Announcing the “Meet the First Author” Page

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We believe that this initiative will further enrich the content of the journal while offering greater visibility to the first authors. There is much more to a scientific article than the scientific work per se. The personality of the investigators, their backgrounds, beliefs, and circumstances, and other human factors are often just as important in catalyzing a successful study, but are commonly not shared with the readers. Adding this information sometimes helps to better understand the genesis of an article and its significance. It may also provide useful insights or even inspiration to other trainees/young investigators who are in similar positions. Certainly, the personal dimensions of the first author make the article more interesting to read and less likely to be forgotten. But perhaps most importantly, highlighting the first author is a powerful recognition of the effort and work that he or she has invested in the project, work that often spans several years and is punctuated by sacrifices and challenges. We are cognizant of the fact that the majority of first authors are either trainees (students or postdoctoral fellows) or junior faculty members. We hope that publishing their photo and biographical sketch will serve as a strong moral boost and encouragement. Highlighting these young investigators is wholly consistent with the commitment of Circulation Research and the American Heart Association to promote and support researchers in the early formative stages of their careers.

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