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SNMA REGION V
The Return Newsletter

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"We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

-Barack Obama
Welcome to Region V

Region V is the home of 16 SNMA and 22 MAPS chapters in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Within our region, we uphold the mission of the SNMA to the fullest by supporting current and future underrepresented minority students, addressing the needs of the under-served communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians.

Our region strives and continues to serve as the leaders within the organization as well as within their respective communities. From advocacy to community service to mentorship, the opportunity to bolster and radiate success is common within our region. Region V is always looking for diligent and innovative student leaders to enhance the goals of the region. If you would like to be involved, please don't hesitate to contact one of our regional board members. They can explain their duties, how you can become more involved with the region, and the benefit of serving the Region and the SNMA.

Yours in SNMA,

Candace Acuff
MD Candidate, 2023
Wayne State University School of Medicine
Region V Director, 2021-2023
Student National Medical Association
Email: region5director@snma.org
Introducing
The 2022-2023 Region V Executive Board

Fola Alade
Assistant Regional Director
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

Clara Joseph
Secretary
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

Dami Olufosoye
Treasurer
Central Michigan University College of Medicine

Jourdon Robinson
Parliamentarian
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Andrea Arline
Political Action Liaison
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Rebekah Russell
Community Service Liaison
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
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The 2022–2023 Region V Executive Board

Princess Ekpo
*MAPS Liaison*
Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine

Kiara Patton
*Technology Director*
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

Naa Dromo Korley
*Pre-Medical Representative*
The Ohio State University

Paola Kamga-Ngounou
*Osteopathic Chair*
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

David Asebiode
*Pipeline Regional Liaison*
Wayne State University School of Medicine

Nadia Mustafa
*Regional Research Liaison*
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Meet Candace Acuff, Regional Director

Where is your hometown?
Detroit, Michigan

Where did you attend undergrad?
Spelman College

Where do you go to medical school?
Wayne State University School of Medicine

Current career interest?
General Surgery and Trauma/Critical Care

Where is your hometown?
Detroit, Michigan

Why did you choose to be a part of SNMA?
"I chose to be involved in SNMA because I enjoy being in such a unique space that was created for minority medical students. A place that encourages career and leadership development while also nurturing the needs of underrepresented minorities in medicine, and catering to the needs of medically underserved communities."

Where can you find me?
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/cacuff
Instagram: @IAmDoctorBae
Twitter: @IAmDoctorBae

Fun Facts
01
My favorite color is red.

02
If I wasn’t a medical student I would be a makeup artist! It is my favorite hobby!

03
I became fluent in the Japanese language by attending a foreign language and cultural immersion school during grades K-5.
Meet Fola Alade, Assistant Regional Director

Why did you choose to be a part of SNMA?

"I have always been drawn to SNMA's mission since undergrad and I would like to continue to exemplify the mission through my role as Region V Assistant Regional Director."

Where can you find me?
LinkedIn: Adefolarin Alade
Instagram: @folaaaaa_

WHERE DO YOU GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL?
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HUMAN MEDICINE

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND UNDERGRAD?
INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON

CURRENT CAREER INTEREST?
PEDIATRICS, PSYCHIATRY, CHILD ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

WHERE IS YOUR HOMETOWN?
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

FUN FACT!
I STUDIED ABROAD IN COPENHAGEN.
Meet Clara Joseph, Regional Secretary

Why did you choose to be a part of SNMA?

"SNMA is one of the primary reasons why I am able to attain my goals in medicine. SNMA has provided me with so much support and such a great network that continues to propel me further in my medical education and career. I want to make sure that I do as much as possible to give back to an organization that has given so much to me. The SNMA’s mission of diversifying the face of medicine, and providing culturally competent, clinically excellent care are standards that I wish to uphold throughout my entire career."

Where can you find me?

Linkedin: Clara Joseph
Instagram: @Wishestoriches_
Twitter: @ClaraVJoseph

Where do you go to medical school?

Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

Where did you attend undergrad?

The University of Florida

Current career interest?

Anesthesiology and Emergency Medicine

Where is your hometown?

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Fun Fact!

I can speak 3 languages!
Meet Dami Olufosoye, Regional Treasurer

Why did you choose to be a part of SNMA?

"I was involved in MAPS/SNMA during my undergraduate years and when I got into medical school becoming involved in SNMA was very important to me because of all the help and guidance I received through the organization."

WHERE DO YOU GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL?

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND UNDERGRAD?

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

CURRENT CAREER INTEREST?

RADIOLGY

WHERE IS YOUR HOMETOWN?

TORONTO, CANADA

FUN FACT!

I LOVE TRAVELING AND HIKING!
Meet Jourdon Robinson, Regional Parliamentarian

Why did you choose to be a part of SNMA?

"Being a part of SNMA is incredibly meaningful to me because of my passion not only for serving underserved communities, but also for supporting those from those communities who are pursuing medicine. I’m so thankful to have the opportunity to be a part of such an uplifting and motivational organization and am grateful to be able to give back to it what it’s given to me."

Where can you find me?

Instagram: @__JOURDON

WHERE DO YOU GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL?

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND UNDERGRAD?

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

CURRENT CAREER INTEREST?

