

# 2021 MEDICAL STUDENT ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

*All times are in Eastern time*

## Thursday, March 4

9:30–9:35 a.m.	<b>Live welcome address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reilly Bealer, Government Relations Advocacy Fellow, AMA</li> </ul>
9:35–9:45 a.m.	<b>Live congressional address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. John Barrasso, MD (R-Wyo.)</li> </ul>
9:45–9:55 a.m.	<b>Live congressional address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Kim Schrier, MD (D-Wash.)</li> </ul>
9:55–11 a.m.	<b>Keynote and congressional addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-recorded keynote address: Marcella Nunez-Smith, MD, co-chair of President Biden's COVID-19 advisory board</li> <li>Pre-recorded congressional address: Rep. Robin Kelly (D-Ill.)</li> <li>Pre-recorded congressional address: Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.)</li> <li>Pre-recorded congressional address: Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.)</li> </ul>
11 a.m.–noon	<b>Live training program: Receive education on the confirmed health policy issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combating maternal mortality—Presented by Jennifer Brown, JD, Division of Legislative Counsel, AMA</li> <li>Regulations surrounding medical marijuana research—Presented by Jason Marino, Congressional Affairs, AMA</li> <li>Telehealth accessibility and innovation—Presented by Dana Lichtenberg, Congressional Affairs, AMA</li> </ul> <p>This training session moderated by Reilly Bealer, AMA Government Relations Advocacy Fellow, will prepare students to understand the health policy issues that they will advocate for on Capitol Hill, including why these issues matter to patients.</p> <p>Mandatory for attendees with a scheduled Capitol Hill visit</p>
Noon–12:20 p.m.	<b>Special address</b> <p>Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, a psychiatrist from Atlanta and immediate past president of the AMA, will reflect on her career in advocacy and organized medicine.</p>
12:20–1:20 p.m.	<b>Live training program: Learn effective lobbying techniques from experts</b> <p>Receive expert training on everything from the basics to best practices for Capitol Hill visits from Christopher Sherin; Lindsey Brill, JD; and Katie Dapper from the AMA Congressional Affairs team.</p> <p>Observe a mock visit that demonstrates lessons for advocacy on Capitol Hill. Guided by Marilyn J. Heine, MD, FACEP, FACP, chair, Council on Legislation, AMA, this interactive session will offer insight into the challenges you may face on the Hill and strategies to optimize your advocacy and learning experience.</p> <p>Mandatory for attendees with a scheduled Capitol Hill visit</p>
1:20–1:30 p.m.	<b>Live program: Social presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn how to showcase your advocacy on social media in this brief presentation from Victoria Gordon, Medical Student Digital Fellow, AMA.</li> </ul>
1:30–3 p.m.	<b>Live voting state meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene with students from your voting state to define roles and goals for your upcoming Capitol Hill visits and practice your talking points.</li> </ul>

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3–6 p.m.

**Pre-recorded advocacy education programming**

- **An inside look into the life of congressional staffers**
  - Featured presenters: Danielle Turnipseed, Federal Affairs, AMA; Katherine Dapper, Congressional Affairs, AMA; and Kimberly Chernoby, MD, JD, health policy fellow, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
  - Description: This session looks at what goes on behind the scenes in Congress by talking with staffers regarding their roles and responsibilities, what occurs following the lobbying process, and tips for advocates to be as effective as possible.
- **Health equity and advocacy through COVID-19 and beyond**
  - Featured presenters: Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH, chief health equity officer and group vice president, AMA; Fawn Sharp, president, National Congress of American Indians
  - Description: Hear from public health and health equity experts on addressing the root causes of the health inequities that we are seeing currently amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic, including future solutions in policy and legislation to combat these inequities.
- **Public health infrastructure**
  - Featured presenter: Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, director, Center for Vaccine Development, Texas Children's Hospital
  - Description: As COVID-19 rages on, we continue to rely on our public health leaders, medical professionals and scientific community to help guide us. This session will look at the lessons we have learned from COVID-19, including the policies and decisions that need to be implemented in order to move forward and rebuild public health infrastructure.

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6–7 p.m.

**Virtual networking mixer with AMA Ambassadors**

- Grab your favorite beverage and a snack and unwind with your colleagues after the first day of the 2021 AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference. Test your conference trivia skills for prizes and get to know your fellow students better. Everyone is welcome to attend and will be assigned randomly to smaller breakout rooms for optimal mixing and mingling!

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**Friday, March 5**

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Virtual Capitol Hill visits**

- Specific voting states' schedules to be announced. Visit times will vary.
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