

Medical Student Section (MSS) June 2022 Meeting Election Manual

Vice Chair

Imaima Casubhoy

Matthew Swanson

Delegate

Ryan Englander

At-Large Officer

Nikita Sood

DEI Officer

Joshua Carrasco

Zoha Mian

Melinique Walls Castellanos

AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council Nomination / Application Form

Nominees / applicants must be current AMA members and, if elected, must maintain AMA membership through the term of service.

Part 1: Nominee / Applicant Information

Imaima

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Casubhoy

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

City

State

Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

[REDACTED]

Email Address

University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine

Medical School

05/2024

Medical School Graduation /

Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)

Position Nominated / Applying for:

- Vice Chair
- Speaker
- Vice Speaker
- Delegate
- Alternate Delegate
- At-Large Officer
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Officer

Part 2: Nominator Information

Self-nominations are accepted. Complete this part of the form only if the candidate has been nominated for this position by an eligible nominator.

Nominated by:

Email Address of Individual Responsible for Nomination:

Nominee has agreed to serve:

- Yes
- No

Nominator's Narrative Statement

(Max 250 Words)

Part 3: Supporting Information

Current professional position and responsibilities, including faculty appointments

I am currently a 3rd year medical student at the University of Missouri Kansas City. I will be taking a year off and will be an MPH candidate at Johns Hopkins for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Current and previous AMA leadership positions

Current AMA Leadership Position

- Women in Medicine (WIM) Co-Chair: June 2021-present
- Region 2 Secretary: June 2021-present
- UMKC AMA Chapter Vice-President: May 2020-present

Past AMA Leadership Positions

- WIM Co-Vice Chair: June 2020-June 2021
- Region 2 Community Service Chair: June 2020-June 2021
- WIM Programming Subcommittee Chair: June 2019-June 2020
- Region 2 Committee on Advocacy and Legislation Co-Chair: June 2019-June 2020
- WIM Advocacy Subcommittee Chair: December 2019-June 2020
- UMKC AMA Chapter Treasurer: May 2019-May 2021

Other relevant current and previous leadership positions (e.g., state/specialty medical society, healthcare organization, etc.)

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Statement of interest

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It is within the MSS that my passion for advocacy and public health was nurtured. I have been lucky to have mentors, now lifelong friends, who guided me through the MSS, helping me find my voice. My membership in the Women in Medicine standing committee was my gateway into the AMA. Standing committees are an integral part of our MSS, an opportunity for new members to get involved and find a community. I am running for Vice Chair because I have a deep rooted love for this section. My goals are to prioritize equity and representation within the section, ensuring that I uplift the voices of those who aren't often heard. I hope to work extensively with newer members and help facilitate mentorship relationships for them throughout the section. As vice chair, I hope to be a partner to standing committee leaders, helping them to create new and revolutionary projects. While social media can connect us, it can also isolate us, as we have all learned throughout this pandemic. With the help of standing committee leadership, I plan to create monthly standing committee updates to be shared with all MSS members. Above all, I believe in transparency. As Vice Chair, I will work with the GC to create public meeting agendas and host town halls where your voices can be heard. I believe that leadership is the service of those who you represent, and it would be my honor and privilege to amplify all of your voices.



Part 4: Additional Requirements

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D. Dean's Signature

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E. Notification of Dean

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- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide your dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Dean Mary Anne Jackson
email: jacksonmar@umkc.edu

F. Acknowledgment of MSS IOPs and Speakers' Ruling

I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Rulings for this election cycle and agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

Candidate's Initials: IC

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Candidate Signature



Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature



Part 5: Diversity and Demographics

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information.

Use of the diversity and demographic information provided in this application

For leadership positions elected by Section membership (e.g., Section Governing Council), your individually identifiable information will not be shared beyond Section leadership, which will use candidate demographic information in aggregate form to assess the diversity of the Section's applicant pool.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.

(Max 250 words)

My first day of preschool, I couldn't speak English. My parents, desperate to keep their connection to India alive, solely spoke to me in Gujarati during the first few years of my life. Though I cannot remember my first day of preschool, I saw the impact it left on my parents. The fear that my sister would be "othered" like I had, led them to never teach her Gujarati and lose part of their roots in attempts to assimilate. Growing up in America, I was constantly made aware that I didn't exactly belong here, from being mocked because my Ws sounded like Vs to being told I wasn't an American despite being born in this country. As a bisexual Indian woman, I have found myself underrepresented in many spaces, including medicine. Yet, I am well aware of the privileges I have, privileges other minority groups aren't afforded. While underrepresented, the systemic barriers I have to face as an Asian are often smaller and less restrictive than those from underrepresented minority groups. If elected, I vow to dedicate myself to championing equity and uplifting voices of leaders who have been underrepresented, in hopes of creating a sustainable culture that prioritizes representation and equity. Over the years, the governing council has grown diverse in gender and ethnicity, yet there is more work to be done. Diversity within leadership is necessary for the medical students who come after us, to give them the representation that many of us have not had.



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Signature

05/05/2022

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)



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ACOG District 7

- Maternal Mortality Committee Member: September 2021-present
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee Member: January 2021-present

NASPAG

- Social Media Committee Member: November 2021-present

SFMF

- Reproductive Advisory Group Member: October 2021-present

Diversity and Inclusion for d155 in Crystal Lake IL

- Co-founder: May 2020-present

Imaima Casubhoy, Vice Chair Candidate: Curriculum Vitae

BA in Biology, December 2021, University of Missouri Kansas City

MPH Candidate, Class of 2023, Johns Hopkins University

MD Candidate, Class of 2024, University of Missouri Kansas City

Advocacy Leadership

- **AMA, Women in Medicine Standing Committee**
 - Co-Chair, June 2021–June 2022
 - Co-Vice Chair, June 2020–June 2021
 - Programming Subcommittee Chair, June 2019–June 2020
 - *Responsible for planning and execution of 3 national programming events held during I-19.*
 - Advocacy Subcommittee Chair, December 2019–June 2020
- **AMA MSS, Region 2**
 - Secretary, June 2021–June 2022
 - Community Service Chair, June 2020–June 2021
 - Committee on Advocacy and Legislation Co-Chair, June 2019–June 2020
 - Resolution Committee Member, June 2019–June 2020
- **Missouri State Medical Association, MSS**
 - Chairperson, May 2021–March 2022
 - *Created social media channels and organized 1st in-person MSS meeting since COVID-19*
 - Vice-Chairperson, May 2020–May 2021
- **Kansas City Medical Society**
 - Leadership Council UMKC Representative, August 2021–present
- **AMWA, Physicians Against Trafficking Humans Student Division**
 - Research Subcommittee Assistant Co-Chair, May 2021–present
- **North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology**
 - Social Media Committee Member, October 2021–present
- **Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine**
 - Reproductive Advisory Group Member, October 2021–present
- **Diversity and Inclusion for d155**
 - Cofounder, May 2020–present
 - *Co-created a group to champion anti-racism course creation, disciplinary protocol changes and creation of diversity and equity positions within administration. Created a successful petition and proposal and continue to work with local high school administration to enact anti-racist policy and educational reform.*

Clinical Leadership

- **Sojourner Health Clinic**
 - Emeritus Executive Director, May 2022–present
 - Executive Director, May 2021–May 2022
 - *Manage day-to-day operations, oversee all clinical operations, oversee executive board members and their duties, write grants, communicate with community partners and faculty*
 - Laboratory Director, May 2020–May 2021
 - *In charge of training laboratory volunteers in managers, along with administrative work*
 - Laboratory Manager, May 2028–May 2020
 - *Ran the laboratory*
- **UMKC Health Sciences Health Fair**
 - Clinical Subcommittee Chair, November 2021–present

- *In charge of organizing all clinical activities and creating educational materials for 1st annual health fair.*
- **Kansas City PPE Drive**
 - Social Media Co-Coordinator, March 2020–August 2020
 - *Organized social media content to raise awareness and coordinate PPE delivery to local Kansas City hospitals during the pandemic*

Written Resolutions

- **AMA/AMA-MSS**
 - Creating an AMA-MSS Election Task Force, A-20
 - Addressing informal Milk Sharing, I-20
 - Transparencies on Restrictions of Care, I-20
 - Anti-Harassment training, I-20
 - Guidelines on Chaperones for Sensitive Exams, I-20
 - Expansion of Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, I-20
 - Family Planning for Medical Students, I-19
 - Increasing Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products in School Settings, I-19
- **Missouri State Medical Association**
 - Period Poverty and Access to Care, 2022
 - Support for Universal Internet Access, 2021

Advocacy Editorials

- *We're Future Doctors. The Vaccine is our Shot for a Covid-Free Future*, IndyStar

Advocacy Presentations

- *The AMA and Reproductive Justice*, Physicians of the Future Summit 2021
- *Celebrating Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Leadership and Women's Rights*. Webinar, September 2020
- *Human Trafficking: Education and Advocacy*. Webinar, January 2020
- *Telemedicine: Mail Order Birth Control*. Presentation, I-19
- *Gender Bias in Medicine (CME)*, Presentation, I-19
- *La Frontera–The Unknown Frontier of Women's Health Care at the US-Mexico Border*. Presentation, I-19
- *Women Leaders in Medicine*, Presentation, A-19

Research Publications

- *Quality Assessment of Diabetes Management through A1c Monitoring at a Student Run Free Clinic in Kansas City, Missouri*. Journal of Student-Run Clinics



School of Medicine

Dear Members of the AMA Medical Student Section Council:

It is my distinct pleasure to support and recommend Imaima Casubhoy, as an ideal candidate for the AMA Medical Student Section Council. Ms. Casubhoy is an exceptional 5th year medical student in the accelerated 6-year combined BA/MD program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine (SOM), with an anticipated graduation of May 2023.

I currently serve as the Dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine (SOM). Our program, recognized for the opportunity for students' early exposure into clinical medicine and our innovative curriculum that extensively merges the humanities curriculum throughout pre-clinical and clinical years, requires maturity and focus for these young students, who enroll right out of high school. I have had the pleasure of working with thousands of these talented students through my career, and Ms. Casubhoy is in the top tier.

She has not only been academically successful, but also has a rich history of being engaged in volunteer, research, and leadership roles. I have been impressed with her careful planning and focus toward a career in academic medicine and her engagement in a breadth of experiences and leadership initiatives, that reflect her passion for supporting advocacy in medicine, social justice and gender equity. Her clinical healthcare experience includes more than 700 hours of participation in our student-led clinic where she is the executive director and the laboratory manager. She has presented her research at the Society of Student Run Free Clinics on topics of health literacy, medication adherence and COVID knowledge among the patients they serve.

I would like to highlight that her medical knowledge, her admirable work ethic, and an uncommon enthusiasm to pursue excellence in medicine, surpasses her peers. She has been a member of the AMA and the Missouri State Medical Association since 2017, and the American Medical Women's Association since 2021 and she has been an active participant in each organization. Her engagement in a broad range of research and advocacy projects, many which align with her passion for championing care and policy changes that work to improve the care for the underserved, is notable. A few of her experiences of note, include leading the AMA Reproductive Justice presentation at the Physicians of the Future Summit, as well oral presentations at recent AMA meetings on topics ranging from the role of telemedicine in birth control, to the need for education and advocacy related to human trafficking.

