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From the Desk of Chairperson of the Board and National President

Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is Awarded Support for National Community Service Protocol Programs through AstraZeneca’s ACT on Health Equity National Strategic Collaborations

WASHINGTON, DC, – December 13, 2022 – SNMA is receiving support through AstraZeneca’s 2022 Accelerate Change Together (ACT) on Health Equity: National Strategic Collaborations for National Community Service Protocol Program (NCSP). This program focuses on educating communities and empowering their members to make healthy lifestyle choices.

As part of ACT on Health Equity, a US enterprise-wide initiative, AstraZeneca is working to improve access, affordability, and outcomes for all people in the disease areas and communities they serve. This contribution stems from AstraZeneca’s commitment to advance health equity and foster a healthy society and people by focusing on eliminating disparities in care. Utilizing SNMA’s extensive 200+ chapter network, NCSP engages youth and adults, aged 15-65, who live in communities where chapters are located. In addition to benefiting the communities where the protocols are implemented, NCSP plays a vital role in preparing future physicians to have an active role in health promotion and disease prevention. SNMA’s membership and community-centered approach serving as both health advocates and role models is a powerful recipe for accelerating change.

"Our National Service Protocols are simple yet effective and organized tools for our members to serve vulnerable communities in specific, meaningful ways. From health fairs that provide care to underserved communities to tackling obesity and mental illness in communities of color, our protocols reach hundreds of communities where our members live and learn, and ultimately serve as an incredible resource for the SNMA at large to make a real difference in the lives of others." - Nita Gombakomba, National President, Student National Medical Association, and MD Candidate, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Through ACT on Health Equity, AstraZeneca has provided $4 million in contributions to 52 nonprofit organizations across the country to support programs focused on closing the gaps in health outcomes impacting historically excluded and disenfranchised population.

For more information, please visit https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20221213005788/en/AstraZeneca-Awards-4M-to-Nonprofit-Organizations-to-Advance-Health-Equity
Founded in 1964, the Student National Medical Association has been the voice of underrepresented students in medicine. Our mission is to support current and future underrepresented medical students by addressing the needs of underserved communities and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent, and socially conscious physicians. SNMA has a membership of more than 7,000 medical students, residents, and physicians, in ten regions, with over 100 SNMA chapters and nearly 200 premed student chapters (MAPS) across the United States and the Caribbean. www.snma.org

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