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**The Academy Congratulates Members of Council of Early Career Investigators in Imaging (CECI<sup>2</sup>), Class of 2022, on Advancement to Level-2 Programming**

Over the past year, 41 early career investigators, nominated by our member academic departments and societies, have participated in [CECI<sup>2</sup> Level-1 virtual programming](#). Throughout Level-1, the Academy offered ten professional development opportunities, leading to the continued opportunity of attending our Level-2, in person, programming and events as a part of our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Events & Meetings in Washington, DC. We congratulate all members of this class on their dedication to this virtual experience, and welcome 29 of the most engaged investigators to join us as they advance to the next phase of this council's programming.

Congratulations to the following investigators, and appreciation for the support of their departments and societies:

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The CECI<sup>2</sup> Class of 2022 will experience the following opportunities:

- **Participate** in the Academy’s annual Capitol Hill Day, to meet with members from both the House of Representatives and Senate and their staff. Investigators will have the opportunity to illustrate their research, its impact on patient care locally, and the importance of increased funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- **Connect** with one another as well as the Academy’s diverse group of stakeholders including our leadership, academic chairs, industry partners, and patient advocates during several in person networking opportunities.
- **Display** their research in various ways at our #MedTech23 event on Capitol Hill. This event provides each investigator with the opportunity to display hands-on, interactive, and informative examples of their vital research efforts to attendees which will include policymakers, representatives from NIH, patient advocacy groups, their peers, and Academy leadership. Throughout this event, they will demonstrate the value of NIH's continued funding by showcasing some of the country's newest imaging research and technology.
- **Attend and observe** the Academy Research Roundtable Discussion led by academic leadership and industry.
- **Visit** the NIH’s campus for tours of the clinical center and relevant labs and have the opportunity to meet with Program Officers at NIH institutes and centers of interest.

As one of our most diverse and highly engaged classes to date, we look forward to this council’s return to DC and applaud them for their continued participation and dedication to advocacy on behalf of imaging research.

More detailed information, including a [link for Academy members to register](https://www.acadrad.org/the-academys-annual-spring-events-and-meetings-and-medtech23/) for this year’s spring events and meetings, can be found on the Academy’s website: <https://www.acadrad.org/the-academys-annual-spring-events-and-meetings-and-medtech23/>

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