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OPENING SESSION

Wisdom from the **Fourth Estate**

Bob Woodward brings his presidential knowledge to ACEP17

by RICHARD QUINN

IN A TIME OF POLITICAL TURMOIL like today, it's hard to imagine anyone having a more insightful perspective of a president on the proverbial hot seat than Bob Woodward.

Mr. Woodward is, of course, the famed Washington Post reporter who, along with colleague Carl Bernstein, investigated and reported on the Watergate scandal and contributed greatly to the resignation of

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MILLS LECTURE

Find Your Blind Spots

Mills Lecture will offer tips on acknowledging and overcoming bias

by RICHARD QUINN

SHERYL HERON, MD, MPH, FACEP, knows cognitive bias firsthand—and not just because she's delivering this year's James D. Mills, Jr. Memorial Lecture, "Overcoming Cognitive Blind Spots to Improve Outcomes" at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

It's because Dr. Heron, the vice chair of administrative affairs in the Emory University department of emergency medicine, has been blinded herself. Like the time there was an African-American male reportedly found down with a concern for substance abuse.

Dr. Mills assumed from the team's presentation that, because the patient was homeless, he was inebriated to the point of unconsciousness. In reality, the man was slated to sing for President Obama the next day at the White House and, in his excitement, mistakenly took too much Seroquel thinking it was blood pressure medication.

"Cognitive load takes a toll when moving quickly in a busy ER," said Dr. Heron. "All of us, I am sure, have made judgments about our patients-and perhaps each other-that have been totally incorrect. The more we give room to the fact that we will make those mis-

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RORRIE LECTURE

Don't miss the Colin C. Rorrie. Jr. Lecture "United We Stand: The **Influence of Emergency Physicians** on Key Health and Public Policy" at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30.

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NETWORKING

Connections That Last

Turn ACEP17 encounters into professional relationships
by RICHARD QUINN

ONE OF ACEP17'S BIGGEST DRAWS is the opportunity for emergency physicians and others to connect with counterparts across the country. But networking is more than just drinks and swapped business cards.

"Cocktail parties at places like ACEP17 are not casual events," said ACEP Past President Gregory Henry, MD, FACEP. "They are absolutely programmed interactions where people have agendas of what things they want to get accomplished."

Dr. Henry, who has talked repeatedly over the years about the power of networking, said it's a necessary skill for physicians looking to do more than just shift work.

Networking "doesn't make you great, but it gives you the opportunity for greatness," he said. "If we don't believe that, we don't understand how the world works politically. The truth of the matter is if you want a job, you don't have to network," he said. "If you want a career, you have to network."

Ivan Misner, founder of BNI (Business Network International), a global business networking platform based in Charlotte, North Carolina, has been dubbed "the father of modern networking" by CNN and teaches networking via a process he calls VCP: visibility, credibility, and profitability.

"Credibility is what takes time," Mr. Misner said. "You really want to build credibility with somebody. It doesn't happen overnight. People have to get to know, like, and trust you. It is the most time-consuming portion of the



VCP process ... then, and only then, can you get to profitability, where people know who you are, they know what you do, they know you're good at it, and they're willing to refer a business to you. They're willing to put you in touch with other people."

Mr. Misner calls the follow-up process 24-7-30. Within 24 hours, send the person a note. Within a week, connect on whatever social media that person prefers. Within a month, reach out to the person for a time to actually talk

"It's these touch points that you make with people that build the relationship," Mr. Misner says. "Without building a real relationship, there is almost no value in the networking efforts ... It has to be more than just the bumping into somebody at a meeting." •

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HOT SESSIONS in Washington, D.C.

Some of the world's most renowned emergency physicians and educators mark this annual conference on their calendars each year. Don't miss their lectures at ACEP17.

SUNDAY

11:30-11:55 a.m.

The 1st 30 Minutes: Initial Management of the Critically III Infant Jennifer D. H. Walthall, MD, FACEP

12:30-12:55 p.m.