I also call your attention to the 10 public policy and op-ed publications she has authored, that address the role of COVID vaccine from the viewpoint of future doctors, of the need for anti-harassment training, expansion of a family planning policy for medical students, the importance of comprehensive sexual health education as well as increasing access to menstrual hygiene products in schools.

In summary, Ms. Casubhoy has exhibited outstanding academic performance in our BA/MD program that includes a focus on advocacy and leadership roles, and she is clearly ready for this challenge. She knows how to balance her time and prioritize the work she is passionate about. With her demonstrated maturity and focus towards a career in academic medicine, this bright young woman has a very promising future. When you meet her, you will find that she is passionate, focused, articulate and full of energy. She has my highest and unreserved recommendation, and I very much hope that she is selected to the AMA Vice Chair of the Medical Student Section position.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Jackson, MD, FAAP, FIDSA, FPIDS
Dean and Professor of Pediatrics
University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine



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April 25, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of more than 4,000 members of the Missouri State Medical Association, it gives me great pleasure to submit this letter in support of the candidacy of Imaima Casubhoy for Vice-Chair of the American Medical Association Medical Student Section.

Ms. Casubhoy served as the Chair of the Missouri State Medical Association Medical Student Section in 2021-2022. In that role, she led student membership recruitment efforts at the state's six medical schools. In addition, she planned and coordinated a medical student phone bank, where students would call alumni and encourage them to join MSMA. Coming out of the pandemic, Ms. Casubhoy organized the first in-person MSS events since 2019. Her efforts on behalf of the MSMA-MSS were top notch.

Most importantly, Imaima was friendly, humble, and a pleasure to work with.

The Missouri State Medical Association heartily endorses her candidacy.

Regards,

Jeffrey S. Howell
Executive Vice President



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Part 1: Nominee / Applicant Information

Matthew

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Swanson

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

City

State

Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

[REDACTED]

Email Address

Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University

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Matthew Swanson

Nominated by:

matthew.swanson@qu.edu

Email Address of Individual Responsible for Nomination:

Nominee has agreed to serve:

Yes

No

Nominator's Narrative Statement

(Max 250 Words)

Self-nomination.

Part 3: Supporting Information

Current professional position and responsibilities, including faculty appointments

Telehealth Fellow, Doximity Inc (Nov 2021 – Present)
Region 7 Delegate, AMA-MSS (Nov 2021 – Present)
Chair, Committee on Health Information Technology, AMA-MSS (June 2021 – Present)
Treasurer, Student Government, Frank H. Netter School of Medicine (Apr 2021 – Present)
Fellow, Choosing Wisely STARS, Austin, TX (Nov 2019 – Present)

Current and previous AMA leadership positions

I've served our AMA since my first year in roles from founding my school chapter, chapter delegate, standing member of CHIT, Chair of CHIT, Region 7 Delegate, and fellow grassroots advocate.

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Statement of interest

(Max 250 Words)

I'm applying for Vice Chair with the following core priorities:

- Standing Committee Engagement and Expectations;
- Inclusivity, Representation, and Voice;
- Professional Development and Growth;
- Partnership, Teamwork, and Clear Communication;
- Distribution of Power and Equity.

I want to push our standing committees to deliver innovative engagement and policy projects for the section. I want to help refine how our standing committees operate and increase involvement from standing members. I want our standing members to take pride in their positions and really walk away with skills gained in their area of interest and impactful work completed. I believe our section should have a caucus, interest group, or standing committee that represents and reflects the unique needs, interests, and expertise of our HPSP, active/reserve military, and veteran members. I believe bringing appropriate professional development lessons to the monthly Standing Committee leadership meetings is a path towards building us to be the most success physicians and advocates possible. I want to prioritize ensuring that MSS leadership opportunities are equally available and accessible to all of our members and want to champion this project during my GC term. I want to champion equitable accessibility to leadership opportunities so that there is parity between those on 4-year tracks and those on 8-year tracks. It's time for a light to be shined on the work that goes into making these appointments.

With your vote, I'm excited about the things we'll accomplish.

This is where I belong. This is it. Together we can.

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- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide your dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Phillip M. Boiselle, MD
ATTN: Dean Boiselle, Frank H Netter MD School of Medicine
370 Bassett Rd, North Haven, CT 06473
Email address: Phillip.Boiselle@Quinnipiac.edu

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Phillip M. Boiselle, MD

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I am a white, well-educated, upper-middle-class, and altogether successful and goodhearted young man. I have worked hard, faced defeat, and sacrificed a lot to be where I am today. Still, the issue of inequality hasn't worked against my favor, and a lot of opportunities available to me were due to privilege – my identity has benefitted me in immeasurable ways. I've not taken this privilege for granted, and I have taken advantage of every opportunity available to me with the understanding that there is a systemic problem of inequity that doesn't affect me personally and that this is unjust and unfair. I will continue to lift the voices of those who are oppressed. I will continue to learn and increase my awareness of the healthcare disparities within these populations to be better aware of them in my patient population and better equipped to address them. The diversity of my experiences and perspectives and my understanding of my privilege will ultimately add to the overall diversity of the position and help create and sustain a community of inclusion throughout the profession of medicine.

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MATTHEW J. SWANSON

EDUCATION

NYU STERN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS **New York City, NY**
Master of Business Administration (MBA), Full-time **2022 – present**

- Fertitta Merit-based Scholarship; Stern Healthcare Association.

FRANK H. NETTER MD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE **North Haven, CT**
Doctor of Medicine (MD) **2019 – present**

- 2022 Arnold P. Gold Foundation Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee.
- Healthcare Management & Organizational Leadership; Student Government Treasurer.
- Health Policy Capstone Research Project (Published 2021, *Trials*); Summer 2020 Research Fellowship.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS **Lowell, MA**
Bachelor of Science (BS), Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude **2016 – 2017**

- Provost Research Fellowship; Massachusetts Life Sciences Center's Internship Challenge Award Recipient.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY **USAF Academy, CO**
Distinguished Student, Superintendent's Overall Merit List **2013 – 2016**

- Medical Discharge under Honorable Conditions; Presidential and Congressional Nominations.
- TG-16A Glider Pilot; German Military Proficiency Badge (Gold); Led Survival Training Team; Cadet EMT.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION **Chicago, IL**
Delegate, Northeast Region **2021 – present**

- Awarded “Mentor of the Year” and “Excellence in Advocacy” (Feb 2022).
- Elected by peers as the regional representative to AMA National House of Delegates.

Chair, Committee on Health Information Technology **2021 – present**

- Led resolutions and programming session discussions at 2021 national meeting.
- Founded and hosted AMA "Making the Rounds" podcast; most successful AMA committee project.
- Led structured meetings with Senators Blumenthal and Murphy defending health policy interests.

DOXIMITY, INC. **San Francisco, CA**
Telehealth Fellow **2021 – present**

- Investigating public health impact of e-prescribing opioids & Afghan refugee digital health literacy.
- First-ever fellow class, collaborate to shape future of Doximity telehealth platform.

COST OF CARE, INC. **Austin, TX**
Choosing Wisely Student Advocate for Resource Stewardship (STAR) **2019 – 2021**

- Participated in three leadership summits at Dell Medical School.
- Authored "Design Thinking and Undergraduate Medical Education" (Published 2021, *Academic Medicine*).

PFIZER, INC. **Andover, MA**
Associate Scientist **2017 – 2019**

- W.E. UP John Leadership Award; Worldwide R&D Business of Science Graduate (taking drugs to market).
- Led research and regulatory filings for sterile injectable products.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Suicide Crisis Counselor (Crisis Text Line, Inc.); 80+ hours of intervention conversations.
Pre-Med Mentor (Prescribe it Forward, Inc.); 2 students, monthly advisement meetings.

LANGUAGES – Elementary Arabic and Spanish Proficiencies.

HOBBIES – Classic Literature and Films, Fly Fishing, Rolling Pasta, Chess, NYT Crosswords, Running, Hiking, Peloton.

PUBLICATIONS

- Swanson, M.**, Sheth, A., Ross, J., & Rath, V. (In-Progress). Federal Seed Funding in Otolaryngology Device Development over 30-years. [Research]
- Swanson, M.**, Hecht, D., Bourdillon, A., Cohen, O., & Mehra, S. (Submitted 2021). Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Treatments and Outcomes for HPV-Positive Oropharyngeal Squamous Cell Carcinoma. [Research]
- Drake, M., **Swanson, M.**, ... & Butler, A. (Submitted 2021). The Development and Impact of Telemedicine in the United States During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. [Research]
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- Swanson, M.**, & Hansen, J. (2021, July). Design Thinking and Undergraduate Medical Education: Creating a Scaffold for Student-Driven Change Applied to Value in Medicine. *Academic Medicine*. [Letter]
- Ramamirtham, R., **Swanson, M. J.**, ... & Ferguson, R. D. (2016). Extrafoveal cone packing in eyes with a history of retinopathy of prematurity. *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*, 57(2), 467-475. [Research]

POLICY PROJECTS

- Agrawal, R. **Swanson, M.**, et al. (2021, November). Protecting Clinical AI from Adversarial Attacks. *Interim Meeting 2021*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section Assembly. [Resolution]
- Bhatnagar, S., **Swanson, M.**, et al. (2021, November). Digitizing and Centralizing Access to Advance Care Planning Documents. *Interim Meeting 2021*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section Assembly. [Resolution]
- Alexander, A., **Swanson, M.**, et al. (2021, November). Overcoming Medical Misinformation through Utilizing Bots to Provide Accurate Medical Information. *Interim Meeting 2021*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section Assembly. [Resolution]
- Mintz, J., **Swanson, M.**, et al. (2021, November). Evaluating Clinical Outcomes of Mobile Health Technologies. *Interim Meeting 2021*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section Assembly. [Resolution]
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- Chawla, R., **Swanson, M.**, et al. (2021, June). Study Policy H-480.945 "Genome Editing and its Potential Clinical Use" to Align with AMA Code of Medical Ethics. *Annual Meeting 2021*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section Assembly. [Resolution]
- Liakos, W., **Swanson, M.**, et al. (2021, June). Generation of CPT Codes for Time Spent on Prior Authorization to Better Appreciate Physician Burden. *Annual Meeting 2021*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section Assembly. [Resolution]
- Swanson, M.**, et al. (2020, November). Against Immunity Passports to Relieve COVID-19 Restrictions. *Interim Meeting 2020*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section Assembly. [Resolution]

NARRATIVE PROJECTS

- Swanson, M.** (2021, November). CHIT Chat Fireside Chat with Thomas Mason, MD, and Rob Davis. *Interim Meeting 2021*, American Medical Association. [Educational Programming Session]
- Swanson, M.** (2021, September). Megan Ranney, MD, MPH, on digital health innovations and COVID-19 misinformation during the pandemic. *Making the Rounds*, American Medical Association. [Podcast]
- Swanson, M.** (2021, September). Using block-chain technology to drive solutions in the digital health care landscape. *Making the Rounds*, American Medical Association. [Podcast]
- Swanson, M.** (2021, August). Data expert and engineer Nitesh Chawla, PhD, shares his perspective on using data for common good. *Making the Rounds*, American Medical Association. [Podcast]
- Swanson, M.** (2021, July). Leveraging health IT and data to understand patient outcomes with Joseph Ross, MD, MHS. *Making the Rounds*, American Medical Association. [Podcast]
- Swanson, M.** (2021, July). Outside the box: Creative use of big data in medical research. *Making the Rounds*, American Medical Association. [Podcast]
- Swanson, M.** (2021, July). Surgeon discusses advancing technology to increase transparency in health care. *Making the Rounds*, American Medical Association. [Podcast]
- Swanson, M.** (2020, June). Curiosity Almost Killed Schrödinger's Cat. *Arbor Vitae* (Vol. 9), ISSN 2374-460X. [Story]



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Part 1: Nominee / Applicant Information

Ryan

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Englander

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

City

State

Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

ryan.englander@gmail.com

Email Address

University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Medical School

05/2026

Medical School Graduation /

Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)

Position Nominated / Applying for:

- Vice Chair
- Speaker
- Vice Speaker
- Delegate
- Alternate Delegate
- At-Large Officer
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Officer



Part 2: Nominator Information

Self-nominations are accepted. Complete this part of the form only if the candidate has been nominated for this position by an eligible nominator.

