GBA News and Business

2017 GBA Principal Business Officers’ Meeting
September 14-15, 2017
The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa
Scottsdale, Arizona

The AAMC is now accepting registrations for the GBA Principal Business Officers’ Meeting to be held at the Westin Kierland in Scottsdale, AZ, September 14-15, 2017. The sessions at this year’s meeting will focus on the topics and issues that are of most interest to you as a PBO. The meeting will include plenary sessions, networking opportunities and small group discussions. Invitations to the meeting are extended to the Principal Business Officer (PBO) at each medical school. To promote the professional development of staff, PBOs are encouraged to bring one senior staff member to attend the meeting with the PBO.

REGISTER TODAY

The program, as well as registration, travel, and hotel information, is available online.

AAMC Select Projects Survey Schedule – Now Available

The AAMC survey schedule chart may be of use as you prepare your data and plan to complete the AAMC surveys. We have also included a brief description of the survey, the AAMC project staff contact information, and the survey contact/survey respondent at your institution. Based on feedback, this year’s list is more comprehensive than prior year survey schedules. You may also access the survey schedule on the GBA homepage: aamc.org/members/gba.

FY 2016 Operations Management Tool (OMT)

The Operations Management Tool (OMT) is now available on the “Metrics” tab within the Medical School Profile System. If you need assistance with your AAMC user name or password, please email us at gbametrics@aamc.org.

The OMT is based primarily on data from all three Group on Business Affairs finance, research, and clinical metrics survey, but the OMT also includes data from the LCME Part I-A Annual Financial Questionnaire. A customized OMT is available for the 103 medical schools that participated in at least one of the three FY 2016 Metrics Surveys. A sample OMT is available for the 44 medical schools that did not participate in the FY 2016 Metrics Surveys.

The OMT includes a comparative metrics table, a dynamic trend chart, a dynamic cohort tool, five dynamic decile tables, and blinded medical school-level data that may be used for ad hoc reporting.
AAMC News

AAMC Statement on Vote Against Senate Health Care Reform Bill
Following the Senate vote in late July to defeat the Health Care Freedom Act of 2017, known as the "skinny repeal," AAMC President and CEO Darrell G. Kirch, MD, noted: "On behalf of the patients we care for, we thank the Senate for voting to protect the health of millions of Americans." Read more.

AAMC Cosponsors Rally for Medical Research on Capitol Hill
The AAMC is cosponsoring the 2017 Rally for Medical Research Capitol Hill Day, hosted by the American Association for Cancer Research, on Sept. 14 in Washington, D.C. Last year, more than 200 organizations and institutions supported the event, which brings together participants from a broad coalition of medical research advocacy groups to urge Congress to make funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a national priority. Read more.

CMS Proposes Reductions to 340B Drug Pricing Program
In other news from Washington, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a proposed rule to dramatically reduce Medicare payments for outpatient drugs purchased through the 340B drug pricing program. As we said in our statement, the AAMC strongly opposes the proposed changes, which would penalize safety net hospitals participating in the program and severely impede their ability to sustain vital services and care for underserved communities. We urge policymakers to address rising drug costs directly, and not by undermining a vital program that represents less than 3% of the total U.S. drug market and enables teaching hospitals and other providers to care for vulnerable patients.

AAMC Updates FAQs on Travel Ban
The Supreme Court’s June 26th decision to consider the legal challenges to the administration’s travel ban this fall, as well as to continue temporarily allowing individuals from the six affected countries to enter the United States if they have ties to families, schools, or employers here, raised a number of questions within the academic medicine community. To serve as a current resource for our members and constituents on this issue, we have updated our Frequently Asked Questions document (AAMC login required). The FAQs document covers the status of the Supreme Court review of the executive orders, the ban’s current implementation status, individuals who are exempt from the ban, and how the executive orders affect academic medicine. It also provides links to additional information and resources. We continue to follow all updates related to the executive orders closely, and we will keep you informed of any developments.

Recent VA Activities
We have been busy on a number of fronts this summer related to academic medicine’s affiliation with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). On Wednesday, the AAMC and a number of our members presented recommendations to improve VA-academic affiliations at a meeting of the VA National Academic Affiliations Council. Those recommendations include supporting contracting mechanisms between VA hospitals and academic medical centers to optimize our use of resources and ensure veterans' access to high-quality care, as well as ensuring steady and sustainable funding for VA research. The AAMC also
submitted a **statement** to the Senate VA Committee in advance of a July 11th hearing on VA health care legislation that emphasized the importance of increasing veterans' access to academic medical centers to improve veteran care. Earlier this summer, Christopher C. Colenda, MD, MPH, represented the AAMC at a House subcommittee hearing on VA-academic affiliations. In his testimony, Dr. Colenda, who is president emeritus of the West Virginia University Health System and currently serves as AAMC senior advisor on veterans affairs, highlighted the indispensable role that medical schools and teaching hospitals play in helping the VA train physicians, conduct research, and provide medical care to patients.

**Learning Opportunities**

**Is Your Institution Prepared Now For the Future?**
Join with colleagues at the 2017 Space Symposium – Promising Practices for the 21st Century. The focus of this meeting is to examine the national trends that our medical schools are currently facing, and how that ultimately impacts the space on your campus. The trends in each mission area will be discussed in more detail, followed by a discussion around the implications on space.

Share this announcement with your campus colleagues so they can gain a greater understanding of the unique needs of our medical schools.

