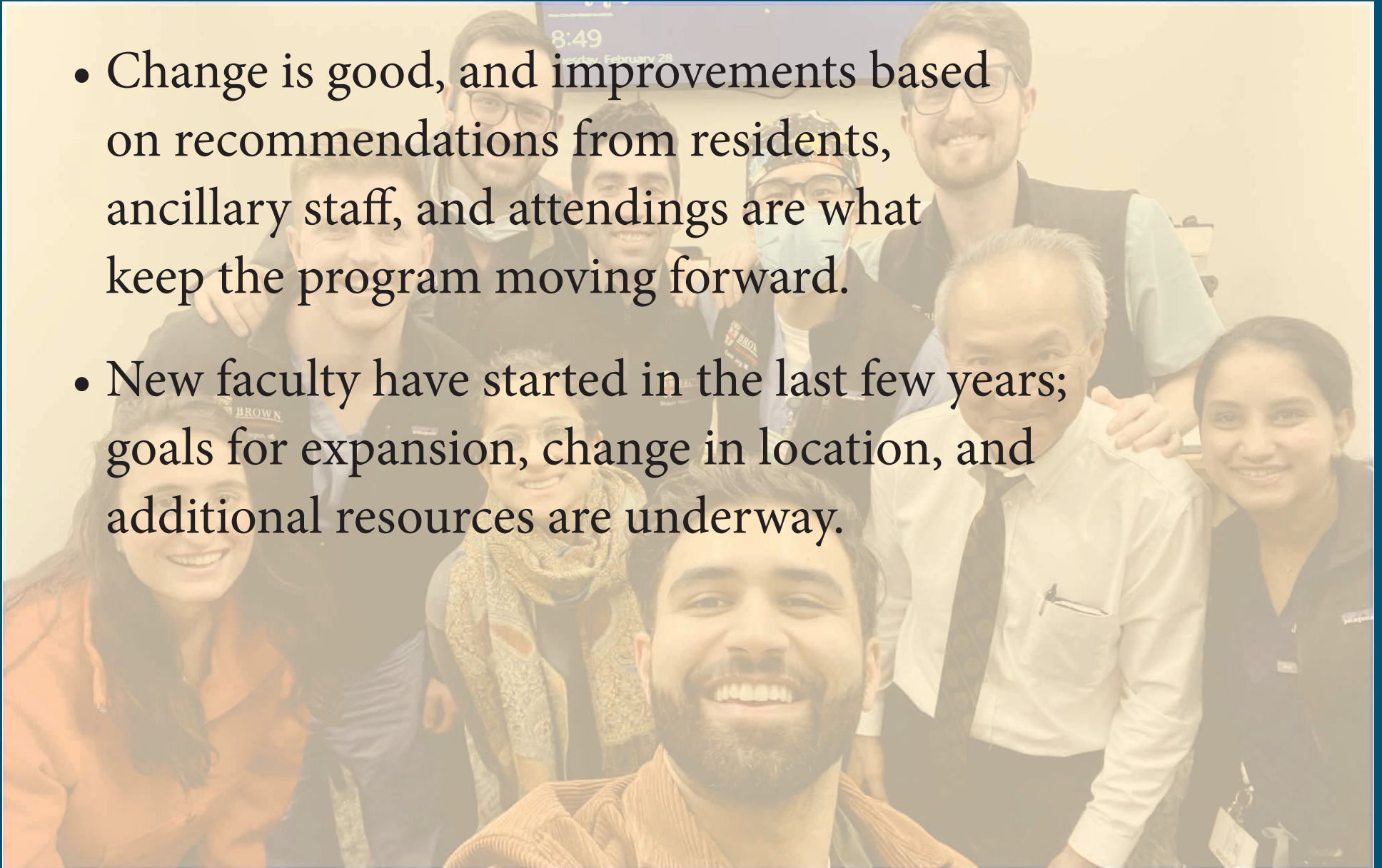
5. Teaching/Guidance

- Attendings are always willing to teach
- You're never alone; there is always someone who will be able to back you up during a busy night or day
- Modalities of Teaching:
 - Integrated lecture series every Tuesday morning
 - M&M, Grand Rounds, Journal Club, Pathology Conferences
 - Suturing and Cataract Labs
 - Dry Labs for new surgical technique (i.e. iStent)



4. Flexibility/Change

- Change is good, and improvements based on recommendations from residents, ancillary staff, and attendings are what keep the program moving forward.
- New faculty have started in the last few years; goals for expansion, change in location, and additional resources are underway.



