

GSRC Candidate Form-



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Candidate: President-Elect

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 Georgia Society for Respiratory Care is to see our organization thrive as a leader in advancing our profession while inspiring pride and engagement among respiratory therapists across Georgia. I want to strengthen our community by encouraging both practitioners and students to get involved—locally and nationally—through education, advocacy, and networking opportunities that highlight the vital role we play in patient care. As a member of the Board of Directors, I see my role as a connector and advocate—someone who listens, collaborates, and helps guide the GSRC in its ongoing journey toward excellence. Above all, I am committed to supporting our members and ensuring that our shared passion for patient care remains at the heart of everything we do

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 inclusive and collaborative. I believe in listening first—taking in all perspectives and options before making informed decisions that best serve our members and our profession. I value teamwork and open communication, recognizing that leadership is most effective when it empowers others and builds consensus.

As a member of the Board of Directors, I see this role as a true team effort. I plan to stay actively engaged with our committees, board colleagues, and the broader respiratory care community across Georgia. Together, we can advance key initiatives such as compact licensure, HOSA participation, and legislative efforts that promote the recognition and advancement of respiratory therapists. My goal is to foster connection, collaboration, and shared purpose as we work collectively to move our profession forward.

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 combination of experience, perspective, and commitment that I believe uniquely positions me to continue serving the GSRC effectively. My leadership experience—both within the hospital and beyond—has taught me the importance of listening, collaboration, and knowing when to seek input from others. I value teamwork and am never afraid to ask for help when it means finding the best path forward for our members and our profession.

Having served as GSRC President during one of our most challenging times, transitioning back to a volunteer-led organization in the midst of COVID, I witnessed firsthand the strength and dedication of our community. That experience deepened my appreciation for what we can accomplish when we work together with a shared vision. It also reinforced my commitment to fostering growth, stability, and continued excellence for the GSRC as we move into the future.