

Alternate Delegate

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Residency program: Mount Sinai Emergency Medicine

Fellowship Program: George Washington University Health Policy Fellowship

Statement of Interest

I first became interested in the Alternate Delegate position during my time as a Governing Council member in the MSS as the GRAF. As the GRAF, I spent a significant amount of time preparing the MSS delegation and the resolutions for success in the HOD assembly. The young physician's opinion is underrepresented in many ways in the AMA, so I dedicated much of my time towards this aim. I have also written and pushed many resolutions through the HOD and have ample experience speaking at reference committees.

I believe my past and future experiences will allow me to be an outstanding representative for the RFS to the HOD. I have been fortunate enough to chair the Committee on Business and Economics in the RFS and serve as one of the HOD delegates for the past four years. I believe these experiences have given me a strong sense of what the RFS stands for and the policies we hold dear. However, it's my future experiences that I believe will allow me to be a truly unique alternate delegate. I was fortunate enough to be selected as the only health policy fellow for George Washington University starting this July. The fellowship allows me to fully entrench in the DC culture and prepare for a career in health policy. Being in DC will also allow me to stay close with the AMA lobbying office so that I can ensure our priority resolutions are enacted upon.

Diversity Statement

Our healthcare system is large, convoluted, and filled with areas for improvement. My focus has always been to advocate for those that cannot and ensure our system works for everyone. My current place of employment is at an Emergency Department that serves an incredibly diverse zip code in Elmhurst Queens, a community that was also disproportionately affected by the pandemic. At my next Emergency Department, I will again work for a predominantly underserved community in Washington DC. I have found great meaning in caring for this population and take extra steps to advocate on their behalf as evidenced by my list of resolutions I have written and passed.