Self

Nominated by:

Email Address of Individual Responsible for Nomination:

Nominee has agreed to serve:

- Yes
- No

Nominator's Narrative Statement

(Max 250 Words)

Part 3: Supporting Information

Current professional position and responsibilities, including faculty appointments

MD/PhD Candidate, Graduate Year 2

Current and previous AMA leadership positions

CEQM, member, July 2019-present

Region 7 Regional Delegation Chair, November 2020-November 2021

Region 7 Regional Delegate, November 2020-November 2021

New England Delegation Reference Committee B Team Lead, November 2021

MSS Reference Committee B Team Lead, June 2021 & November 2021

MSS Reference Committee, member, November 2020

Region 7 Alternate Delegate, November 2019-November 2020

Advocacy and Membership Co-Chair, UConn AMA Chapter, January 2019-January 2020

Other relevant current and previous leadership positions (e.g., state/specialty medical society, healthcare organization, etc.)

Connecticut State Medical Society, member, June 2019-present



Statement of interest

(Max 250 Words)

Our MSS has made incredible progress in recent years, including on key issues like health equity, climate change, global health, and many others. We have accomplished a tremendous amount of business despite the disruption caused by COVID-19 and have proven that our Section is ready to overcome any challenge. It is imperative that we continue to build on this legacy, and I know that we will continue to do so.

The return to in-person meetings does, however, create key challenges that our Section must confront. We will again need to defend a record number of items in a House of Delegates increasingly hostile to MSS-authored resolutions. The depth of our resolution backlog compels us to continue transmitting many resolutions to the House. Finally, for many of our Delegates, the June 2022 meeting will be their first in-person experience.

I am running for Section Delegate to help guide our Section through this time of transition. I firmly believe that these challenges provide us with incredible opportunities, which if seized can allow our Section to continue to advance the policy of the AMA while strengthening our position in the House of Delegates. My three years of experience on the Caucus, coupled with my advocacy on issues related to healthcare coverage and drug pricing in the MSS, New England Delegation, and House of Delegates, will allow me to support our Section through to a bright new future, where the pandemic is behind us, our position is secure, and our advocacy is ascendant.



Part 4: Additional Requirements

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- Yes
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If yes, please provide your dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

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I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Rulings for this election cycle and agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

Candidate's Initials: RPE



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Candidate Signature

Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature



Part 5: Diversity and Demographics

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information.

Use of the diversity and demographic information provided in this application

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DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.

(Max 250 words)

My mother came to the US at the age of 16, fleeing political persecution by the communist government in Poland. As a young child, the fact that my mother was an immigrant made little difference in my life. The privilege afforded by my whiteness shielded me from the uglier aspects that can come with being a child to immigrants, and so for many years, it was something that I knew to be true but did not affect my identity.

That changed when I one day asked her why she left Poland. She told the tale of my grandfather, who was an early advocate for democracy in Poland and had been jailed by the secret police for 9 months for speaking out against the regime. She told me how he had suffered to secure the very rights I took for granted. The realization that I owed my very existence to his struggle for freedom opened my eyes to what I believe to be the true legacy of progress in America: a long, often frustrating march towards ever greater freedom and equity for all people.

That conversation and the many that followed sparked my interest in politics, and directly led to my interest in the AMA. As Section Delegate, I will bring my unique perspective as the son of a political refugee to my advocacy on behalf of the MSS, where I will help our Section advance freedom and dignity for all people.



Part 6: AMA Conflict of Interest Policy

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If you have questions about the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy, the AMA's Office of General Counsel (ogc@ama-assn.org) is available to provide guidance.

Please confirm, by signing below, that you have reviewed the AMA's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) and [Conflict of Interest Principles](#) and understand the guidance provided above.



Signature

5/4/2022

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)



Submission Instructions

Direct questions and submit application materials to mss@ama-assn.org.

Submission Checklist:

- This completed application, with your signature and initials
- Curriculum vitae (No more than two pages.)
- Electronic professional headshot (JPG or PNG)
- Letters of support (Optional)
- Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing, signed by your medical school dean or advisor

The deadline to submit this application and all related materials is **May 6, 2022 at 1:59 a.m. (Central Daylight Time)**.



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Candidate Signature



Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature



Ryan Englander

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

May 2026

MD/PhD Candidate

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

GPA: 3.98

B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Chemistry, Honors Program

May 2018

M.S in Molecular and Cellular Biology, Concentration in Genetics

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Babbidge Scholar, 2017
- University Scholar, 2016
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2016
- Alpha Lambda Delta, 2015
- STEM Scholar, 2014-2018

PUBLICATIONS

- Ebrahimi-Nik, H., **Englander, R. P.**, Moussa, M., Singhaviranon, S., Michaux, J., Pak, H., ... & Srivastava, P. K. (2021). Reversion analysis reveals the in vivo immunogenicity of a poorly MHC I-binding cancer neoepitope. *Nature Communications*, 12(1), 1-11.
- **Englander, R. P.**, Heineman, B., Kozar, T., Azab, L., Valentini, R., Liang, C., Jasper, J., *et al.* (2021). Developing a Comprehensive Plan for Health Systems Reform. *American Medical Association – Medical Student Section Digest of Policy Actions*, Pub Status: Published.
- **Englander, R. P.**, Heineman, B., Kozar, T., Azab, L., Valentini, R., Liang, C., Jasper, J., *et al.* (2021). Towards a Comprehensive Plan to Lower Drug Prices While Preserving Innovation. *American Medical Association – Medical Student Section Digest of Policy Actions*, Pub Status: Published.
- Brennick, C. A., George, M. M., Moussa, M. M., Hagymasi, A. T., Al Seesi, S., Shcheglova, T. V., **Englander, R. P.**, ... & Srivastava, P. K. (2021). An unbiased approach to defining bona fide cancer neoepitopes that elicit immune-mediated cancer rejection. *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*, 131(3).
- **Englander, R. P.**, Yao, A., Dong, J., Midani, S., Rivera, D., Allen, K., Edwards, A., *et al.* (2019). 515.014MSS Reducing the Prevalence of Sexual Assault by Testing Sexual Assault Evidence Kits. *American Medical Association – Medical Student Section Digest of Policy Actions*, Pub Status: Published.
- Yao, A., **Englander, R. P.**, Dong, J. (2019) 440.084MSS Advocating for the Amendment of Chronic Nuisance Ordinances. *American Medical Association – Medical Student Section Digest of Policy Actions*, Pub Status: Published.
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LEADERSHIP

American Medical Association

UConn Chapter Advocacy and Membership Co-Chair

January 2019 – January 2020

- Coordinated UConn's first year medical student policy writing
- Organized events at UConn to increase AMA membership and involvement
- Wrote, edited, and ultimately passed the resolution, "Ensuring Fair Pricing of Drugs Developed with the United States Government" at the Medical Student Section's 2019 nationwide Annual Meeting
- Wrote, edited, and ultimately passed the resolution, "Reducing the Prevalence of Sexual Assault by Testing Sexual Assault Forensic Kits"
- Helped write and pass the resolution, "Advocating for the Amendment of Chronic Nuisance Ordinances"

Member, Committee on Economics and Quality in Medicine

July 2019 – present

- Co-authored reports on resolutions referred to the committee by the Medical Student Section
- Wrote a policy brief on the Emergency Medicine Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA)
- Reviewed resolutions focused on addressing economic issues in healthcare and provided recommendations
- Led a journal club focused on pharmacy benefit managers and their role in the healthcare system

- Contributed to a report on employer-sponsored health insurance in the US which produced novel Medical Student Section internal policy

CEQM HCC Liaison

August 2019 – present

- Served as liaison between Committee on Economics and Quality in Medicine (CEQM) and House of Delegates Coordination Committee (HCC)
- Helped organize the Committee’s efforts to identify resolutions that were novel compared to extant policy

Region 7 Alternate Delegate

November 2019 – November 2020

- Similar responsibilities as Regional Delegate

Region 7 Regional Delegate

November 2020 – November 2021

- Worked cooperatively with Caucus members to get Medical Student Section resolutions passed at the AMA House of Delegates
- Reviewed resolutions and provided guidance for younger members
- Participated in collaborative effort with other sections including the Resident & Fellow Section, Young Physicians Section, and New England Delegation to pass a resolution establishing support for a public option

Region 7 Regional Delegation Chair

November 2020 – November 2021

- Chair of the medical student delegation to the House of Delegates from Region 7 (including all medical schools in New England and New York)
- Led group policy discussions
- Organized the delegation to vote and engage during meetings
- Mentored younger members in the policy writing and advocacy process

Medical Student Section Reference Committee Member

November 2020

- Reviewed 100+ resolutions submitted by medical students from across the country
- Compared resolutions to existing policy to assess novelty
- Issued final recommendations on each resolution, taking into account scope of the ask, potential unintended consequences, impact on Section political capital, and feasibility

House of Delegates Reference Committee B Team Lead

June 2021, November 2021

- Led the team that determined a Medical Student Section position on each of the resolutions submitted to Reference Committee B (legislation-related items)
- Delegated policy reviews, coordinated policy calls, and was responsible for all testimony submitted on the Medical Student Section’s behalf

New England Delegation Reference Committee B Team Lead

November 2021

- Led the team that determined a position on each of the resolutions submitted to Reference Committee B (legislation-related items) for the New England Delegation, consisting of all physician delegations from the New England states

Innovation and Entrepreneurs Club

Farmington, CT

Executive Board Member

January 2020-present

The Innovation and Entrepreneurs Club, a new organization at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine started in January 2020, seeks to foster medical and dental student interest in entrepreneurship. The club helps put on events where medically oriented entrepreneurs can share their experiences with interested students and connects students to entrepreneurial mentors.

- Assisted in the founding of the club
- Helped organize and run virtual presentations by guest speakers during COVID-19
- Presented my own experiences in medical innovation at the inaugural meeting

School of Medicine Professional Review Board

Farmington, CT

Student Representative

Fall 2018-Spring 2022

The Professional Review Board is composed of faculty and student members who anonymously evaluate allegations of student misconduct and, following an investigation, makes recommendations for next steps and potential disciplinary actions to the appropriate bodies.

