



AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council Nomination Form – Medical Student

The AMA is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in every facet of organized medicine and encourages you to consider nominating diverse candidates such as historically underrepresented minorities, women, and international medical graduates for positions on AMA councils/committees.

Term: One-year term, commencing June 2024. You must be a medical student and a member of the AMA throughout the term of service.

Time commitment: AMA Governing Councils typically meet three times each year, usually in June and November, with one other meeting date TBA. Governing Council members may also participate in regular conference calls.

Application deadline: 1:59 a.m. CT on December 17, 2023.

AMA’s Conflict of Interest Policy: Please review carefully the information provided at the end of this form.

Nominee Information

Name:	Erika	G	LaBelle
	<small>First</small>	<small>Middle Initial</small>	<small>Last</small>
Address:	[Redacted]		
	<small>Street</small>		
	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Telephone:	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>
	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
	<small>Daytime Phone</small>		
Email address:	[Redacted]		
Date of Birth:	[Redacted]	Place of Birth:	[Redacted]
	<small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>		<small>City and State</small>
Medical School:	Rocky Vista University		
Graduated:	Anticipated 2025	Medical Specialty:	TBD
Board Certification(s):	TBD		

Nominee is an AMA Member: Yes No

AMA Member Since: 2021

Nominee is an AMA Delegate: Yes No

Nominee has agreed to serve: Yes No

Submitted By: Ann Trawick, DO/ Rocky Vista University

Name of person/organization submitting the nomination

Email Address:



Email address of person submitting the nomination

Supporting Information

1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

(i.e. practice, administrative, research, academic)

- Leadership
 - American College of Physicians Colorado Chapter
 - Social Media Officer
 - Since October 2023
- Academic
 - Tutor for class of 2026 medical students
 - Gastrointestinal System II, November-December 2023
 - Respiratory System II, October 2023
- Research
 - *Coronary Artery Aneurysm vs. Pseudoaneurysm and Treatment Approaches: A Case Report*
 - Manuscript in progress
 - *HER2 Gain in Breast Cancer with Metastatic Progression: A Case Report*
 - Manuscript in review for publication
 - *Investigation on Services Used at Student-Led Community Health Fair*
 - Manuscript in review for publication
- Community Service
 - Companionship volunteer for Abode Hospice
 - Making regularly scheduled visits to patients in their homes, focusing on pastimes of choice to improve quality of life
 - Since September 2023
- Professional Development
 - Toastmasters International Colorado Springs Chapter
 - General member
 - Since September 2023

2. Current/Prior State and Specialty Medical Society Memberships and Affiliations, and Faculty Appointments

(List current and past roles and positions held and dates of service.)

- American College of Physicians Colorado Chapter
 - *Social Media Officer since October 2023*
- American College of Physicians
- American Osteopathic Association
- American Women's Medical Association
- Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine
- American Medical Association

3. Current/Prior Membership on AMA Councils/Committees:

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

N/A

4. Sponsor's Narrative Statement

(Describe nominee's accomplishments and contributions using not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

Please consider my nomination of Student Doctor Erika LaBelle. I am the Course Director for the first-year Principles of Clinical Medicine course. We teach history-taking skills, physical exam skills and some procedures. Additionally, we have Standardized Patient encounters (3 per semester) in our course. You can see from Student Doctor LaBelle's CV that she is very involved in leadership, research, service, and teaching. I want to highlight a couple different things about Erika from the perspective of my course. Our actors that portray the Standardized Patients have opportunity via "kudos cards" to let the faculty know when they have had a student that they feel has done an exceptional job during an SP encounter showing excellent skills and great rapport with the patient. These cards are above and beyond the student's score for the event, and we don't get these very often, so we consider them a big deal. Erika received an unprecedented two of these kudos cards during my course. She has agreed to let me use her videos for training future classes and for working with struggling students. She is always willing to give of herself for the benefit of others. I also teach a Medical Spanish Elective course and Erika volunteered her time during a busy semester to come as a native Spanish-speaking standardized patient to provide a real-world experience for my students in the class. She would be an exceptional candidate for the AMA's Minority Affairs Section Governing Board.

5. Candidate's Statement of Interest

(Not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

Diversity is about making every member of a group feel adequately represented. As a nation, we aren't quite there yet, but we can be. A U.S-born daughter of Mexican immigrants, I was raised in the fourth most populous city and one of the most diverse cities in this country, but never had a Hispanic doctor growing up. That isn't unique to Houston by any means. As Dr. Sam Arce stated in his Q&A with the AMA on finding ways to give back, about 20% of the U.S. population is Hispanic, while only about 6% of physicians are Hispanic. I want to help bring more diversity to the face of healthcare because I believe that those two percentages should match, for all minority groups. I want to be the medical student member on the Minority Affairs Section Governing Council so that I can take part in supporting efforts that help do just that.

Through the Minority Affairs Section, the American Medical Association puts underrepresented minority physicians in positions of leadership, which diversifies representation, increases visibility, and encourages underrepresented minority physicians and medical students to follow in their footsteps. Simply said, the AMA is increasing the frequency with which minority medical students and physicians can look around and have the profoundly motivating realization of *'wow, that physician looks like me.'*

I would be honored to help the AMA promote these efforts by fulfilling a role on the Minority Affairs Section Governing Council as a medical student.

6. Endorsements

(Are welcome, but not required.)

