



Dear colleagues,

It is my privilege to welcome you to the **2026 American Medical Association Medical Student Advocacy Conference (MAC)**. Thank you for taking the time and effort to join us in Washington, D.C., for the AMA's largest medical student advocacy event.

By being here, you've already shown something important. You're paying attention to what's happening in medicine, in policy and in the lives of the patients we serve. That awareness matters, and it signals a shared determination to shape the future of medicine and advocate for the patients at the center of our work.

This conference is not about telling you what to care about. It's about helping you turn what you already care about into meaningful action. MAC is designed to give you the skills and context to advocate effectively while beginning relationships with elected officials that can grow over time.

Advocacy is rarely about a single meeting or a single moment. It's about showing up consistently, having thoughtful conversations and earning trust over years. The relationships you start here can shape how medicine and patient care are understood long after this conference ends, throughout your training and into your career as a physician.

To support you during the conference, we've appointed state leads who are available to answer questions and provide guidance, particularly as you prepare for your Hill visits. This conference is intended to support you and your advocacy—so take advantage of the resources available to you. We also encourage you to share your experiences on social media using #MedStudentsAdvocate and tag @amermedicalassn and @amamedstudents.

The AMA and MAC exist to support your advocacy and help open doors, but the relationships you begin here are what carry this work forward. We hope this experience strengthens your confidence and helps lay the groundwork for continued engagement throughout your training and career.

I'm glad you're here, and we look forward to the conversations you'll start and the impact you'll make.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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