- Elected by the Class of 2022 to represent them on the Professional Review Board for a four-year term
- Investigated and deliberated on multiple instances of alleged misconduct



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Part 1: Nominee / Applicant Information

Nikita

Sood

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

City

State

Zip Code

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

nsood@wustl.edu

Email Address

Washington University in St Louis School of Medicine

Medical School

05/2023

Medical School Graduation /

Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)

Position Nominated / Applying for:

- Vice Chair
- Speaker
- Vice Speaker
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- At-Large Officer
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Officer

Part 2: Nominator Information

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Nikita Sood

Nominated by:

nsood@wustl.edu

Email Address of Individual Responsible for Nomination:

Nominee has agreed to serve:

- Yes
- No

Nominator's Narrative Statement

(Max 250 Words)

I, Nikita Sood, nominate myself as a candidate for the position of MSS At-Large Officer. My involvement with the AMA has truly defined my medical school experience. From serving as a member of and eventually Co-Vice Chairperson for the Committee on Global and Public Health to acting as a delegate to serving in my own region's leadership, I have gained so much from my AMA experiences. I have found my advocacy community, had the opportunity to take action in my areas of advocacy interest, and have grown as a leader, an advocate, and a friend. I hope to use the skills I have developed and lessons I have learned through these experiences to better serve our MSS as your ALO.

Part 3: Supporting Information

Current professional position and responsibilities, including faculty appointments

4th year medical student, Washington University in St Louis School of Medicine

Current and previous AMA leadership positions

Co-Vice Chair, Committee on Global and Public Health (06/2021-06/2022)
Chair, Region 2 (06/2021-06/2022)
Secretary, Region 2 (06/2020-06/2021)

Other relevant current and previous leadership positions (e.g., state/specialty medical society, healthcare organization, etc.)

Alternate Delegate, Missouri State Medical Association (03/2021-03/2023)
Vice Chair, Missouri State Medical Association Medical Students Section (03/2020-03/2021)
Director, LouHealth (03/2020-03/2021)
WUSM Medical Student Representative (01/2020-01/2021)
Chapter President, WUSM AMA (01/2020-01/2021)

Statement of interest

(Max 250 Words)

Dear MSS colleagues,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my candidacy to serve as your next AMA-MSS At-Large Officer (ALO). My passion for a role like ALO is truly borne out of my belief in the importance of our regions in engaging our membership and shaping our future MSS leaders. For many of us, attending a Region Business Meeting--whether at Annual or Interim, MARC or Physicians of the Future--was our first introduction to the AMA. It ' s where many of us have found our mentors, participated in policy discussion, and found our communities within this larger AMA network. As ALO, I will serve as a champion of our regions and will work to best set up our regions for success.

My previous experiences as Region 2 Chair and Secretary have prepared me well in recognizing the responsibilities and limitations of the position and shaping my campaign objectives. In prioritizing inter-region communication, developing materials that help to codify the historical knowledge we rely on to lead our regions, and focusing on chapter outreach as we transition back to in-person, I hope to ensure that our regions have the tools for success.

I have gained so much from my own involvement with the AMA and I hope to pay this forward as your next ALO. As always, I am happy to chat about ALO or AMA in general with you all and look forward to continuing to work with you all in the next cycle.

Respectfully,

Nikita Sood
nsood@wustl.edu

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- Yes
 No

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Lisa Moscoso, Associate Dean for Student Affairs
 660 S. Euclid Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-1010
lisamoscoso@wustl.edu

David Perlmutter, George and Carol Bauer Endowed Dean, School of Medicine
 660 S. Euclid Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-1010
perlmutterd@wustl.edu

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DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.

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As a South Asian woman who has lived in many different communities--abroad and domestic, urban and suburban, Midwest and East Coast and West Coast--I have had the privilege of developing a unique perspective that has been shaped by the diverse people and circumstances I have encountered. I have worked in settings where those around me have supported my advocacy and worked in others where they vocally have not. I have lived in communities where the people around me looked like me and others where almost no one did. I have served in areas where most of my peers had access to resources and served in others where there was minimal support for my community. These experiences have not only helped me to develop my own diverse identity, but also have helped me to develop the skills to effectively work with those with whom my identity may not align.

My unique perspective has been further bolstered by the diverse work experiences I have had the opportunity to cultivate in my advocacy work. From military health policy to civilian health policy, high-level initiatives to on-the-ground projects, developing policy proposals to conducting research to evaluate policy efficacy, I have had the chance to engage in advocacy in a multitude of ways. I hope to bring these diverse experiences to my work in our MSS GCC, sharing the lessons that I have learned and learning from the experiences my peers share with me so as to further broaden my perspective.

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NIKITA SOOD

EDUCATION

- 08/19-Present **Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO**
Currently enrolled as a medical student in good standing. Expected graduation date: June 2023.
- 08/14-05/18 **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**
B.A. in Biology, College of Arts and Sciences, *summa cum laude*
B.S. in Economics (Health Care Policy and Management), Wharton School of Business, *summa cum laude*

AWARDS

- 2022 **Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee**
- 2020 **Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award at NHLBI**, Stipend awarded to WUSM medical students conducting research through the Associate Dean for Medical Student Research and Scholarship.

SELECTED LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- 06/21-ongoing **Chair, Region 2—American Medical Association Medical Students Section**
Coordinate programming and resources for the region, with a focus on running Region Business Meetings, developing mentorship structures, and serving as a resource myself to region members.
- 03/21-ongoing **Alternate Delegate, Missouri State Medical Association Medical Student Section**
Serve as one of 6 individuals representing the Missouri medical community to the AMA and serve as the sole medical student representative in this group. Work with the MSMA Council to bring the medical student voice to MSMA decisions and direction.
- 06/21-ongoing **Co-Vice Chair, Committee on Global and Public Health--American Medical Association Medical Students Section**
Coordinate committee meetings and organize committee responsibilities including MSS education, meeting programming, resolution review, report development, and more.
- 03/20-ongoing **Founder and Advisory Board Member, LouHealth**
Founding member and former Director of LouHealth, a student-led advocacy coalition addressing health issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic through community partnerships and public health/policy advocacy. Manage organizational partnerships and oversee the longitudinal vision of the organization.
- 06/20-06/21 **Secretary, Region 2—American Medical Association Medical Students Section**
Organize region resources for the Region 2 Governing Council and Region 2 members. My priorities in this role are to coordinate programming to facilitate mentorship and GC accessibility within the region.
- 03/20-03/21 **Co-Vice Chair, Missouri State Medical Association Medical Student Section**
Assist the Chair in carrying out all duties. My priorities in this role are to increase inter-chapter engagement across the state through developing communication channels for Missouri MSMA-MSS members.
- 01/20-01/21 **WUSM Medical Student Representative, St Louis Metropolitan Medical Society**
Serve as a partial voting member on the Council for the St Louis Metropolitan Medical Society and represent the medical student perspective on programming, council positions on relevant issues, and more.
- 01/20-01/21 **Chapter President, American Medical Association WUSM Chapter**
Organize and coordinate AMA- and public health-related programming at the medical school. This includes medical student lobbying at Jefferson City; resolution development; leadership involvement in city, state, and national medical student organizations; political engagement; and more.
- 12/19-ongoing **Member, Committee on Global and Public Health--American Medical Association Medical Students Section**
Organize and develop programming and content for the AMA-MSS on global and public health issues, including National Public Health Week, issue-based resolution review, issues-based committee reports, and more.



MEMBERSHIP AND SOCIETIES

03/20-ongoing **Missouri State Medical Association**
12/19-ongoing **St Louis Metropolitan Medical Society**
08/19-ongoing **American Medical Association**

POLICY SUBMISSIONS

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4. Singer M., **Sood N.**, Rapoport E., Gim H., Adesman A., Milanaik R. (2020). Pediatricians' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Surrounding Menstruation and Feminine Hygiene Products. *International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health*, <https://doi.org/10.1515/ijamh-2019-0179>

MEDIA

- 05/19 **Radio Show/Podcast Interview**, *Science Friday, New York, NY*
Interviewed live as part of the weekly radio show/podcast "Science Friday," broadcast WNYC Studios on research conducted at Cohen Children's Medical Center regarding the growth of information milk sharing. As part of the feature, also developed a "Milk Sharing 101: Guide to Human Milk Sharing" that is published on sciencefriday.com.
- 10/19 **Press Conference**, *American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition 2019, New Orleans, LA*
Interviewed regarding two research abstracts that were submitted to the conference and selected for Press Release. Research was featured on Heathline, HealthDay, and US News. Selected abstracts: "Where to get Donor Breast Milk? Self-Reported Parental Motivations and Concerns Regarding the Choice of Informal Milk Sharing versus Milk Banks" and "An Analysis of Opinions of Human Milk Sharing Options."





Office of Student Affairs

Lisa M. Moscoso, M.D., Ph.D.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Professor of Pediatrics

May 4, 2022

RE: AMA-MSS Leadership Role – Nikita Sood

Dear AMA-MSS Leadership Selecting Committee:

I am writing to give my highest recommendation for Nikita Sood for the AMA-MSS national-level leadership role. Nikita has waived her right to view this letter. I have known Nikita for 2.5 years in my role as Associate Dean for Student Affairs and can confidently speak to her qualifications both academically and personally. Nikita is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business at U Penn and will receive her MD degree in 2023 from Washington University School of Medicine. She is a student in good standing. Academically, Nikita excels. She is an outstanding student, receiving a grade of Honors in 3 of 4 of her graded third year clerkships to date including Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics. Here I will focus on the ways in which Nikita has had a significant impact on health for minoritized people, and therefore an exception candidate for this scholarship. Nikita has incredible interpersonal skills, a genuine care for the underserved, and an ability to lead a team to be better than the sum of its parts. I have had the honor and privilege to work with Nikita in co-curricular areas, and she is amazing!

Nikita has outstanding leadership abilities and in her experiences in our communities, from our school, to the hospital, to greater St. Louis – Nikita makes them better. Nikita is a founding member of LouHealth, a student-led advocacy coalition addressing health issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic through community partnerships and public health/policy advocacy. Nikita serves LouHealth by managing organizational partnerships and overseeing the longitudinal vision of the organization, including the areas of health access and equity, criminal justice reform and interpersonal and intimate partner violence. Nikita has been a vital part of LouHealth on the Medicaid Expansion initiative since its initiation in March of 2020. Nikita worked tirelessly with LouHealth using multiple modalities to provide community education and enable people to vote on this important initiative. In August 2020, Medicaid Expansion was passed, expanding Medicaid eligibility to over 250,000 Missourians including those in many rural and underserved areas of the state. Nikita has also served as Chair of the Region 2 chapter of the American Medical Association Medical Students Section since May of 2021. In this role, she represents medical student members of the AMA from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin by helping represent the interests of students in the region to AMA staff, working to organize resources for students to get involved with the AMA policy process, and coordinating the Region-wide meetings that take place as part of the AMA's

Annual and Interim Meetings. Prior to being elected as Chair, she served as the Secretary of the same chapter. Additionally, she has worked on advocacy and equity through organized medicine by serving in additional leadership positions within MSMA (Missouri State Medical Association), SLMMS (St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society), and the WUSM AMA chapter. She also contributes to school-specific advocacy within our inaugural Gateway curriculum by serving as a voice for her peers.