Nontraumatic Back Pain: Reasons Why It Should Tighten Your Sphincter Rahul Bhat, MD, FACEP

2:30-3:20 p.m.

ACEP Connect: Mental Health Patients in Your Department Vikhyat S. Bebarta, MD, FACEP; Abhi Mehrotra, MD, MBA, FACEP; Kathleen E. Walsh, DO, MS

3:30-3:55 p.m.

Severe Sepsis: The Core Measure Bundle-Good Care or CMS Nightmare Eric D. Katz, MD, FACEP

MONDAY

8-8:25 a.m.

Concussion Update 2017: What We Know, What We Think We Know, and What We Don't Know Andrew D. Perron, MD, FACEP

10:30-10:55 a.m.

Top 5 Habits of Highly Successful Emergency Physicians Kerry B. Broderick, MD, FACEP

1-1:25 p.m.

Alternatives to Opioids for Pain Management: Meds, Needles, and Your Hands Alexis M. LaPietra, DO

5-5:30 p.m.

Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' on: Update on Seizure and Status Management Wan-Tsu Wendy Chang, MD

TUESDAY

9-9:25 a.m.

Stop the Pounding: Update on Headache Assessment and Treatment Matthew S. Siket, MD, FACEP

12:30-1:20 p.m.

Ten Fatal Imaging Myths That Should Change Your Practice Joshua S. Broder, MD, FACEP

1:30-1:55 p.m.

Atrial Fibrillation Update 2017: Don't Miss a Beat Corey M. Slovis, MD, FACEP

5-5:30 p.m.

Skin Deep-Tricks of the Trade from Eczema to Scabies Jacob Hennings, MD, FACEP

WEDNESDAY

9-9:50 a.m.

Ten Most Commonly Missed Radiographic Findings in the ED Teresa S. Wu, MD, FACEP

10-10:50 a.m.

Antibiotic Update Fredrick M. Abrahamian, DO, FACEP, FIDSA

11-11:50 a.m.

Master Clinician Series: The Rapid, High-Yield Ortho Exam in the ED Christopher Hogrefe, MD, FACEP

Noon-12:50 p.m.

Advanced Wound Closure in the ED: Putting the Pieces Back Together Christopher B. Colwell, MD, FACEP

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Dr. Heron

takes, the more we are humbled." $\,$

Cognitive biases subconsciously affect behavior and can ultimately impact the delivery of care. Bias can be based on race, ethnicity, culture—anything that can be the basis of a judgment.

Dr. Heron said the first step is acknowledging the bias.

"Cognitive bias is not a dirty word," she said. "It's not a code word for saying something is wrong with you, that you are a racist or a sexist or any -ism that one may put there. It's really about pausing to stop and reflect and think, 'Are my behaviors conducive to and in alignment with either a working environment or a patient encounter that is respectful and would optimize outcomes?" "

Dr. Heron will highlight the P.A.U.S.E. technique from Cook Ross to mitigate bias, which encourages physicians and others to:

- Pay attention
- $\bullet \ \ \mathbf{A} cknowledge \ your \ reactions$
- Understand those reactions/judgments
- Search for constructive solutions
- Execute on that strategy

"I would hope that everyone leaves with something ... that will help them feel empowered," Dr. Heron said. "To understand and appreciate why this matters, and [that] it matters, particularly in this time in history, when we need it the most." •

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ACEP17 PRODUCT SHOWCASES

These educational and product-oriented sessions provide you with indepth presentations on products or services you may have seen on the exhibit floor. Show up early! Seating is limited, and sessions fill quickly. This schedule is preliminary. Check the ACEP17 website for updates and details on each presentation.

These non-CME presentations can add to your educational experience. See company products and services that can help you in your practice, and receive a boxed meal. All events take place in the Exhibit Hall during conference breaks and are limited to 150 participants. Make plans now to visit one (or more) of these daily presentations.

