



# Student Liaison to the Student National Medical Association 2021 Annual Report

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## 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.

### Activities & Achievements

#### SNMA FMIG Programming

- Created SNMA FMIG webpage on national website
- Increased SNMA FMIG GroupMe membership and email listserv from 100 to over 300
- Versatility of Family Medicine Panel Discussion held on Sunday 3/28/21 – family medicine physicians with careers in obstetrics, academia, and private practice shared insight about their decision to pursue family medicine and strategies on how to focus on their respective fields within family medicine. Over 40 attendees
- Family Medicine Fellowships Panel Discussion held on Sunday 6/20/2021 – family medicine physicians who completed fellowships in obstetrics, geriatrics, health media and advocacy, and women's reproductive health shared about how they chose their fellowship, the application process, and how to be competitive in the fellowship application process. Over 40 attendees
- Resiliency Realness: How to Successfully Match in Family Medicine after taking a Gap Year or Not Matching During Your First Application Cycle. Tentative date Saturday August 7, 2021 3:00-4:30p EST. Panelists will discuss how to successfully match after taking a gap year after graduation or not successfully Matching/SOAPing into a FM residency program

### **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
  - o 8/4/21 at 8p EST - Speak on SNMA Sewing Seeds family medicine panel with NMA executive board leadership

### **2020 Virtual Annual Medical Education Conference (AMEC)**

- Promoted AAFP National Conference and shared links for scholarship opportunities to utilize for attendance
- Collaborated with AAFP student leadership colleagues to create national conference programming
  1. Inspirational session for Family Medicine Interest Group attendees
  2. Celebration of diversity session for BIPOC attendees

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