Nikita is incredibly gifted in her interactions with others, has a positive team approach, shows respect, and has a passion for advocacy. She leads by doing, and actively leads many advocacy initiatives in St. Louis. By founding LouHealth, creating their vision and leading advocacy efforts, Nikita has had a positive impact on the health of so many underserved and minoritized members of our local and state community.

I am honored to nominate Nikita for this leadership role. She is incredibly smart, hard-working, conscientious, committed, accountable, creative and an outstanding leader and citizen. In the midst of COVID, she brought people together and served her community by leading initiatives that have continued to support health and healthcare across the region – she is an exceptional candidate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Moscoso".

Lisa Moscoso, M.D., Ph.D.



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Jefferson City, MO 65102-3015
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573-636-5151

May 2, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of more than 4,000 members of the Missouri State Medical Association, it gives me great pleasure to submit this letter in support of the candidacy of Nikita Sood for a leadership position in the American Medical Association Medical Student Section.

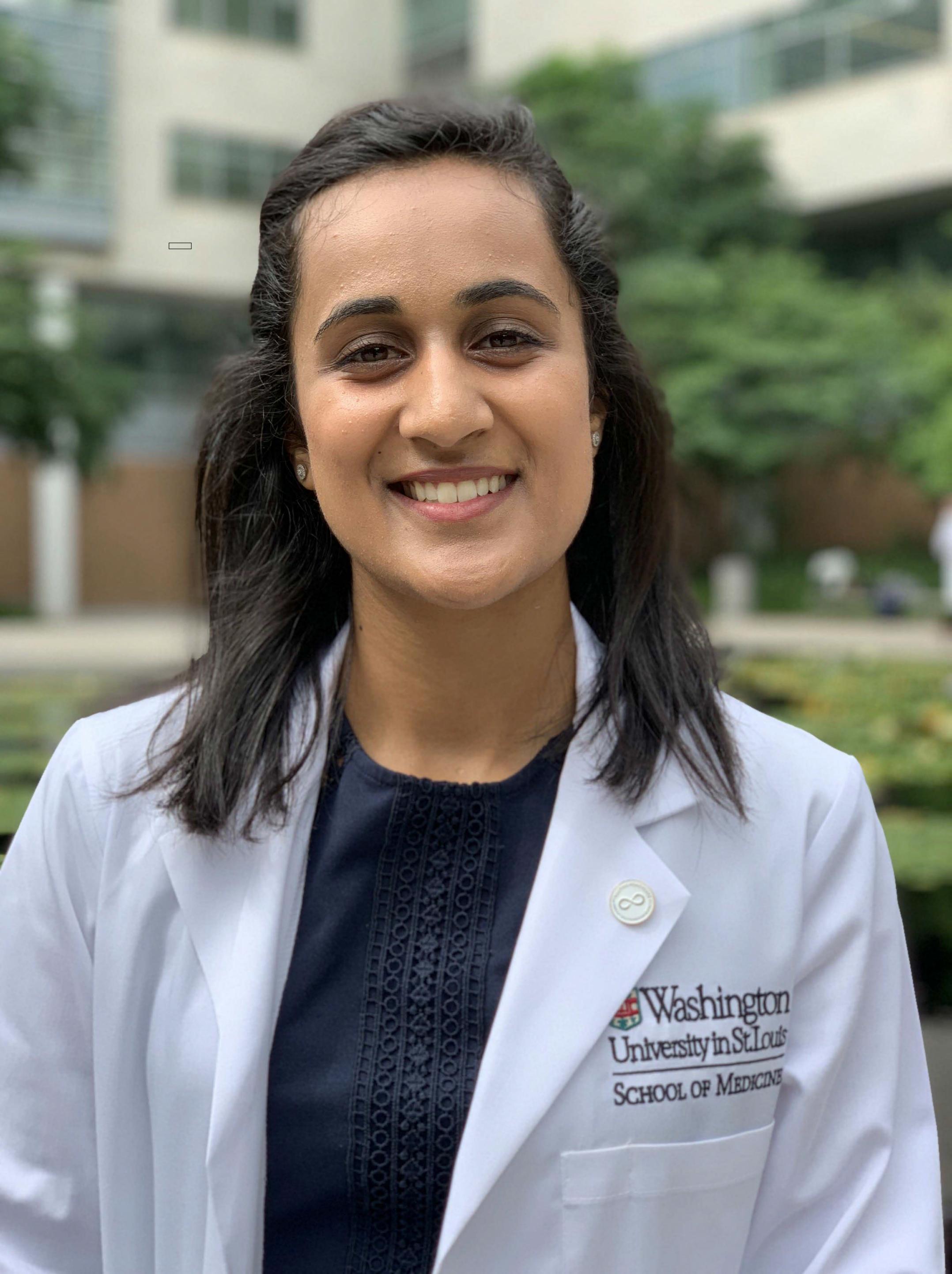
Ms. Sood served as the Vice-Chair of the Missouri State Medical Association Medical Student Section in 2020-2021. For the past two years, she has served as a Missouri alternate delegate to the AMA House of Delegates. She also led Washington University MSS as their President. Nikita has been a pleasure to work with in these roles.

The Missouri State Medical Association heartily endorses her candidacy.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Howell", is written over the printed name.

Jeffrey S. Howell
Executive Vice President



 Washington
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AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council Nomination / Application Form

Nominees / applicants must be current AMA members and, if elected, must maintain AMA membership through the term of service.

Part 1: Nominee / Applicant Information

Joshua

A

Carrasco

First Name

Initial

Last Name

City

State

Zip Code

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Email Address

UT Health San Antonio - Joe R. & Teresa Lozano Long School of
Medicine

Medical School

05/2023

Medical School Graduation /
Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)

Position Nominated / Applying for:

- Vice Chair
- Speaker
- Vice Speaker
- Delegate
- Alternate Delegate
- At-Large Officer
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Officer

Part 2: Nominator Information

Self-nominations are accepted. Complete this part of the form only if the candidate has been nominated for this position by an eligible nominator.

Nominated by:

Email Address of Individual Responsible for Nomination:

Nominee has agreed to serve:

- Yes
- No

Nominator's Narrative Statement

(Max 250 Words)

Part 3: Supporting Information

Current professional position and responsibilities, including faculty appointments

N/a

Current and previous AMA leadership positions

Co-chair

AMA-MSS Minority Issues Committee (2021-Present)

Member

AMA-MSS Minority Issues Committee (Jan 2020 - Jun 2021)

Vice Chair

UT Health San Antonio - Long School of Medicine AMA Chapter (Dec 2019 - Feb 2020)

MS1 Liaison

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Other relevant current and previous leadership positions (e.g., state/specialty medical society, healthcare organization, etc.)

- HIV Out Loud! Oral History of Individuals Impacted by HIV within South Texas = Student Leader, Founding Member, and Oral History Practitioner (2021-present)
- Office for Inclusion & Diversity - UT Health San Antonio = Diversity Dialogue Peer Facilitator (2020-2021)
- Auscultations - UT Health San Antonio = Co-founder & President (2020-2021)
- PRIDE Student-Run Free Clinic - UT Health San Antonio Student-Faculty Collaborative Practice = Clinic Coordinator (2019-2021)
- Discussions in Medical Ethics - UT Health San Antonio = Vice Chair (2020-2021)
- PRIDE Organization - UT Health San Antonio = Social Chair (2020-2021)
- Medical Studnet Council = MD/MPH Student Representative (2020-2021)
- Peace Corps Guinea = Secondary Education Math & Physics Professor (2016-2018)
- Peace Corps Guinea = 1st Annual National STEAM Camp Coordinator (2018)
- Hope of Guinea nonprofit = STEAM Camp Instructor (2017 + 2018)
- Peace Corps Guinea = Diversity Committee Member (2017-2018)
- Peace Corps Guinea = Malaria Month Regional Coordinator (2018)
- IT'S TIME TEXAS nonprofit = After School Time Instructor (2015-2016)
- IT'S TIME TEXAS nonprofit = School Programs Intern (2015-2016)
- University Medical Center Brackenridge = Student Team Leader (2013-2016)
- Austin Partners in Education nonprofit = Development Intern & Ambassador (2013-2016)

Statement of interest

(Max 250 Words)

I came into medical school and thought I would solve problems as an individual health practitioner who embodies the change I want to see in this world. I was not sure how but I wanted to help address the long history of well-documented health disparities, primarily among communities of color and LGBTQ+ identity. However, while I served as Clinic Coordinator at PRIDE Community Clinic, which primarily serves uninsured trans patients in South Texas, I realized that these problems are larger than one person can solve.

One day, I stumbled upon a meeting of my school's local AMA chapter and found myself inspired by peers who were looking to create change on a scale larger than ourselves. I applied and was selected to be the MS1 liaison for the chapter; that one choice was the beginning of the journey that has led me to apply to become the AMA-MSS' Inaugural DEI Officer today.

I can now see that my solution to these systemic issues begins by empowering students and coordinating opportunities to collaborate among like-minded peers in an effort of advocacy. As DEI Officer, I will foster safe and inclusive communities among current and future health professionals as I too have become stronger and more resilient through the communities I am a part of. The future of medicine is one of diversity and I believe the AMA-MSS is one of the most influential and significant places that will take the lead in shaping this future.

Part 4: Additional Requirements

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D. Dean's Signature

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E. Notification of Dean

In the case of my election, I would like my dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my election.

- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide your dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Associate Dean for Student Affairs - UT Health San Antonio Long School of Medicine:

Joshua T. Hanson, MD

7703 Floyd Curl Dr.
 San Antonio, TX 78229

hansonj4@uthscsa.edu

F. Acknowledgment of MSS IOPs and Speakers' Ruling

I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Rulings for this election cycle and agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

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Use of the diversity and demographic information provided in this application

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DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.

(Max 250 words)

Even as I come to the end of my third year, there are moments while I'm in the shower, interviewing a patient, or talking with a peer when a thick blanket of surreality wraps around me. "I am going to be a doctor." In my mind, it sounds more like a question than a statement.

As I grew up as a goofy, less-than-"masculine," queer, and multiracial Texan in a single-parent Christian military household, I learned early on, rather was taught, that I was different from even them.

Still today, I relate more to the patients I see daily with illnesses that could be prevented if they had a foundation to stand on, access to health insurance, safe spaces to exercise, time to cook healthy meals, and the financial freedom to do so.

I intend to make this foundation more accessible for individuals in and out of the medical field.

As AMA-MSS DEI Officer, I will invest in sustainable programs that promote the right to health and wellness for communities that have been marginalized throughout time within the US. I will continue to support students from these communities to achieve their dreams within the field of medicine and become the healers they were meant to be. One day, I hope to see people like me less frequently listed on a PowerPoint slide to learn about health disparities and more frequently as faculty educators confidently detailing the prosperity of our communities.

