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Outstanding Contributions to Education

Robert E. Schmidt, MD, PhD, Professor of Pathology & Immunology in the Division of Neuropathology is honored for his outstanding contributions to education. Dr. Schmidt serves as Division Chief of Neuropathology, Medical Director of the Electron Microscopy Facility and Director of Neuropathology Fellowship.

During his 40 plus years in neuropathology, his dedication to teaching and mentoring the younger generation of (Neuro) pathologists has been unwavering. He has trained close to 40 Neuropathologists during his career at Washington University, and many are now leaders in the field. But more importantly, the relationships he shares with them is incredible. During national/international meetings, his former trainees and colleagues often gather informally to celebrate the fond memories and the impact his teachings have left on them.

His contributions to education do not end with Washington University or Neuropathology, but are reflected more broadly across multiple specialties and trainees outside of Washington University through his AFIP/Inova lectures, multiple book chapters, his peripheral nerve pathology textbook, and digital electron microscopy material that have enriched the renowned Washington University neuromuscular disease center website. These resources benefit many people around the world.

In addition, he has created a catalog of gross and histologic images of rarer entities, collected by him through more than 40 years in the specialty. He never misses the opportunity to share this resource to make a teaching point, draw attention to nuances, or help infer visual comparisons. He is truly an expert in the field who has influenced and enriched many lives by sharing his experience, wit, and patience.