Janssen Pharmaceuticals Sunday, Oct. 29 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Shire Pharmaceuticals Sunday, Oct. 29 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Edwards Lifesciences Sunday, Oct. 29 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Roche Diagnostics Sunday, Oct. 29 2:30-3:15 p.m.

EKOS Corporation Monday, Oct. 30 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Aerogen Monday, Oct. 30 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Fisher & Paykel Monday, Oct. 30 2:30-3:15 p.m.

CSL Behring Monday, Oct. 30 2:30-3:15 p.m.

BMS/Pfizer Tuesday, Oct. 31 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Tuesday, Oct. 31 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

AcelRx Tuesday, Oct. 31 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Janssen Pharmaceuticals Tuesday, Oct. 31 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Visit acep.org/ACEP17/showcase for more information.

INTEGRATE THE SCIENCE WITH THE EDUCATION DURING THE 2017 RESEARCH FORUM

LAST YEAR'S EASY-ACCESS LAY-OUT of the ACEP annual meeting's Research Forum was a smash hit. We've brought it back better than ever for ACEP17. This year's electronic showcase continues to be integrated throughout the ACEP annual meeting. Research Forum abstracts will be available to view near the course rooms (all on one floor) to enhance your learning experience. View and discuss original research that will impact your daily practice on the topics and issues that matter most to you and your patients.

At the world's largest gathering of researchers, teachers, and practitioners of emergency medicine, you can also:

- Learn from a panel of experts during "Prime-Time Practice-Changers: Highlights of the 2017 Research Forum."
- Interact with moderators and emergency care researchers during the Wine and Cheese Networking Reception.

NEW FOR ACEP17!

GE Healthcare and the Emergency Medicine Foundation have partnered on a global initiative to support research in breakthrough applications of point-of-care ultrasound: first, among patients in shock and/or trauma and, second, in innovation in the use of ventilator technology. Grants of \$50,000 (plus equipment) will be provided to four researchers. ACEP members can vote for their favorite research project. The winner will earn an additional \$150,000 grant to expand the scope of their project.

At ACEP17, you can listen to the researchers describe their projects through online videos and in-person presentations at the Research Forum Luncheon and section meetings. Your vote can influence the advancement of emergency medicine research.

And best of all, access to the Research Forum is included with your ACEP17 registration! For more information, go to acep.org/ACEP17/RF.



ACEP17 INNOVATED SHOWCASES LATEST EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TECHNOLOGY, TOOLS

Want to experience firsthand demos and informative sessions on brand-new and innovative devices, drugs, and technologies from 53 cutting-edge companies? Want in on demo challenges to learn the latest techniques in emergency medicine? **innovatED** is the place to be.

An award-winning interactive educational space in the ACEP17 Exhibit Hall, innovatED combines products and services with innovation and problem-solving to elevate your engagement to a whole new level.

ACEP is dedicated to making innovatED bigger and better each year, with more educational and interactivity space while offering emergency physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and administrative directors a new way to explore the latest innovations in emergency medicine.

NEW TO INNOVATED ACEP17

Palliative and Geriatric Care Area: Expanded for 2017

- Presenting innovative concepts and practices in palliative and geriatric care emergency medicine to apply in your practice.
- Sponsored by VITAS and the Geriatric Emergency Department Collaborative (GEDC).

Virtual Reality (VR) Area: Brand-New

- Engage in diverse VR training scenarios to increase patient care and safety in your emergency department.
- Sponsored by MedStar Simulation Training & Education Lab (SiTEL) and other leading VR vendors.

Mental Health Area: Brand-New

• Three patients (actors) and

- three emergency physicians will demonstrate how to safely stabilize mental health patients and make treatment plans.
- Hear case studies from physician experts from ACEP's Coalition on Psychiatric Emergencies (CPE).