3. Camaraderie

Relationships with
colleagues, faculty,
and ancillary staff





2. Surgical and Clinical Experience

Surgical

- Begins first year
- Several physicians operating between the VA and Coro; you will have exposure to surgery in every subspecialty
- You don't have to travel to somewhere far away for a few months to get what you need; it's all right here

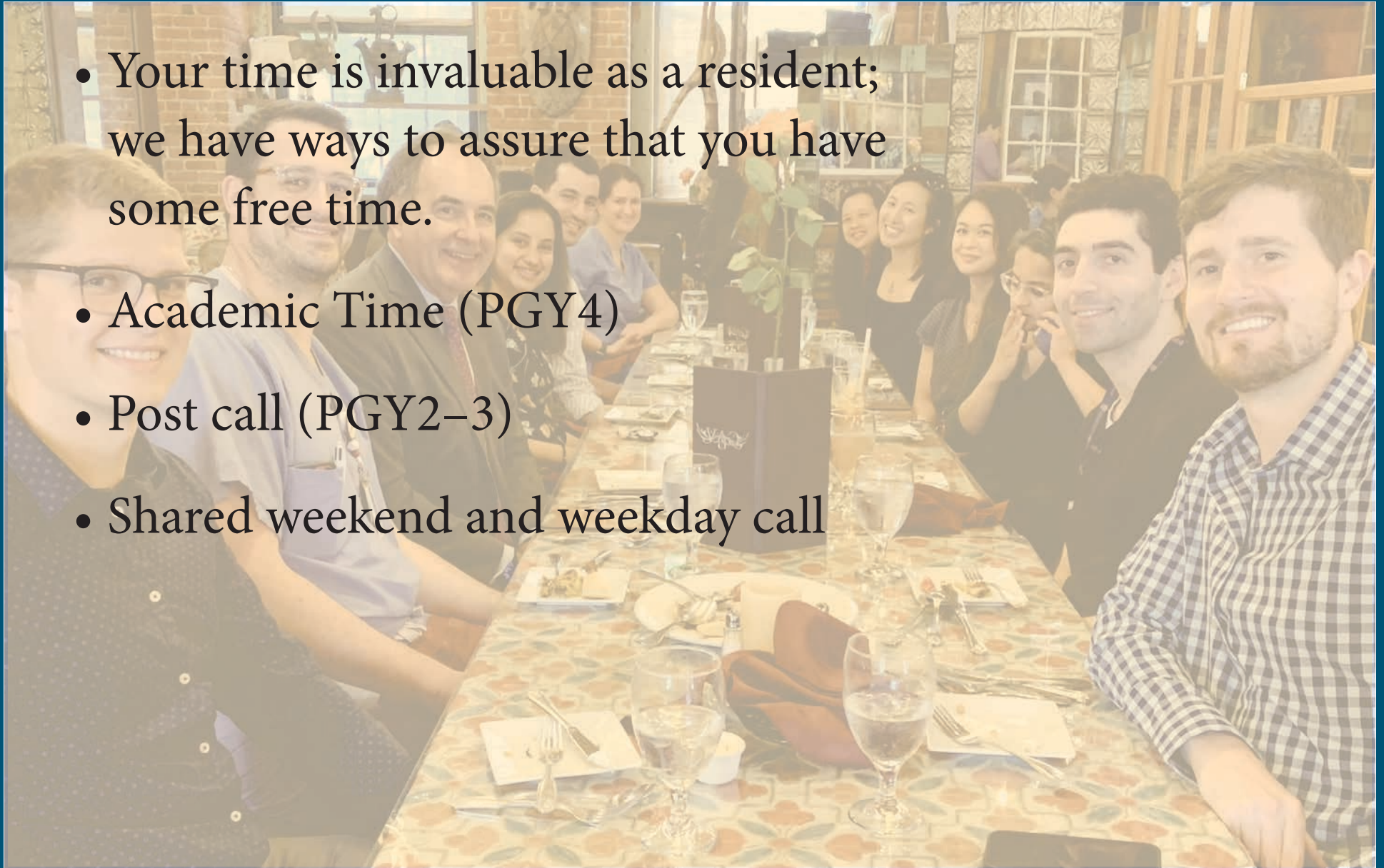
Clinical

- Volume is large; Level 1 Trauma Center
- Patient diversity is vast between RIH and VA, as is the pathology
- We are busy; we do more than we watch, and there is a level of autonomy that increases with each year



1. Time

- Your time is invaluable as a resident; we have ways to assure that you have some free time.
- Academic Time (PGY4)
- Post call (PGY2–3)
- Shared weekend and weekday call



Bonus Reason

Fellowship and Post Graduation Plans

- If you want to be a general ophthalmologist, you will be prepared after this program.
- If you want to do a fellowship, then you will be competitive for that too.

