



A TRIBUTE TO
Joseph Caprioli, M.D.
2026





Joe,

You are a true superstar whose work transformed the care of glaucoma and shaped our careers!

Your brilliance, generosity, and leadership shone a light that continues to guide us for years to come.

— The Stein Glaucoma Faculty

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Dr. Caprioli,

Thank you for your teaching of a lifetime.

We still hear your voice in our heads daily.
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Love,
Your almost last and best fellows
(Andrew, Victoria, Ernest, and Jaffer)



**Thank you, Dr. Caprioli, for your
mentorship and for shaping our
approach to the "glaucoma puzzle."**

We strive to uphold your legacy of
excellence in patient care and education.

— Salwa Abdel-Aziz, Reza Alizadeh, Daniel Choi (2016)



Celebrating the lasting legacy of Joseph Caprioli, MD

The Glaucoma Service at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai congratulates Joseph Caprioli, MD, the 2026 American Glaucoma Society Honoree and Mount Sinai/NYEE's 14th Annual Steven M. Podos, MD, Symposium Lecturer.

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Joseph Caprioli:

**A great clinician. A great scientist.
A great person.**

— George L. Spaeth, MD



Joe,

**Thanks for advancing our field
and our understanding of
glaucoma!**

— Shan C. Lin, MD



Dear Joe,

Congratulations on this AGS Guest of Honor recognition for your truly extraordinary scientific contributions to glaucoma and all of ophthalmology.

Countless colleagues have been inspired by your leadership and mentorship, and we are delighted that you are being honored in this very special and meaningful way.

With deepest respect and admiration,
-Anne and Greg Skuta, MD



We will be forever indebted for all you taught us during fellowship.

Thank you for your patience, guidance, and expertise. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

— Class of 2006. Mark, Annette, and Nan

Dear Dr. Caprioli,

Congratulations on this esteemed honor.

You completely changed the course of my entire career. Not only did you make me a better person and surgeon, but you showed me the meaning of true mentorship. Thank you for believing in me and continuing to teach me with every conversation we have.

It was a privilege to have been your fellow.

— Arpine Barsegian, MD



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Congratulations on this honor recognizing your countless accomplishments and contributions to the field of glaucoma, Joe.

And thank you for shaping our clinical and surgical skills. Forever grateful to you.

— Satvinder Gujral and JoAnn Giaconi (Fellows 2004)



Dear Dr. Caprioli, congratulations!

Thank you for teaching me to become a better surgeon, a better researcher, and a better person. I look forward to honoring you at AGS!

— Lucy Q. Shen, MD



Columbia University
Glaucoma Faculty Salutes

Joseph Caprioli, MD
Colleague, Mentor, Friend

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We and our patients thank you for your enormous and seminal contributions to the field of glaucoma.

— Glaucoma Division at the University of Washington

Andrew Chen, Philip Chen, Karine Duarte
Bojikian, Eric Duerr, Raghu Mudumbai



Thank you, Dr. Caprioli, for teaching us the art of the trabeculectomy and so much more!

Unlike IOP, your contributions to the field of glaucoma are immeasurable.

Sincerely,
Peng Lei and Grace Richter
JSEI Fellows 2014-2015



Congratulations Dr. Caprioli!

I arrived at Jules Stein in 2019 expecting to learn about glaucoma, but what I took back home after spending 16 months under Caprioli's mentorship was far more than that.

Impeccable leadership, a profound human connection, and sharp humor were just some of the many qualities I found in my —then— new mentor. The learning process quickly became as challenging as it was demanding and deeply rewarding. I wanted to absorb as much as I could in such a short time: this included surgery, clinic, research, as well as patient management skills, clinical reasoning, mentoring, and even witty outings.

Now, five years after returning to Argentina, JC has become something of an inner voice in my everyday decision-making, both in clinic and in the OR. For that — and for everything mentioned above— I will be forever grateful.

— Agustina de Gainza MD
Glaucoma Specialist



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Dr. Caprioli,

Your brilliance, compassion, and dedication have transformed lives and inspired generations.

Your vision, mentorship, and leadership elevate our field. Thank you for your commitment and humanity - your enduring legacy illuminates and guides us all.

— Ying Han, MD



Dear Joe,

We were your second and fifth fellows. We owe you a debt of gratitude for believing in us.

Thanks for your investment in our future. It has made all the difference!

Best,
Eydie Miller-Ellis, MD and Bruce E. Prum, ED



Honoring the Lasting Legacy of Joseph Caprioli, MD

Congratulations on being the 2026
AGS Guest of Honor. Most well
deserved!

— Joel S. Schuman, MD

Kenneth L. Roper, MD Endowed Chair
Professor of Ophthalmology and
Biomedical Engineering
Vice Chair for Research Innovation
Co-Director, Glaucoma Service



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Mission of the Foundation

To support glaucoma research and education and to promote excellence in the care of patients with glaucoma.



The American Glaucoma Society is extremely proud to recognize Joseph Caprioli, MD as the 2026 AGS Honoree of the Annual Meeting.

We honor your lifetime contributions to ophthalmology, glaucoma, and the American Glaucoma Society.

We also celebrate your unwavering passion for and dedication to patients with glaucoma, as well as our community of scholars, physicians, scientists, educators, fellows, and residents.

—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
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