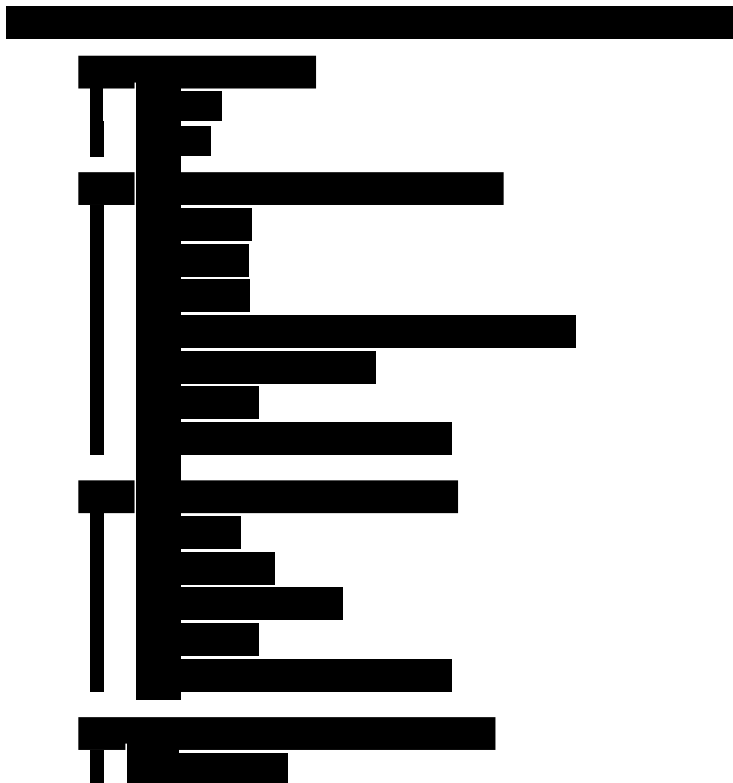
Diversity and Demographics

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information. This information will be used in the internal deliberation of candidates and may be reported in aggregate form only. For applicants to organizations outside the AMA: this information will only be released to the organization to which you are seeking appointment (1) if you are the AMA's selected nominee and (2) if you provide permission to do so.**

7. Candidate's Diversity Statement. Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.

My status as a first-generation American enables me to contribute to the existing cultural diversity of the Minority Affairs Section Governing Council as a member of a group underrepresented in medicine. Mastery of the Arabic language and experience living in Jordan widens my lens and would enable me to connect with and better support an additional minority group through cultural understanding that could improve the AMA's outreach. My current enrollment as a student of osteopathic medicine would add a new type of diversity to the governing council, which can also increase representation and possible outreach to osteopathic physicians and students. My background as a career-changing student with years of experience in the private sector grants me a level of professional competence that would drive my actions as a member of the team on the MAS Governing Council. Additionally, my liberal arts degree and extensive experience with linguistics have engrained in me an appreciation for writing, which would bode well for contributing to the Minority Affairs Section's publications, whether that be with planning, drafting, or editing.

Reading the biographies of the current members of the MAS Governing Council excites me not only for what they bring to the table with their backgrounds, but mostly for what I could learn from each of them. I would be honored to sit at the same table with this team, and to collaborate in planning for outreach, publications, and activities that support minority physicians and medical students.



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****Optional Release to External Organization Positions** – For AMA nomination opportunities for external leadership positions: To further our mission of ensuring diverse representation, the AMA asks nominees if they would like to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information they have provided to us with the external organization for the position for which they have applied.

Please indicate your decision below:

No. I choose NOT to authorize the AMA to share this diversity statement and optional demographic information on this form to any external organization.

Yes. I authorize the AMA to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information I have provided in this application with the external organization to which I am applying for a position. I understand that the AMA will only include this optional diversity information if I am selected as a nominee.

9. AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy

Please review carefully the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy.

All Council nominees must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form by **January 3, 2024**. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination submission, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be forthcoming. 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 Principles, and understand the guidance provided above.



Signature

December 11, 2023

Date

10. AMA Medical Student Section Nomination Addendum

The following additional materials are **required**:

- a. Dean/Advisor Signature (see next page)
Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your Dean or Advisor by signing the document attached below. Signature also confirms medical student is in good standing at their medical school.
- b. CV
Please attached candidate's executive curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages).

The following additional materials are **optional**:

- c. Endorsements / Letters of Recommendation
You may include additional letters of recommendation. For example, you may include a letter of endorsement from a leader in organized medicine (i.e. your local or state medical society, specialty society, or AMA delegation who is familiar with your prior activities) or a supervisor or faculty member who can evaluate your professional aptitude.
- d. Notification of Dean
In the case of my appointment, I would like my Dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my selection.

Yes

No

If yes, please include your Dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Name: Heather Ferrill, DO



Mailing address: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Dean/Advisor Signature – Required

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Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your Dean or Advisor by signing below. The signature of your Dean or Advisor is required (1) to verify that your medical school is supportive of your application, (2) to acknowledge the time commitment involved in an AMA Governing Council position and that you will be permitted to attend all required Governing Council meetings, (3) to verify that you are a student in good-standing with your medical school, and (4) to verify that you will be a medical student (or on approved leave from medical school) throughout your term as a Governing Council member.

Candidate signature:	<u></u>	<u>December 14, 2023</u>
	Signature	Date
Dean/Advisor signature:	<u></u>	<u>12/15/2023</u>
	Signature	Date

Submit all application materials to mss@ama-assn.org by 1:59 a.m. CT on December 17, 2023.