NATIONAL ADVOCACY WEEK 2022
OCT. 10-14
About Medical Student National Advocacy Week

Medical Student National Advocacy Week is a national grassroots effort. From Oct. 10-14, medical student members of the AMA from every corner of the United States will stand together to actively address the issues of student loan debt, prior authorization and telehealth.

Register for our webinar, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Eastern, to learn about these legislative priorities.

The American Medical Association is providing you with the tools to organize events on campus and educate your peers and legislators on the critical issues (PDF) affecting students.

Learn about the issues

Get involved

From setting up congressional meetings to hosting events, find all the resources you need to participate in National Advocacy Week.

Awards

Change Maker Award

Lucy Brown—Indiana University

A passionate advocate for abortion rights, Lucy has co-authored opinion editorials, written resolutions at the state and national level, and educated her classmates on this issue. Recently, she collaborated with advocates across her university to organize a rally for reproductive rights, attended by over 100 participants.

Shivani Jain (honorable mention)—Louisiana State University

Shivani worked with several local organizations to teach over 200 participants strategies for cardiovascular disease prevention while also engaging them in advocating for improvements in AED placement in public venues across the city.
Innovation in Advocacy Award

Senila Yasmin—Tufts University School of Medicine

At Tufts, Senila organized an Advocacy Fair that spotlighted physicians who are involved with advocacy as well as tables where med students could register to vote, take action by becoming involved with non-profit organizations, and also learn about the AMA's advocacy work on behalf of med students and the profession.

Engagement in Advocacy Award

Kameron Haake—University of Missouri-Columbia (large institution award)

In working to rebuild her local campus section, Kameron helped organize events for every day of National Advocacy Week, which culminated in a trip to the state capital where medical students met with policymakers. Over 60 students were engaged throughout the week.

Diana Hla—Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine (small institution award)

Diana helped organize a luncheon for writing to Minnesota congressional representatives that was attended by 17 students. At the Florida campus, two students called their congressional representatives and were able to schedule a Zoom meeting to further discuss telehealth and prior authorization.

Next steps

Continue to build on your advocacy experience. Get more involved as an AMA member and learn about our upcoming events (PDF).

URL: https://www.ama-assn.org/about/events/2022-medical-student-national-advocacy-week
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