FAMILY MEDICINE, OB-GYN, & CHILD PSYCHIATRY

WHERE IS YOUR HOMETOWN?

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

FUN FACT!

GROWING UP, I LIVED IN ENGLAND AND JAMAICA.
Meet Andrea Arline, Regional Political Action Liaison

Why did you choose to be a part of SNMA?

"SNMA was the first organization that made me feel at home as an incoming first year medical student. After joining my school's SNMA executive board, I knew that I wanted to continue to grow, serve, and make a lasting impact with my SNMA family. Furthermore, advocating for health equity, fighting for social justice, and standing up for the rights of all is of the utmost importance, especially in light of recent events."

Where can you find me?

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Instagram: @andreaarline_

WHERE DO YOU GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL?
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND UNDERGRAD?
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

CURRENT CAREER INTEREST?
GENERAL SURGERY

WHERE IS YOUR HOMETOWN?
HINCKLEY, OHIO

FUN FACTS:
I ran track in college
I'm currently training for a half marathon
I can speak mandarin
Meet Rebekah Russell, Regional Community Service Liaison

**Why did you choose to be a part of SNMA?**

"As a first generation college graduate, my dream of becoming a physician has been heavily influenced by the mentors I have met in my life. I did not have the fortune of having an active MAPS chapter during undergrad, so I was excited for the opportunity to be involved with my medical school's chapter. It has been so important for me to connect with other minority students pursuing medicine. I served as co-vice president of our medical student chapter, and I felt that taking my passion to the regional level would both fulfill me but also provide for greater influence."

**Where do you go to medical school?**
- Case Western Reserve University College of Medicine

**Where did you attend undergrad?**
- Case Western Reserve University

**Current career interest?**
- Urogynecology

**Where is your hometown?**
- Cleveland, Ohio

**FUN FACTS:**
1. I’m a published co-author of a text on the Salem witch trials entitled “Trails of Darkness”
2. I once ate ants in the Amazon rainforest that tasted like lemons.

**Where can you find me?**
- Linkedin: Rebekah Russell, MPH
- Twitter: @_melanatedmed_
- Instagram: @_melanatedmed_
Regional Leadership Institute 2022
*Community Service*

Good Neighbor’s Toiletry Drive

We are collecting the following items to be donated to the Good Neighbor’s of Central Ohio, a local organization that aims to alleviate the plight of homelessness in the greater Columbus area.

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Razors
- Lotions
- Lip Gloss
- Bath Soap
- Combs
- Brushes
- Socks
- Blankets

Monetary donations will also be accepted via Venmo @OSUCOM-SNMA or Cashapp @OSUCOMSNMA
Regional Leadership Institute 2022

Saturday, August 27, 2022

"Transforming Values Into Action: Walking the Walk and Talking the Talk"

HOSTED BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Register here!
Required for SNMA chapter presidents.
Highly recommended for SNMA chapter board and general body members.
2022 Upcoming Regional Conferences
SNMA REGION V

SAVE THE DATE

SNMA REGION 5 MEDICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2
CLEVELAND, OH

"It's Crunch Time! Sustaining Momentum While Under Pressure"

Health Education Campus
9501 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44106

@cwru_snma_lmsa
SNMA LMSA Case Western
@SNMAreogion5
@Region5SNMA

Stay tuned for more information!
2023 Upcoming National Conferences
SNMA REGION V

Annual Medical Education Conference (AMEC)

SAVE THE DATE
2023 Annual Medical Education Conference
April 5 - 9, 2023
Hartford, Connecticut
snma.org/amec

Hosted by the SNMA Region 7.
Stay tuned for more details.
Now Accepting Abstract Submissions!

Deadline: August 31st, 2022

2022 Regional Medical Education Conference Research Forum
September 30th-October 2nd
Cleveland, Ohio

This two-day conference, organized by the Region 5 Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and the Case Western Reserve University, provides a venue for scientists, student scientists, and medical scientists to network, showcase, and disseminate their research and exchange the latest information in their respective field.

Awards given to top three poster presentations!

Questions? Contact Nadia Mustafa
Region5RRL@snma.org

Note: There is no fee to register or participate
SNMA MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

From Traditional to non-traditional pre-meds, the medical school admissions process is a learning process and a challenge to navigate without proper guidance. The National MAPS Committee launched the Medical School Admissions Mentorship Match to connect URM medical school applicants with medical student and physician mentors. Mentors can sign up to help applicants with their primary application, secondary application, and/or interviews.

I encourage you to share this mentorship initiative with your chapter members and faculty at your institutions to sign up as mentors. We hope to continue seeing an upward and impactful trend in URM representation for incoming medical school classes.


SNMA GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

In this subcommittee we work to build institutional partnerships and acquire capacity-building and research-focused grants that further our collective goal of achieving true health equity and improving research and educational access for students of color. Meetings occur every two weeks, with an additional meet with executive leadership once per month.

If you’d be interested in being a part of our subcommittee, please fill out this interest form.
Chapter of the Year Points

Case Western 36
OSU 30
MSUCOM, Wayne State 25
MSUCHM 24
Cincinnati, NEOMED 23
Wright State 22
CMU, Indiana 21
OUHCOM, Toledo, U of M 19
Marian, Western 17
Oakland 15
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