Idea Lounge: Brand-New

- Presentations and interactive discussions that will generate idea exchanges on hot topics such as physician wellness and resilience and best practices in mental health care in the emergency department.
- Sponsored by Steelcase Health.

incubatED and the New Pitch Event: Expanded and Brand-New

 ACEP's first-ever Shark Tank style pitch event, where you'll hear dynamic presentations from

- the best start-up companies emerging in health care and emergency medicine today.
- Sneak peek of the expanded lineup of start-up or early-stage health care products.
- Sponsored by angelMD, ZOIC, TMC Innovation Institute, EMRA, and MedStar.

Innovation Spotlight: Brand-New

 Hear rapid-fire presentations from emergency medicine game changers.

mHealth Toolbox: Back by Popular Demand

- Hands-on workshop designed for health care providers interested in exploring health tech innovation
- Preregistration required.
 Sponsored by mHealth Toolbox.

Not every company's product or service gets into innovatED. The best of the best are reviewed and vetted by a committee of emergency physicians so you know you'll see practical solutions for what you do. This space is where clinical experts and industry leaders connect, exchange ideas, and talk about the evolving health care landscape.

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LET'S KICK IT OFF WITH A BANG! Schumacher Clinical Partners presents the family-friendly ACEP17 Kickoff Party on Oct. 29, from 7 p.m. to midnight, at Knight Studio at the Newseum.

ACEP17 registrants are invited to spend the night exploring one of the top 25 museums in the United States, featuring several exhibits spanning decades of news events that include "1967: Civil Rights at 50"; Berlin Wall Gallery; Today's Front Pages Gallery; plus many

Featuring dramatic vistas of Washington, D.C., the Newseum is one of the city's most sought-after venues, and ACEP and Schumacher Clinical Partners are getting you in free with ACEP17 registration.

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The Newseum features a "window on the world," which looks out on Penn-



Berlin Wall Gallery

The front of the Newseum features the 45 words of the First Amendment of the Constitution etched into a 75-foot-tall tablet of Tennessee pink marble facing Pennsylvania Avenue. There's no better way to sylvania Avenue and the National Mall. 🗓 kick off a visit to Washington, D.C., than 🗓 city. 🔾

by exploring the Newseum with your colleagues, friends, and family.

Dance, eat, drink, and have fun to kick off a meeting filled with the best emergency medicine education in the capital

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Make plans to meet up with other families to tour D.C., go to dinner, or plan other activities while at ACEP17. Join the ACEP17 Family Facebook Group to connect with other families while in D.C.

The Marriott Marquis lobby by the fireplace will be the designated meetup location for families to gather and go to their events together as a group during ACEP17.

If you are bringing your family, make

CHILDCARE HOURS

Saturday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 29, 7:30-12:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. A mother's room for nursing mothers will also be available for the entire conference.

sure you register everyone as a guest during registration. With an ACEP17 badge, families will have access to the ACEP17 Kickoff Party, Closing Celebration, and Exhibit Hall. (Adult supervision is required for everyone younger than 18.)

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Visit acep.org/acep17/family to learn more and join the ACEP17 Family Forum.



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Dinner & Awards 8-10 p.m.

Dancing 10 p.m.-midnight President's Awards Gala. At this black-tie optional event featuring dinner, dancing, awards, and the honoring of the new class of ACEP Fellows, you'll be among the best at the most exciting event of

Immediate Past President Rebecca B. Parker, MD, FACEP, will honor the incom-

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> All ACEP17 attendees are welcome to purchase tickets for \$125, which includes a three-course meal, wine with dinner and a cash bar, a live band with a dance floor, and a truly unforgettable evening. Ticket sales close October 19, so grab your tickets before they're gone!



EMRA EVENTS, **ACTIVITIES AT** ACEP17

Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA) activities are not only awesome, they're affordably priced-and by that we mean free. EMRA events come at no charge to residents and medical students, and there are many to choose from at ACEP17.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

Medical Student Council Executive Session 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Here are some highlights:

Medical Student Council Meeting 1-4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

Medical Student Forum (pre-registration required) 8:20-11:30 a.m.