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Joshua Hanson, MD

Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature

Joshua Aaron Carrasco

Education

UT Health San Antonio – Long School of Medicine

Doctor of Medicine Candidate

San Antonio, TX, USA

July 2019 – May 2023

UT Health Houston – School of Public Health

Master of Public Health Candidate

Houston, TX, USA

May 2019 – May 2023

The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology

Austin, TX, USA

Aug 2012 – May 2015

Work Experience

Secondary Education Math and Science Professor

Peace Corps – Education Sector

Bissikrima & Marella, Guinea, Africa

Jul 2016 – Aug 2018

- Educated over 550 7th to 10th grade students in Math and Physics using the French language and supplemented daily lessons with gender equity, anti-malaria, black empowerment, and literacy learning objectives

Teach Healthier After School Time Instructor

IT'S TIME TEXAS – Hart Elementary & Pecan Springs Elementary

Austin, TX, USA

Aug 2015 – Jun 2016

- Enriched the nutritional and fitness knowledge of 60 lower-income and at-risk students in the 1st through 5th grade by coordinating lessons that use physical activity to teach every weekday

School Programs Intern

IT'S TIME TEXAS

Austin, TX, USA

Aug 2015 – Jun 2016

- Developed the content of IT'S TIME TEXAS' Teach Healthier App while working closely with multiple departments to ensure the effective evolution of the application based on user experience and feedback

Service & Leadership

Co-Chair

American Medical Association - Minority Issues Committee

USA

Jan 2020 – Present

- Spearhead application review & selection of members, creation of mentor-mentee families, equitable distribution of committee responsibilities, organization and monthly meetings,
- Co-Founded Heritage Month Storytelling events to promote community and mutual understanding within the medical community by uplifting and amplifying inspiring intersectional voices using a virtual platform

Student Leader, Founding Member, & Oral History Practitioner

HIV Out Loud!

San Antonio, Texas, USA

Jun 2021 – Present

- Eternalize the voices and experiences of San Antonio community members who are living with or have a loved one who is living/lived with HIV through storytelling
- Trained as an oral historian by local leaders in the fields of archivism and anthropology to develop meaningful relationships with community storytellers, record their stories, and purposefully archive the data for future use

Diversity Peer Facilitator

UT Health San Antonio – Office of Inclusion & Diversity

San Antonio, Texas, USA

Feb 2020 – Mar 2021

- Curated two independent 2 hour lessons focusing on LGBTQ+ identity & Allyship in a series of six lessons for 30 preclinical students to engage in listening, reflection, and discussion on various topics centered around identity

Co-founder & President

Auscultations

San Antonio, Texas, USA

Jan 2020 – Feb 2021

- Directed a team of 7 peers to design and launch a platform that uses storytelling to foster a culture of understanding and kindness within medicine toward individuals who are underrepresented in these spaces

- Pride Community Clinic Coordinator** **San Antonio, Texas, USA**
UT Health San Antonio – Student Faculty Collaborative Practice Dec 2019 – Feb 2021
- Orchestrated and fully funded a biweekly clinic, alongside 2 peers, that serves 90 unfunded patients, primarily trans men and women, in and around San Antonio, Texas seeking primary and gender affirming care
- Vice Chair** **San Antonio, Texas, USA**
UT Health San Antonio –AMA/TMA/BCMS Subchapter Dec 2019 – Feb 2021
- Lead the recruitment of student advocates within our institution through personal engagement and the coordination of events that promote a better understanding of what it means to be a physician advocate
- Vice Chair** **San Antonio, Texas, USA**
Discussions in Medical Ethics Dec 2019 – Feb 2021
- Organized bimonthly meetings to discuss, in an open setting, ethical issues in medicine including systemic racism, healthcare, and resource scarcity in the setting of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Social Chair** **San Antonio, Texas, USA**
UT Health San Antonio – PRIDE Organization Dec 2019 – Feb 2021
- Create events that promote the social and professional networking of LGBTQ+ students within our institution
 - Manage the social media presence to highlight student diversity and promote LGBTQ+-related initiatives
- MD/MPH Student Representative** **San Antonio, Texas, USA**
Medical Student Council Dec 2019 – Feb 2021
- Represented the dual degree students on the council and helped disseminate information to students
- Baritone & Bass Singer** **San Antonio, Texas, USA**
Egophony - Acapella Group Dec 2019 – Present
- Sung with a group of peers for fun, to raise funds for the free clinics, and for hospital patients during the holidays
- National STEAM Camp Coordinator** **Labé & Kankan, Guinea, Africa**
Peace Corps Guinea’s first annual STEAM Camp Dec 2017 – Jul 2018
- Co-coordinated and funded, with a team of five volunteers, a STEAM Camp that hosted 23 unique community development focused scientific and artistic activities for 50 local students, 12 local teachers, and 21 volunteers
- STEAM Camp Instructor** **Conakry, Guinea, Africa**
Hope of Guinea July 2017 & Jul 2018
- Collaborated with NGO Administrators, 5 Guinean educators, and 6 American educators to foster a high-performing and encouraging learning environment for 36 local students per year to explore science, math, and art
- Community Health Center Volunteer** **Marella, Guinea, Africa**
Peace Corps Dec 2017 – Aug 2018
- Initiated the development of a program that focuses on the distribution of preventative Malaria education using pre-established social institutions in preparation for the season with the highest frequency of Malaria transmission
- Diversity Committee Member** **Guinea, Africa**
Peace Corps Dec 2016 – Aug 2018
- Facilitated and participated in diversity trainings among volunteers and administrators to validate and empower the unique experiences of underrepresented volunteers.
 - Led Black History Month campaign where volunteers of color shared how a Black Icon had shaped their service
- Malaria Regional Coordinator** **Haute Region, Guinea, Africa**
Peace Corps Guinea’s Malaria Month Competition Apr 2018
- Oversaw the anti-malaria activities of 50 volunteers within the Haute Region and encouraged the participation of volunteers across the region using generalized social media posts and individualized personal contact
- Student Team Leader** **Austin, TX, USA**
University Medical Center Brackenridge Dec 2013 – May 2016
- Created a volunteer service renewal system, oriented two oncoming Emergency Department volunteers, assisted in the application process for new volunteers, and maintained social media outlets



May 5, 2022

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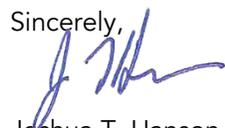
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He has had an impact in many domains. Through the Office for Inclusion and Diversity, he was an inaugural Diversity Dialogue Peer Facilitator. For that role, he co-created two 2-hour lessons focusing on LGBTQ+ Identity and Allyship for thirty preclinical students. Also, he co-founded and led Auscultations, an effort that harnesses the power of storytelling to foster a culture of understanding and kindness.

Academically, he approaches his studies rigorously and maturely. He has always been in good academic standing. In addition, Joshua has fantastic interpersonal skills. During some of the most stressful times medical education has experienced, Joshua has been a resilient, compassionate student-leader and campus community partner.

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Associate Dean for Student Affairs
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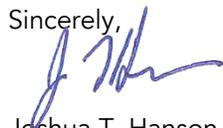
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Part 1: Nominee / Applicant Information

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_____ Email Address		
University of Louisville		
_____ Medical School		
May 2022		
_____ Medical School Graduation / Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)		

Position Nominated / Applying for:

- Vice Chair
- Speaker
- Vice Speaker
- Delegate
- Alternate Delegate
- At-Large Officer
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Officer

Part 2: Nominator Information

Self-nominations are accepted. Complete this part of the form only if the candidate has been nominated for this position by an eligible nominator.

Zoha Mian

Nominated by:

znmian02@louisville.edu

Email Address of Individual Responsible for Nomination:

Nominee has agreed to serve:

- Yes
 No

Nominator's Narrative Statement

(Max 250 Words)

Part 3: Supporting Information

Current professional position and responsibilities, including faculty appointments

Rising Third Year Medical Student
Bachelors in Science University of Cincinnati
Minors in Political Science and Global Health Studies University of Cincinnati

Current and previous AMA leadership positions

WPS Committee Member:
Author of Resolutions 3 and 4 which will be heard for amendment at the June 2022 meeting.
Resolution 3: Improving mental health outcomes for Refugee Women
Resolution 4: Invasive medical procedures amongst migrant women
<https://www.ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections/women-physicians/wps-june-2022-meeting-agenda-resources>

AMA Outreach Leader 2021 - 2022

AMA UofL Chapter Treasurer 2021 - 2022

AMA UofL Chapter Community Outreach Coordinator 2020 - 2021

Other relevant current and previous leadership positions (e.g., state/specialty medical society, healthcare organization, etc.)

University of Louisville:
Grow502 Co-Facilitator 2021 - Present
Grow 502 Director of Advocacy & Co-Founder 2020 - 2021
Compassion Clinic at UofL: Secretary 2020 - 2021
Kentucky Muslim Alliance For Justice and Liberation: CoFounder 2020 - Current
University of Cincinnati:
RISE (campus chapter): Treasurer & Co-Founder 2018 - 2019
Global Public Health Brigades: Chapter President 2018 - 2019
Free the Slaves: Secretary 2017 - 2018

Statement of interest

(Max 250 Words)

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Part 4: Additional Requirements

A. Curriculum Vitae

Submit a current curriculum vitae (no more than two pages) to mss@ama-assn.org.

B. Electronic Professional Headshot

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C. Endorsements and Letters of Support (optional)

Nominees / applicants have the option to submit letters of support as follows:

- One letter of support from your medical school dean or dean's representative
- One letter of support from the state medical society in the state in which you attend medical school

Additional letters of support will not be accepted. Submit letters of support via email to mss@ama-assn.org.

D. Dean's Signature

You must demonstrate that you have discussed the time commitment associated with service on the Governing Council and made appropriate arrangements with your dean or advisor by signing, and having your dean or advisor sign, the "Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing" document on the next page.

E. Notification of Dean

In the case of my election, I would like my dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my election.

- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide your dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Toni M. Ganzel, MD, MBA Office of the Dean School of Medicine Abell Administration Building 323 E. Chestnut St. Louisville, KY 40292 502 852-1499 meddean@louisville.edu

F. Acknowledgment of MSS IOPs and Speakers' Ruling

I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Rulings for this election cycle and agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

Candidate's Initials: ZM

Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing

Medical students elected to the AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) Governing Council should be available to attend the following events:

- MSS Governing Council Virtual Retreat and Orientation
June 2022, exact dates / times TBD
- AMA Section Leadership Retreat (Chicago, IL)
One weekend in August 2022
- MSS Interim Meeting (Honolulu, HI)
November 10-12, 2022
(Delegate and Alternate Delegate must be available November 10-15, 2022)
- MSS Physicians of the Future Summit meetings (Various Locations)
One or two weekends during January / February 2023
- AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference (Washington, DC)
Two days during March 2023
- MSS Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
June 8-10, 2023
(Delegate and Alternate Delegate must be available June 8-14, 2023)

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean, clinical preceptor, or other supervisor (for students who will be on an approved leave of absence or in a different degree program during the term of office) by signing below. The signature of your dean or advisor is required to: (1) acknowledge the time commitment involved in a Governing Council position; and (2) verify that you are a student in good standing with your medical school.

Zoha Mian

Candidate Signature

Christopher Jones MD

Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature

Part 5: Diversity and Demographics

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information.

Use of the diversity and demographic information provided in this application

For leadership positions elected by Section membership (e.g., Section Governing Council), your individually identifiable information will not be shared beyond Section leadership, which will use candidate demographic information in aggregate form to assess the diversity of the Section's applicant pool.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.

(Max 250 words)

Part 6: AMA Conflict of Interest Policy

Please review carefully the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

All nominees / applicants for Section leadership positions must complete a conflict of interest disclosure. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination / application, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be sent. Your nomination materials will not be considered complete until your disclosure form has been completed and returned.

