

## Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

Vice Speaker

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### Name

Danielle Rivera

### Credentials

MD

### Pronouns

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### Statement of interest

I as a long time AMA member, I have always loved the policy debates and the synchronicity of a well run meeting. It would be an honor to serve as vice speaker and work with the speaker to organize and facilitate a meeting that is accessible as possible for new members. This would include being well versed on each resolution and item of business and being prepared to manage and think quickly when new issues come up. Further, it would ideally include options for members who may have disabilities that limit access and is something that I would hope to work on and potentially have the RFS try to pilot for other sections and HOD.

### Diversity statement

While I fall into a number of different marginalized categories (female, Hispanic, bisexual, and I live in a state that a shocking number of people think is part of Mexico) the identity of mine that I think is most often forgotten, in that it wasn't even a suggested example in the prompt, is ability. I developed a disability in my early 20s. Before then, I was incredibly naïve to the challenges that those with disabilities faced. Now, as a medical student with a disability, I have a unique perspective that I bring to every encounter, be it with a classmate, a patient, or to my policy work.

I'm routinely surprised by how ableist our world can be; those considerations, which are somewhat new to me, are often unique in the classroom and bring a perspective that is too often forgotten. As someone who is visibly disabled, those considerations are part of how I present and reflect a lived experience that is different and important to consider.