



Student Liaison to the Student National Medical Association 2022 Annual Report

Liaison to the Student National Medical Association (SNMA)

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Purpose & Scope of Work

The SNMA is the nation's oldest and largest independent, student-run organization committed to supporting underrepresented minority students and increasing the number of culturally competent, socially conscious, and clinically excellent physicians. The SNMA also encourages students to pursue the various facets of medicine from clinical medicine to policy and scientific careers. Additionally, the SNMA designs local programming to serve the health needs of underrepresented communities and ensure that medical services are culturally sensitive to the needs of diverse populations.

The liaison is a member of the National SNMA Academic Affairs Committee & Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Network. The role involves sharing information and fostering collaborative efforts between the AAFP and the SNMA, encouraging student members of both the SNMA and FMIG network to recognize the similar values their organizations hold, partner for events at their institutions, and encourage more students from diverse backgrounds to consider Family Medicine as their specialty of choice.

SNMA FMIG Programming

- Continued to maintain SNMA FMIG webpage on national website in coordination with SNMA National External Affairs Committee.
- Maintained the number of members in SNMA FMIG Groupme at 300.
- FM Versatility Panel held at Region III RMEC NLI on 1/19/2022 that focused on FM and physician careers in OB, academic medicine, and private practice. 56 attendees
- FM Post Match Panel held on 5/28/22 on Zoom to assist upcoming 4th years with advice from newly matched and graduated students. Over 80 attendees

National Medical Association Pipeline

- The National Medical Association (NMA) is the collective voice of African American physicians and the leading force for parity and justice in medicine and the elimination of disparities in health. The National Medical Association is the largest and oldest national organization representing African American physicians and their patients in the United States. NMA is committed to improving the quality of health among minorities and disadvantaged people through its membership, professional development, community health education, advocacy, research and partnerships with federal and private agencies.
- Collaborated with the NMA Family Medicine section executive board to identify strategies which will increase SNMA FMIG and resident membership
- Create programming inclusive of NMA Family Medicine section which fosters mentorship and educational opportunities for medical students interested in family medicine.

2022 Annual Medical Education Conference (AMEC)

- First time SNMA has had in person AMEC in 3 years and we were instrumental in helping with specialty specific programming.
- Promoted AAFP, the National Conference, and scholarships available if students were interested in attending.
- Worked and recruited students to AAFP's booth at the exhibit hall and helped to sign up a number of students for membership with the AAFP.
- Hosted a panel discussion with FM physicians from the area on what FM is, the avenues that students can travel if they are interested, pathways to different fellowships, and how practice can differ based on training in FM. Over 60 attendees.
- Networked with FM residency and clerkship programs that were present at the conference and helped students to build connection based on the AAFP involvement with these programs.

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