If you are seeking nomination / appointment to a leadership position in another organization, please also review carefully that organization's conflict of interest policy to determine that you will be able to comply. Please also familiarize yourself with the other organization's requirements / instructions for completion of any disclosure form.

If you have questions about the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy, the AMA's Office of General Counsel (ogc@ama-assn.org) is available to provide guidance.

Please confirm, by signing below, that you have reviewed the AMA's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) and [Conflict of Interest Principles](#) and understand the guidance provided above.

Zoha Nian

Signature

May 5, 2022

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Submission Instructions

Direct questions and submit application materials to mss@ama-assn.org.

Submission Checklist:

- This completed application, with your signature and initials
- Curriculum vitae (No more than two pages.)
- Electronic professional headshot (JPG or PNG)
- Letters of support (Optional)
- Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing, signed by your medical school dean or advisor

The deadline to submit this application and all related materials is **May 6, 2022 at 1:59 a.m. (Central Daylight Time)**.

Zoha Mian

Nomination Narrative:

I have a passion for social justice and health equity through the formation of health policy. I have exhibited this passion throughout my various leadership positions at UofL. During my time as a medical student, I co-founded the nonprofit Grow502. Grow502 aims to tackle health disparities in Louisville through pillars of education, advocacy, community engagement, and creative media. I created four different health policy workshops that focused on creating policy centered around infant mortality, lead poisoning, food insecurity, and diabetes/stroke. A partnership with Feed Louisville was initiated to create and distribute meals for the homeless and support wound care policies in our local hospitals. Grow502 was an offshoot of my work as community outreach chair of AMA last year and this year I helped design "The Caged Bird: Bluelining & Medicine Series." This series discussed the long-term impacts of physical and psychological violence by officers on marginalized communities of color. I recently submitted two policy resolutions with calls to ban unjust invasive processes and hysterectomies in migrant women and new mental health screenings for refugee women. Most of my work centers around promoting diversity and equity and my time dedicated shows my passion towards promoting inclusion. Through my experience working with different communities such as the houseless, immigrants, the uninsured, and refugees, I truly believe I could be a vital asset that further promotes the mission of AMA as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion officer.

Statement of Interest:

My passion in social justice is the foundation that motivated me to become a doctor. I strive to heal and empower people of all backgrounds to fulfill their dreams. My hope to see other people thrive; especially those of marginalized backgrounds. I believe that healthcare is a human right and believe that people of all cultures and backgrounds deserve to be treated regardless of their race, religion, or socioeconomic status. I hope to eventually work in health policy in the future at all levels; administrative, organizational, local, state, and federal. The idea of actually making a lasting impact in someone's life, not only on their physical health, but also on their mental and spiritual well being is something that appealed to me greatly. I believe implementing inclusive policies that affect the most marginalized is the most powerful and impactful way to bring about change. It is through systemic and institutional change that we can see progress. I do not have much experience in policy making outside of local advocacy efforts and those through the AMA but I hope to have the opportunity to widen my breadth of experience and knowledge through the AMA - MSS council. I believe I can make long lasting change through my passion and hard work. I hope to get more involved with the AMA as this is an organization that I want to be involved in throughout my career and see this as a stepping stone to do so.

Diversity Statement:

"Where are you from?" is one of the first questions that comes up when I meet someone new. Whenever this question arises, I am usually not sure how to answer. Do I say Pakistan? Do I say



American? Being a Pakistani-American-Muslim is a quite confusing paradox and is an identity that I have struggled with since I was young. I have always struggled to fit in with either identity as I do not feel like I am completely a part of either. I have grown up in a culture with two distinct cultural literacies, both which clash with each other. I am usually seen as “too American” to my parents and usually feel “too Pakistani” or “too Foreign” as compared to the rest of my peers. These personal struggles growing up have led me to have a passion for social justice. As a future physician, I hope to be an advocate for my patients and provide culturally competent care. I hope my background can help patients of not only the Muslim faith but all cultures. With a unique perspective as a first generation immigrant and a Muslim-American woman of color, I believe my experience can help the AMA - MSS board create more inclusive policies that encompass individuals all backgrounds in an effort to make others feel more included and less alienated.



Education

Second Year Medical Student | University of Louisville School of Medicine.
Bachelors in Medical Sciences | Minor: Political Science | Certificate: Global Health Studies | University of Cincinnati
Magna Cum Laude | Dean's List | Distinguished Honors Scholar

Honors and Awards

- Scholarship to attend Millennial Eye Research Conference in Austin, Texas January 2022
- Youth delegate to Hill Day on Capitol Hill with Cair Ohio April 2020
 - Advocated about various issues such as healthcare disparities and civil right injustices to congressmen from Ohio
- Cultural Intelligence Award through Racial Awareness Pilot Program April 2019
- Homecoming Queen October 2018
- Second best individual project (Books Not Bombs) at SALD Student Impact Symposium March 2018
- Delegate at the 2017 Youth Assembly at the United Nations in N.Y.C. August 9 - 12 2017
- Honorable mention at Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Capstone Symposium August 2017
 - Honorable Mention distinguished me as among the top 15% of the more than 200 SURF and other academic health center-affiliated students for the year
- Anne Fitzgerald Award for Leadership and Service (\$2000) June 2017
 - The Annie Fitzgerald Award for Leadership and Service is awarded each year to University of Cincinnati undergraduate students who have shown leadership and possess a passion for service
- Outstanding First Year Student Award January 2017
 - University of Cincinnati undergraduate students who have shown an exceptional adjustment to undergraduate education and have undertaken new leadership experiences.

Volunteer and Community Service

- Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation April 2022 - Present
 - Lions Recycle for sight program
 - Distributed Lions-sponsored collection boxes at UofL instructional building and library
 - Used eyeglasses are donated and delivered to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs).
 - Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities
- Grow502 + Feed Louisville Volunteer January 2020-Present
 - Helped set up volunteering for community members, law students, and health students every Sunday for three – four hours starting at the beginning of January. Helped to prepare food that will be distributed to houseless folks in Louisville.
- Charles Booker Campaign: Volunteer May 2020 - July 2020
 - Canvassed for the Booker Senate campaign.

Work Experience

- Intern at Norton Children's Novak Outpatient Clinic: Pediatric Externship (40hours/week) June 2021 - July 2021
 - Working at the outpatient clinic assisting in physical and clinical examinations of patients
- Academic Coach at University of Cincinnati Learning Center May 2019 - May 2020
 - Work with students one-on-one to find their strengths and improve on weaknesses to enhance their academic performance. Topics include time management, stress management, test anxiety, study skills, and test taking strategies.

Leadership/Extracurricular Experience

- Grow502 Facilitator December 2020 - Present
 - Grow502 is a community-based project that wants to connect the Louisville community with health disparities. We do this through our four pillars of education, advocacy, community engagement, and creative media in 2021.
 - Co-organized the planning of a 5k to raise awareness for stroke/diabetes.
 - As advocacy chair in 2021, I created four engaging advocacy events related to infant mortality, lead poisoning, mental health, and stroke/diabetes
 - This year our mission is to reconnect the Louisville community. We will be addressing healthcare disparities in three specific populations - the houseless, refugees, and the west end.
 - Established a partnership with Feed Louisville to have volunteers help create meals to be distributed to homeless individuals every night.
 - Crafting a guidebook to be distributed to refugees in collaboration with Americana, La Casita, Catholic Charities, Family Health Center, and Survival of Torture Recovery Center Clinic. This guidebook would assist refugees in assimilating to Louisville.
- American Medical Association: Medical Student Outreach Leader June 2021 - April 2022
 - 9-month leadership opportunity who exhibit excellent leadership, strong organizational skills and a desire to build their professional network
 - Lead AMA membership outreach efforts
- American Medical Association Chapter at UofL: Treasurer May 2021 - April 2022
 - Manage the finances of the student organization. Apply for grants for student AMA conferences and funding for student events.
 - Designed and implemented Caged Bird: Bluelining & Medicine Series, a multifaceted curriculum and advocacy activity for the medical community that addresses long-term negative impacts of preventable physical and psychological violence between safety officers and patients in Louisville, KY
- American Medical Association Chapter at UofL: Community Outreach Chair September 2020 - May 2021

- Connect the student body with legislative actions and health policy initiatives being worked on in the community. Advocacy chair of Grow502.org, an innovative initiative to educate and empower the community about local health disparities.

Compassion Clinic at UofL: Secretary September 2020 - August 2021

- Compassion Clinic is a mobile, student run initiative whose goals are to provide basic health screenings and education to disparate populations in the Louisville area

Kentucky Muslim Alliance For Justice and Liberation: CoFounder June 1st 2020 - Present

- Created in response to the deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. Catered to amplifying Black and Black Muslim voices.

Commission on Diversity and Racial Equality (CODRE): member August 2020 - Present

- Contribution to Anti-Racism agenda presented to Dr. Bendapudi, president of UofL.

Research

Research: Barriers faced by pre-medical unrepresentative minority when applying to medical school Dr. Abbas Rattani January 2021 - Present

- Cross-examination of prominent studies looking at barriers faced by minorities across the nation as well as initiatives and outcomes taken to address these barriers

Research: Barriers faced by pre-medical black men at UofL when applying to medical school Dr. Abbas Rattani November 2021 - Present

- Working on a survey to be sent out to undergraduate campuses interviewing black pre-medical students on their barriers to applying to medical school

Research Internship: Louisville Food Grocery January 2021 - Present

- Researching student lead advocacy movements around the country and formulating ideas for policy changes.
- Highlighted the ongoing proliferation of Dollar Stores in Louisville and their contribution to food disparities in the West End.
- Presented my research at the Anti-Racism Research! Louisville! conference and published my research in the Courier Journal

Research: University of Louisville Ophthalmology Dr. Jeremy Clark October 2020 - Present

- Association between Subconjunctival Orbital Fat Prolapse and Obstructive Sleep Apnea: A Retrospective Study
- Near completion

Research: Grow502 January 2021 - May 2021

- Evaluated Grow502 via its impact on session participants to determine if participation increased confidence and knowledge on health disparities with respect to education, advocacy, and community engagement
- Manuscript submission in American Journal of Public Health.

Research Assistant at University of Cincinnati: UHP Honors Discover May 2019 - August 2019

- Examined what has happened to anti-marriage-equality organizing and pro-LGBTQ organizing in the United States after the 2015 Supreme Court ruling legalizing marriage equality.

Research Assistant: Summer Undergraduate Internship Program in Neuroscience May 2017 - August 2017

- 10 Week long program (40 hr/wk for 8 weeks) at Cincinnati Children's Research Center. Research assistant researching the long-term effects of chemotherapy on the brain in children with leukemia.

Published Work

Poster Presentation: National Medical Association Region Conference III April 29, 2022

- Highlighted the ongoing proliferation of Dollar Stores in Louisville and their contribution to food disparities in the West End

Resolution author for WPS Section AMA March 20th, 2022

- Addressing and banning unjust and invasive medical procedures among migrant women at the border
- Increasing mental health screenings by refugee resettlement agencies and improving mental health outcomes for refugee women
- Both resolutions will be considered for amendment in June 2022

Abstract Presentation: Millennial Eye Research Conference March 25-27th 2022

- Association between Subconjunctival Orbital Fat Prolapse and Obstructive Sleep Apnea: A Retrospective Study

Kentucky Medical Association Policy Co-Author:

- For KMA to recognize criminal records as a negative determinant of health
- For KMA to support automatic expungement of criminal records after cases have been dismissed, acquitted, or after a sentence or parole is completed, except in cases of sex crimes or crimes against children.