October 16-17  
Grand Hyatt Denver  
Denver, Colorado  
**Register today!**

**Registration Open: Learn Serve Lead 2017**  
Join your colleagues in Boston from November 3-7 for the AAMC’s signature learning and networking event: Learn Serve Lead 2017. **Registration is now open!**

Our community of educators, learners, researchers, patient care providers, administrators and health system leaders will gather to share experiences, bold visions, and innovations. You’ll return home with fresh inspiration, new insights, and the resilience to lead change.

**Applications Now Accepted for AAMC Executive Development Seminar on Organizational Leadership**
Applications are being accepted for the AAMC's Executive Development Seminar on Organizational Leadership in Academic Medicine, which is designed to equip associate deans and department chairs in the first three years of their roles with leadership and management skills to support their institutions' missions and goals. The seminar will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 5–8. **Read more.**

**Publications & Resources**

**New Workforce Studies Data Snapshot Explores LGB Health Care Access**
The AAMC has published a new **workforce studies data snapshot** that examines access to medical and behavioral health care among lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) survey respondents. AAMC Consumer Survey of Health Care Access data showed disparities in access to medical care over time, by sexual orientation and type of care. Findings illustrated that LGB respondents were less likely to get needed medical care over time compared with heterosexual respondents. In addition, LGB respondents reported different
reasons for not getting necessary care, such as being unable to find or afford a provider or difficulty scheduling an appointment. Read more.

**AAMC Resources for Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion Efforts**

There are several initiatives and AAMC resources that are available to support your efforts to create more diverse and inclusive institutions. Last month, Urban Universities for HEALTH—an NIH-funded initiative of the AAMC, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities—launched an interactive, web-based toolkit to help university leaders measure efforts to build a diverse and culturally competent health and scientific workforce. The tool can be customized to an institution’s unique mission and needs, and it provides resources to help establish baseline measures to record progress over time, improve internal reporting, develop strategic plan metrics, and set long-term goals.

You can learn about additional AAMC diversity and inclusion resources in my Dr. Kirch’s recent AAMCNews column, which also highlights a powerful conversation that occurred at our June Leadership Forum. And you can help us continue the discussion through the AAMC journal, Academic Medicine, in its next New Conversations series, which will focus on justice, disparities, and meeting the needs of our most vulnerable populations. Please consider submitting a contribution for publication over the coming year, or share this opportunity with colleagues who may be interested.

**2017 Medical School Graduation Questionnaire Report Published**

The AAMC has released its annual report of medical school graduates, the Graduation Questionnaire (GQ). Medical schools use this important tool in program evaluation and to improve the medical student experience. The survey includes questions related to preclinical, clinical, and elective experiences; general medical education and readiness for residency; student services; the medical school learning environment; financial aid and indebtedness; and career plans. Read more.

**Recommended Reading**

**New Hospital Design Focuses on Safety, Patient Experience**

Hospitals are designing new facilities with an eye toward safety and improving the patient experience. AAMCNews examines how hospitals are considering factors such as infection control, lighting conditions, noise level, air quality, use of robotics, and changes in patient care delivery into their designs. Read more.

**Educating Physicians for the Future of Medical Education**

A new LinkedIn series on medical education features an article by Darrell G. Kirch, MD, AAMC president and CEO. “Through research, innovation, and sharing new discoveries and best practices, I believe that America’s medical schools and teaching hospitals can advance and transform medical education, enhance teaching and learning, and improve the health of all,” Kirch notes. Read more.

**Leadership Development Programs at Academic Health Centers: Results of a National Survey**

Raymond Lucas, MD, Ellen F. Goldman, EdD, Andrea R. Scott, MBA, and Valerie Dandar, MA

*Nearly 100 AHCs were surveyed for prevalence and characteristics of faculty leadership*
development programs, which included variable content and didactic modes and lack of grounding in leadership competency models. [Read more.]

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**Let’s Get Real About Health Care Reform**
Michael Karpf, MD

*The authors propose a six-point actionable framework for integrating implicit bias recognition and management into health professions education that draws on the work of previous researchers and includes practical tools to guide curriculum developers.* [Read more.]

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**The Leadership Case for Investing in Continuing Professional Development**
McMahon, Graham T.

Academic Medicine . 92(8):1075-1077, August 2017. [Read more.]

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**Video: Diversity Is Tied to Mission Success**

In a new video, Joan Reede, MD, dean for diversity and community partnership at Harvard Medical School, talks about developing minority leaders to help institutions achieve their goals. [Read more.]

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**AAMC Leadership Forum Examines Diversity and Inclusion**

In his monthly column, Darrell G. Kirch, MD, AAMC president and CEO, highlights a recent discussion with leaders about the barriers to diversity and inclusion at AAMC member institutions and achieving health equity in our communities. [Read more.]

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**All Great Minds Don’t Think Alike**

Our identity influences how we think and solve problems, and the best solutions can come from blending different perspectives, cognitive diversity expert Scott Page, PhD, says in a new AAMCNews video. [Read more.]

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**Welcome New Members**

*(July 1- July 31)*

Molly Brasfield  
University of Mississippi School of Medicine

Deb Dickenson  
George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Silvia Giancontieri  
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

Alyssa Huddleston  
University of Kentucky College of Medicine

John Lindstedt  
University of Massachusetts Medical School

Carissa Van Ausdall  
Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science