Residency Program Fair and Studio EMRA

Meet 125-plus programs in the largest EM residency program fair

12:30-2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

EMRA Hangouts LIVE 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Job and Fellowship Fair

Find your ideal job at the largest recruiting event in emergency medicine, with 150-plus companies showcasing career opportunities. 5-7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 30

EMRA Hangouts LIVE 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Resident SimWars Competition

High-fidelity simulation competitions where you help decide the winning team!

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

EMRA Party (sponsored by Envision Physician Services)

Echostage, 2135 Queens Chapel Rd NE

10 p.m.-2 a.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

EMRA Hangouts LIVE 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

EMRA 20 in 6: EMRA Resident Lecture Competition (sponsored by Hippo Education)

Identify the "Best Resident Lecturer" when each competitor presents 20 slides in six minutes on any topic.

1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

EMRA MEDWar

Seneca Creek State Park | Wilderness medicine + adventure racing + EMRA = an extraordinary experience!

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS AND ADVOCATE FOR EM DURING WHITE COAT DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

WHITE COAT DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1 8 A.M.-3 P.M.

8-9:30 A.M.

Breakfast with a key congressional speaker (to be determined) and advocacy training to get prepared to visit Congress.

9:30 A.M.

Buses depart for Capitol Hill. Once on the hill, a group photo will be taken on the lawn of the Capitol. Don't forget to bring your white coat for the photo and to wear on your visits.

10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Hill visits with members of Congress. Your visits will be scheduled for you and will be emailed to you prior to the event. (Please note: Some visits may be scheduled until 3 p.m.) DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT YOUR LEG-ISLATORS on Capitol Hill and see firsthand how ACEP is advocating for emergency medicine and patients in Congress.

Join hundreds of your ACEP colleagues on Capitol Hill and help spread the word about the critical role of emergency physicians in our nation's health care delivery system. Decisions made by Congress impact your practice and the future of emergency medicine.

Advanced registration is required for White Coat Day, and the event is free to attend. Make sure to add White Coat Day to your schedule when you register for ACEP17, or log back in online to add it. (White Coat Day is located under the Special Events section of the registration site.)

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9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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emCareers.org will also be on hand to help with your job search needs. Get job search advice, connect with top employers, or make an appointment for a CV review.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE BRAND-NEW WELLNESS CENTER

This year, the ACEP17
Wellness Center will offer a
multimodal approach for our
members to cultivate and maintain their personal and mental
health and wellness. Two of
the exciting new concepts
include a variety of five-minute
TED-like talks given by many
of the notable names in emergency medicine and a wellness
story board where you can
share your personal wellness
stories!



COUNCIL CHALLENGE CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICINE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Funded solely by ACEP members, the National Emergency Medicine Political Action Committee (NEMPAC) advances the specialty of emergency medicine in Washington, D.C., and improves the practice environment for emergency physicians and patient care delivery.

ACEP17 is your opportunity to learn more about NEMPAC's year-round activities. What are the most important items on the legislative agenda? What has NEMPAC been doing in the heated health care debate? NEMPAC leaders and staff will be on hand to answer your questions. Learn more about NEMPAC when you get to Washington, D.C., and get involved.

NEMPAC Council Challenge Friday, Oct. 27-Saturday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The ACEP Board of Directors and Council collectively donate more than \$200,000 annually to NEMPAC. This two-day event demonstrates their commitment to ACEP's political advocacy goals and increases the political clout of the specialty.

NEMPAC VIP Donor Reception Sunday, Oct. 29, 6–8 p.m. National Air and Space Museum (tentative)

To show appreciation for NEMPAC's most generous donors, ACEP's President is hosting an invitation-only reception for ACEP members who have donated \$600 or more (\$60 for residents) in the past year to NEMPAC. Donations are also accepted at the door for admittance.

