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Nominee for PARA Calgary and Southern Alberta Representative (CSAR)

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I still remember the Calgary and Southern Alberta Rep (CSAR) speaking to my cohort of new residents a few days before residency began. That speech made me feel welcome, and I knew I had support should I need it. I carry these feelings with me and hope to pass on them as I now run for this position. The CSAR serves as a liaison both between PARA and the residents, and PARA and the administration. As your representative, I hope to promote a feeling of support for the residents by building on initiatives that already exist including half day visits, and town hall meetings for key issues. Accessibility and flexibility in response to resident feedback will be especially important in the coming year with the ongoing duty hours debate and potential changes. These issues will affect relations between PARA and the administration. My experience in PARA and CAIR with teamwork, communication and resident advocacy will provide me with the tools to ensure relations between PARA and the administration remain open and productive. My skills and commitment will make me a valuable member of the executive board as I to help further PARA's ultimate goals of transparency, resident involvement and accountability.

Biography:

Hi, I am Joanna Lazier, and I am a second year resident in Medical Genetics at the University of Calgary. Originally from Ontario, I completed my undergraduate degree at Queen's University and then medical school in Toronto. I have been involved in student government and advocacy for my peers throughout my life, and have continued this in residency through two years of involvement with PARA and CAIR committees. I enjoy life out west, and spend as much of my free time as possible in the mountains and finding my inner cowboy.