At the University at Buffalo (UB), Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (JSMBS), the SNMA chapter, led by Melissa Sloley, began to take increased action in early June. The chapter has presented new initiatives to the UB student government, medical school leadership, and the President of UB. There has been a significant response from the school's administration, students and local media.

Their administration has already agreed to incorporate Black studies and healthcare disparities in the curriculum moving forward. The SNMA President will also be serving on the University President's Advisory Council to continue to advocate for equity and inclusion.

The Perelman School of Medicine at UPenn (PSOM) chapter of the SNMA, led by co-chairs Tosin Owoyemi and Zonia Moore, sprung into action in May. After releasing a call to action to the student body, SNMA members collaborated with the Students Opposing Racism in Medicine (StORM) organization to draft a list of 17 initiatives spanning education and scholarship, community outreach and support for UiM students.

This work quickly received over 700 supporting signatures from students, faculty, and allies. PSOM SNMA members have already met with the Dean of the School of Medicine and several senior administrators to advocate for and begin implementing these initiatives.
**Advocacy Resources Corner**

**USE THE NEW SNMA TOOLKIT: DEMANDING INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF ANTI-RACISM**
A toolkit designed to help SNMA chapters advocate for justice at their institutions.

**SIGN & SHARE THE SNMA PETITION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE & RESEARCH**

**SUBMIT YOUR SCHOOL’S ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVES TO THE REPOSITORY BEING COMPILED BY AAMC’S OSR**

**INFORM YOUR STUDENT ADVOCACY WITH UCSD’S TOOLKIT**
If you plan to use these tools, please reach out to Betial Asmerom (basmerom@health.ucsd.edu), so that they can collect data on its use.

**READ A BOOK FROM THE SNMA READING LIST**
- *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* Paulo Freire
- *How to Be an Antiracist* Ibram X. Kendi
- *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria* Beverly Daniel Tatum
- *Understanding Race, Ethnicity, Power* Elaine Pinderhughes
- *The New Jim Crow* Michelle Alexander
- *Reproducing Race* Khiara Bridges
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* Rebecca Skloot
- *When & Where I Enter* Paula J. Giddings
- *Between the World & Me* Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Tears We Cannot Stop* Michael Eric Dyson
- *Crucial Conversations* Kerry Patterson

**READ THE NEW SNMA REPORT: RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE**

**POLICY UPDATE: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ROLLS BACK OBAMA-ERA HEALTH CARE PROTECTIONS FOR TRANSGENDER PATIENTS**
In June 2020, the Supreme Court ruled that workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is unconstitutional just as discrimination based on sex. This could have ripple effects on the Trump’s administration discriminatory rules for healthcare for transgender people.