



Leading Change

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“I think that we have opportunities all around us - sometimes we just don't recognize them.”

— *Lou Holtz*

I am honored and humbled to be your next AACVPR President and I am energized to work with our leaders, volunteers and members to recognize all the opportunities we have. Following in the footsteps of a great leader and friend, Adam deJong, is no easy task. But with the support of an incredibly accomplished Board of Directors, I am confident we will have a great year! I want to thank them for their dedication and for setting me up for success.

Over 1,000 attendees at the 31st AACVPR Annual Meeting were introduced to AACVPR's next great opportunity, Roadmap to Reform (R2R). Attendees got a glimpse of the energy and efforts AACVPR is putting behind this initiative. With so much change in care delivery and payment models for cardiovascular and pulmonary care, it is imperative that our programs recognize the opportunity that is directly in front of us. As a result, AACVPR leadership has made the strategic decision to develop R2R to be a resource of tools, tactics and strategies for programs to understand the



AACVPR's presidents passing the baton at the 31st Annual Meeting.

changes that are coming and allow us to seize the opportunity.

Our programs are uniquely positioned to be the solution to many of the impending payment and care delivery model changes, and we have to effectively tell our success stories. Through AACVPR resources like R2R, program certification, the Registries, professional certification and our plethora of educational materials, we have the tools and resources to tell our story.

I am excited for all that is ahead of us and I am honored to be part of this great organization! ■

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