NEMPAC "Give-a-Shift" Donor Lounge* Sunday, Oct. 29-Tuesday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

ACEP members who have donated at the Give-a-Shift level in the past year are invited to stop by and relax in this private lounge with complimentary breakfast, lunch, snacks, professional neck and shoulder massages, television, and business center amenities.

NEMPAC 10 Year "Give-a-Shift" and Platinum
Donor Special Washington, D.C., Event
Monday, Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m.
Reception on the Speaker's Balcony
at the US Capitol

ACEP members who have donated at the 10 Year Give-a-Shift level and platinum donors are invited to this one-of-a-kind experience in the nation's capitol.

For a full schedule of NEMPAC events, visit acep.org/acep17/NEMPAC.

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ACEP17 Keynote Address will also feature a performance by Capitol Steps, a comedy/musical troupe that has recorded more than 30 albums since its founding in 1981.

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President Richard Nixon in 1974. Since then, he has written 18 books—all national bestsellers—chronicling the presidency from President Nixon through President Barack Obama.

Mr. Woodward, who now serves as as-

sociate editor for *The Washington Post*, sees his keynote address at ACEP17—scheduled for 8 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29—as a discussion of what he calls the "Age of the American Presidency."

"The general movement is toward more power

for presidents," he said. "I think even [President] Trump, with the problems he's having, has vast power to do things."

Mr. Woodward knows his crowds are fascinated to hear about the gridlock of Washington, the tumult surrounding the sobriquet "fake news," and any stories that shed light on President Trump.

"I find people in audiences are now deeply curious," Mr. Woodward said. "Who is he? What's inside? Where is all this going? What are the risks? ... What is he really doing with the economy? What does he understand?

What does he not understand? What is the role of the White House staff, his cabinet? I find people who like him or don't like him pull up questions.

"To be clear, I make no pretense that I

know all of those answers because I also think no one knows all of those answers. Trump may not know those answers," he said.

Mr. Woodward knows people are coming to hear him, but he says he's more interested

in hearing from emergency physicians.

"The key thing I want to do in a talk like this is to spend half or more time on the questions the audience has," he said. "It's much more interesting to me, quite frankly, and hopefully more interesting to them. What's on their minds? What are they worried about? What's going on in government that surprises them, worries them? The question session in something like this is always—it's the high point for me." •

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EMERGENCY MEDICINE FOUNDATION HOSTS DONATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT ACEP17

The Silent Auction, Council Challenge, and VIP Receptions are always popular Emergency Medicine Foundation (EMF) events at ACEP's annual conference. Here's a full list of EMF events:

EMF Council Challenge Thursday, Oct. 26, 3-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27-Saturday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

ACEP Council representatives have contributed more than \$2.1 million since the challenge inception, demonstrating their commitment to fund research, fund education, and support investigators.

Making Wine, Music, and Memories EMF Reception

(By Invitation or \$125)

Sunday, Oct. 29, 6-8 p.m. Long View Gallery

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EMF Major Donor Lounge

(By Invitation Only)

Sunday, Oct. 29-Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

EMF donors who have given \$600 or more since Jan. 1, 2017, can relax in this private setting with comfortable seating, beverages, and business center amenities.

EMF Silent Auction Sunday, Oct. 29-Tuesday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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BRING YOUR COSTUMES, and we'll bring the party at this spectacular Halloween closing bash at ACEP17! Finish your time spent on education, networking, and experiencing the best of emergency medicine at the ACEP17 Closing Celebration, presented by Envision Physician Services.

This family-friendly celebration will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7–11 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis.

Dress up and enjoy a haunted house/maze, face painting, lipologist (lip print reader), palm reader, tarot card reader, and trick-or-treating for the children. Registrants can enjoy music, dancing, and light hors d'oeuvres.

Bid ACEP17 and the capital city farewell with a night full of spooky surprises and socializing with your new ACEP contacts and friends.

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November 13-17, 2017

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February 5-9, 2018

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