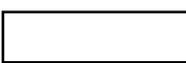
Presented Louisville Community Grocery Research at Anti-Racism Research! Louisville! October 29th 2021

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"The West End in Louisville needs access to fresh food. How Dollar Stores exploit hardship" - Opinion Contributor. Courier Journal. Oct. 27th 2021

Memberships

- Women in Ophthalmology, American Academy of Ophthalmology, YoungMD Connect, American Medical Association - Women's Physician Section, Kentucky Medical Association, Greater Louisville Medical Society, Right to Health







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Walls Castellanos

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

City

State

Zip Code

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Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Email Address

University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Medical School

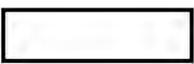
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Medical School Graduation /

Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)

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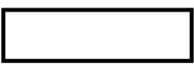
Email Address of Individual Responsible for Nomination:

Nominee has agreed to serve:

- Yes
 No

Nominator's Narrative Statement

(Max 250 Words)



Part 3: Supporting Information

Current professional position and responsibilities, including faculty appointments

AMSA Reproductive Health Student Advocate (spring 2022)
Pritzker SOM Dean's Council Representative (2021-present)
American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, member (August 2018-present)
University of Chicago Pritzker SOM SNMA chapter Vice-President (2020-2021 academic year)
Pritzker SOM Dean's Council Chair (2020-2021 academic year)
Maria Shelter Free Clinic Supplies Coordinator (October 2020-December 2021)

Current and previous AMA leadership positions

AMA Medical Student Section
AMA Women Physicians Section
AMA Minority Affairs Section

Other relevant current and previous leadership positions (e.g., state/specialty medical society, healthcare organization, etc.)

Peer Health Educator (2014-2018)
Resident Advisor (2017-2018)
Washington University Student Associate (2015-2016)



Statement of interest

(Max 250 Words)

Empathy, integrity, and a commitment to justice are all qualities that I would bring to this position. I humbly present myself as a candidate for this role, bringing forth my experience as a Black woman from the South, a leader in undergraduate and medical school student government, and an ally to my peers who identify as first-generation, low-income, parents in medicine, queer, immigrant, and religious, racial and ethnic minorities. Though each of my experiences and identities have shaped me into the person and leader that I am today, I recognize that my perspective is limited. I commit to approaching leadership collaboratively, eager to listen, learn, and engage diverse perspectives and experiences. First, we must look to the future, identifying effective and reliable strategies for recruitment and retention of underrepresented students. Second, we must identify the resources and policies needed to support students from the full range of diverse backgrounds represented in our profession. Third, encourage programs to integrate DEI throughout the curriculum to train future generations of physicians committed to antiracism, diversity, and service to vulnerable populations.

My priority is to listen and learn from my peers and colleagues from diverse backgrounds to learn how we can work together to help create and support safe, engaging learning environments that encourage the progression of URM students into excellent clinicians, and effective leaders. I firmly believe that diversity, equity and inclusion work is for *all of us*. It would be my honor to represent you as your DEI officer.



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B. Electronic Professional Headshot

Submit an electronic professional headshot (JPG or PNG) to mss@ama-assn.org.

C. Endorsements and Letters of Support (optional)

Nominees / applicants have the option to submit letters of support as follows:

- One letter of support from your medical school dean or dean's representative
- One letter of support from the state medical society in the state in which you attend medical school

Additional letters of support will not be accepted. Submit letters of support via email to mss@ama-assn.org.

D. Dean's Signature

You must demonstrate that you have discussed the time commitment associated with service on the Governing Council and made appropriate arrangements with your dean or advisor by signing, and having your dean or advisor sign, the "Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing" document on the next page.

E. Notification of Dean

In the case of my election, I would like my dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my election.

- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide your dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Vineet Arora, MD MAPP, AM
924 E 57th St #104, Chicago, IL 60637
dean-for-meded@bsd.uchicago.edu

F. Acknowledgment of MSS IOPs and Speakers' Ruling

I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Rulings for this election cycle and agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

Candidate's Initials: MWC

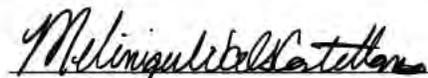


Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing

Medical students elected to the AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) Governing Council should be available to attend the following events:

- MSS Governing Council Virtual Retreat and Orientation
June 2022, exact dates / times TBD
- AMA Section Leadership Retreat (Chicago, IL)
One weekend in August 2022
- MSS Interim Meeting (Honolulu, HI)
November 10-12, 2022
(Delegate and Alternate Delegate must be available November 10-15, 2022)
- MSS Physicians of the Future Summit meetings (Various Locations)
One or two weekends during January / February 2023
- AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference (Washington, DC)
Two days during March 2023
- MSS Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
June 8-10, 2023
(Delegate and Alternate Delegate must be available June 8-14, 2023)

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean, clinical preceptor, or other supervisor (for students who will be on an approved leave of absence or in a different degree program during the term of office) by signing below. The signature of your dean or advisor is required to: (1) acknowledge the time commitment involved in a Governing Council position; and (2) verify that you are a student in good standing with your medical school.


Candidate Signature


Vineet Arora, MD, MAPP
Dean for Medical Education
Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature

Part 5: Diversity and Demographics

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information.

Use of the diversity and demographic information provided in this application

For leadership positions elected by Section membership (e.g., Section Governing Council), your individually identifiable information will not be shared beyond Section leadership, which will use candidate demographic information in aggregate form to assess the diversity of the Section's applicant pool.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.

(Max 250 words)

Growing up in a predominantly African-American community in the South, I have experienced the social and economic barriers that contribute to poor health and feel compelled to serve people in similarly disadvantaged communities. I am also acutely aware of the many barriers that stand between minoritized individuals and a career in medicine. I have also had the privilege of working with healthcare organizations in St. Louis, MO and in multiple countries in Latin America. I have learned not only how to work with diverse teams but also how to approach and evaluate complex teams and situations, identify shared goals, and develop strategies to achieve them. My presence on the MSS Governing Council would not only contribute to racial, ethnic and gender diversity, but also to the diversity of experience and ideas that will only strengthen the overall impact of this council. My experiences in diverse communities will continue to shape how I approach leadership and advocacy alongside my peers and future colleagues both within the MSS and as a liaison to numerous other organizations and committees.

Part 6: AMA Conflict of Interest Policy

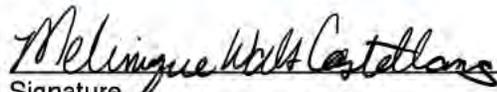
Please review carefully the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

All nominees / applicants for Section leadership positions must complete a conflict of interest disclosure. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination / application, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be sent. Your nomination materials will not be considered complete until your disclosure form has been completed and returned.

If you are seeking nomination / appointment to a leadership position in another organization, please also review carefully that organization's conflict of interest policy to determine that you will be able to comply. Please also familiarize yourself with the other organization's requirements / instructions for completion of any disclosure form.

If you have questions about the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy, the AMA's Office of General Counsel (ogc@ama-assn.org) is available to provide guidance.

Please confirm, by signing below, that you have reviewed the AMA's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) and [Conflict of Interest Principles](#) and understand the guidance provided above.


Signature

06/05/22
Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Submission Instructions

Direct questions and submit application materials to mss@ama-assn.org.

Submission Checklist:

- This completed application, with your signature and initials
- Curriculum vitae (No more than two pages.)
- Electronic professional headshot (JPG or PNG)
- Letters of support (Optional)
- Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing, signed by your medical school dean or advisor

The deadline to submit this application and all related materials is **May 6, 2022 at 1:59 a.m. (Central Daylight Time)**.



Melinique Walls Castellanos

Education

Pritzker School of Medicine
924 E. 57th St.
Chicago, IL 60637-5415
August 2020-June 2024 (anticipated)

Washington University in St. Louis
Bachelor of Arts, May 2018
Major: Biology; Minors: Psychological & Brain
Sciences, Spanish

Honors and Professional Memberships

- Margaret L. Bradley Scholar
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- Student National Medical Association
- American Medical Association

Research Activities

Scholarship & Discovery at Pritzker

Research Assistant, Claud Lab

Chicago, IL
Summer 2021

- Conduct immunohistochemical analysis of gut tissue to identify markers of intestinal development
- Study the role of maternal probiotic supplementation in promoting offspring gut development

Washington University-Brown School of Public Health and Social Work

Research Assistant, Ekenga Epidemiology Lab

St. Louis, MO
August 2017-May 2018

- Analyze quantitative and qualitative data on the impacts of environmental conditions on breast cancer survivorship
- Analyze quantitative and qualitative data on food environment and its impacts on health disparities in rural and urban settings

Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training

Global Health Intern, AMOS Health & Hope

Managua, Nicaragua
June 2017-August 2017

- Participated in NIH-funded practicum and community-based participatory research training at the non-profit organization AMOS Health & Hope
- Facilitated a youth empowerment program for adolescents in the rural community of El Bambu
- Developed educational materials for community health workers to use when working with patients
- Educated community members on ways to improve health outcomes using local resources

Institutional Activities & Volunteering

2021 Teaching Assistant, The Human Body
University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
Course Director: Callum Ross

2020-present

- Basic Life Support Program, instructor
- Feed1st, volunteer
- Admissions Committee, interviewer
- Ob/Gyn Interest Group, member
- Medical Students 4 Choice, member
- American Medical Women's Association, member
- Student National Medical Association, member

2020-2021

- Student National Medical Association, Vice-President
- Maria Shelter Free Clinic, Supplies Coordinator
- REMEDY-UChicago, President
- Dean's Council, Chair



Publications

Ackroyd, S., Walls, M., Kim, J., & Lee, N. (2022). Lessons Learned: Telemedicine patterns and clinical application in patients with gynecologic cancers during COVID-19. *Gynecologic Oncology Reports*, 100986. doi: 10.1016/j.gore.2022.100986

Walls Castellanos M., Claud EC. The microbiome, guard or threat to infant health. *Trends Mol Med*. 2021 Dec;27(12):1175-1186. doi: 10.1016/j.molmed.2021.08.002. Epub 2021 Sep 10. PMID: 34518093.

Harris A., Gray B., Walker C. & Walls Castellanos M., *Lessons Learned from Community-Driven Responsiveness During COVID-19*, 14 St. Louis U. J. Health L. & Pol'y (2021). Available at: <https://scholarship.law.slu.edu/jhlp/vol14/iss2/11>

Poster Presentation

Chavez, L, Mazer, M, Parajón, D, Walls, M and Winkler, D. Youth Empowerment in Rural Nicaragua. Poster presented at: American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo; 2017 Nov 4-8; Atlanta, GA





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April 25, 2022

RE: Melinique Walls Castellanos
Letter of Good Standing

To Whom It May Concern:

Melinique Walls Castellanos is a current student in Good Standing at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Melinique matriculated to the school on August 11, 2020 and is a full-time second-year medical student. She will be enrolled throughout the 2021-2022 academic year. Her anticipated date of graduation is June 8, 2024.

Please feel free to contact me if further documentation is necessary.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinty
Registrar



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