

***The American College of Pathologists' annual meeting takes place virtually from Saturday 10 October to Wednesday 14 October. We have previewed the plenary sessions and keynote speeches to give you an impression of what the highlights of this year's CAP meeting are likely to be. During the conference itself, we will also be posting daily newsletters with the key clinical highlights from the oral and poster presentations.***

As with most, if not all, large events in 2020, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has taken its annual meeting virtual.

While current details on scientific presentations are still under wraps, the event will kick off with a financial forum for its members.

CAP members are encouraged to get their financial concerns answered with special speaker James Dahle, author of *The White Coat Investor: A Doctor's Guide to Personal Finance and Investing*.

Later on that Saturday, members will hear insights from the editor, publisher and political analyst Stuart Rothenberg at the House of Delegates and Residents Forum Joint Session. With the 2020 presidential election less than one month after the CAP meeting, the time is perfect to gain perspective and insight from inside the beltway, and Rothenberg is a pundit known for accurate forecasting.

This year's Scientific Plenary session, taking place on Monday October 12, couldn't really be about anything other than Covid-19. COVID Testing—Symphony or Cacophony will focus on current and emerging methods, pitfalls, and tradeoffs of various COVID testing methodologies. CAP members will gain insight and knowledge of how COVID testing has impacted everyday practice, comprehending the multiple testing options, and understanding their accuracy and reliability. Facilitated by Kisha Mitchell-Richards, the plenary also will feature Benjamin Pinsky and Christina M. Wojewoda.

Following on from the impact of Covid, livestreamed on Tuesday October 13 is the keynote address from Anthony Fauci, the top infectious disease expert in the US, who will discuss the research community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event will feature an interactive Q&A with Dr Fauci.

The final plenary event, held on Wednesday October 14, gives the floor to Janet Stovall, an inclusion advocate and executive communications manager with UPS. The presentation, *The Power of Diversity and Inclusion: Real Patients. Real Pathologists. Real Solutions.* The global pandemic, plus the US's civil unrest, has meant that ongoing health disparities have been illuminated. CAP believes that the profession of pathology can better represent the

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patients it serves. It also wants pathologists of every race, gender, and sexual orientation to bring their authentic selves to work, so they can thrive in an environment that values their unique differences.

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