



Annals of Family Medicine Editorial Advisory Board 2022 Annual Report

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Purpose & Scope of Work

Founded in 2003, The Annals of Family Medicine is a peer-reviewed research journal serving scientists, practitioners, policymakers, and the patients and communities they serve. It's a product of collaboration between seven family medicine organizations. Due to its cost-free publication and open-access platform, it has provided inclusivity and accessibility to all. The Annals of Family Medicine is the top-ranked North American primary care research journal.

Activities & Achievements

As the student representative, I attended each meeting and contributed to my student perspective to the presented topics, such as increasing access and outreach to the community as well as ensuring continued quality submissions to the journal. As the only student member of the editorial board, I made sure to increase student involvement by promoting the academic journal to fellow students interested in primary care research. Several students interested in Family Medicine reached out via email or social media to inquire how to get involved with AAFP. Furthermore, I attend the monthly (mini) grand round discussions and assisted in the promotion of the free event to medical students on social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Achievements included:

- Invited Student Speaker regarding Research and Advocacy in Family Medicine at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Weekly Townhall by Dean Aron Sousa (October 2021)
- Featured by Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU News) for national level role with the Annals of Family Medicine (Article Link: <https://humanmedicine.msu.edu/news/2022-mafp-appointments.html>)
- Featured by the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians for national level role with the Annals of Family Medicine (Article Link: <https://www.mafp.com/news/msuchm-student-appointed-to-national-editorial-advisory-board>)

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on The Annals of Family Medicine

This opportunity as student representative provided me the insight on the management and functions of a successful academic research journal. I was honored to be featured by the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians and my medical school news department, which led to highlighting opportunities and interest in national-level AAFP student positions. I appreciated the efforts made to increase accessibility to all by the Annals of Family Medicine editorial board, which aligns with my mission to bridge communities, especially underserved and underrepresented communities, to research. I was honored to participate on such a prestigious platform, which had reaffirmed my passions for primary care research. Primary care research is fundamental in advancing our understanding of clinical medicine and care of all patients. As student representative of the Annals of Family Medicine, I was able to connect with and learn from such inspiring family physicians. I look forward to getting involved with the Annals of Family Medicine as a future physician and hope to contribute further as a reviewer or author.

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