



## Leadership Lessons Learned That Remind Us Why We Chose Our Profession

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Being a pediatrician is a joy and a privilege and yet, some of us may find ourselves with less steady footing as we work through the pandemic and all its co-morbidities that patients can experience. That is why it is so refreshing and energizing to read the remarks of Dr. Joseph (Joe) St. Geme, III, who received the 2020 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., Leadership Award from the Federation of Pediatric Organizations. His talk was put on hold until the 2021 Pediatric Academic Societies' meeting (where this award is given) since the conference was canceled in 2020. Dr. St. Geme is the son of the late Dr. St. Geme, Jr., and in his acceptance address ([10.1542/peds.2021-053872](https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2021-053872)) being early released this month in *Pediatrics*, he shares the many lessons learned from his father. He also has many lessons of his own to share with us as well. This is a must-read, whether you need a reminder of why we are fortunate to be pediatricians who get to advance the health and wellbeing of children, or just want to a way to feel even better about what we strive to do each and every day. We are honored to be able to publish the comments from the St. Geme awardees each year. If you enjoy this look at the joys of being a pediatrician, don't miss the other St. Geme lectures that can easily be found by searching on "St. Geme" on our webpage. Congratulations to Dr. St. Geme III on this well-earned and well-deserved honor.

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