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Candidate Position: Atlanta Regional Representative

Question: What is your vision for the GSRC, and how do you see your role in advancing that vision as a member of the Board of Directors?

My vision for the GSRC is to ensure respiratory therapists feel supported and empowered at every stage of their career. As Atlanta Regional Representative, I will leverage my relationships across hospitals and educational programs to strengthen communication and collaboration within our region. I'm committed to promoting professional development and mentorship, ensuring we advance not only our practice, but the people who deliver it every day.

Question: How would you describe your leadership style, and how do you plan to engage and collaborate with fellow board members, committees, and the respiratory care community across GA?

I would describe my leadership style as servant-hearted, collaborative, and rooted in emotional intelligence. I lead by listening first, supporting others, and creating space for people to grow while still driving clarity and direction.

In this role, I plan to stay accessible and engaged, leveraging my relationships across hospitals, programs, and networks to strengthen communication and collaboration statewide. My goal is to help ensure we move forward together with a shared commitment to elevating our profession across Georgia.

Question: In your opinion, what unique skills, experiences, or perspectives do you bring to the table as a candidate for office in our organization?

I bring a unique combination of clinical leadership and business development experience, allowing me to see the profession through both operational and strategic lenses. My background has strengthened my ability to build relationships, foster collaboration, and support the growth of others. I lead with a servant-hearted, people-centered approach, which I believe will add meaningful value to the GSRC and the respiratory care community across Georgia.