



## GEA Activity Report: Regional Updates

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### Message from the AAMC

Greetings from Washington, D.C.!

We hope you are enjoying your summer and spending a little extra time with family and friends. While we are doing the same, we're also hard at work here preparing for this year's [Learn Serve Lead Meeting](#) in Phoenix, Arizona. We hope you are able to join us in this very special year as we'll be celebrating the **Group on Educational Affairs' 50th Anniversary** at the GEA Reception on Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. We'll have some special recollections to share as well as a history of the GEA, so don't miss it!

At the same time, back at the AAMC we are taking some time out to honor our past-president, Darrell Kirch, MD, who stepped down from his position on July 12. The AAMC has seen many changes during his tenure and together we will remember where we came from and how we evolved as we recognize his service to our community. We welcome David Skorton, MD, as he takes the role of our President, offering us the opportunity to think about what comes next for the AAMC.

May you have a wonderful summer!

Steve and Kate

## Regional Updates — Save the Date for 2020 Regional Meetings

### 2020 CGEA Spring Conference

April 1-3, 2020

*Note: Thursday and Friday, with pre-conference activities on Wednesday*

Hosted by: The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine  
Holiday Inn Rapid City, Rushmore Plaza  
Rapid City, South Dakota

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### 2020 NEGEA Annual Conference

*Leadership & Innovation: Moving Medical Education Forward*

April 30-May 2, 2020

*Note: Thursday-Saturday (with pre-conference activities on Thursday morning)*

Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont  
DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington Vermont  
Burlington, Vermont

[Conference Website](#)

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**2020 SGEA Regional Conference**

March 11-14, 2020

Hotel InterContinental Buckhead  
Atlanta, Georgia

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**Western Group on Educational Affairs (WGEA) Regional Meeting**

March 29-31, 2020

Asilomar Hotel and Conference Center  
Pacific Grove, California

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## [Upcoming Events and Opportunities](#)

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**Society of Directors of Research in Medical Education (SDRME)**

SDRME is an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in medical schools by advancing the field of medical education through research and program development. It is composed of up to two members per institution that oversee educational research, evaluation, and program development. The Society promotes: (a) research in medical education, (b) collaboration among its members and with other organizations, (c) professional development for its members, and (d) the development of research units in medical education. SDRME also funds, on a competitive basis, reviews of published evidence (literature reviews) on topics fundamental to the practice, theory, and research of medical education. The 2019 Request for Applications will be announced soon. A list of completed and active projects/papers can be found [here](#). Learn more about SDRME and how you can get involved [here](#). For more information, contact SDRME President Susan Sawning at [susan.sawning@louisville.edu](mailto:susan.sawning@louisville.edu).

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**Save the Date — 2019 AAMC Learn Serve Lead Session with SDRME**

Building an infrastructure to support educational research, program evaluation, and educational program CQI: does one size fit all? Monday, Nov. 11 at 10:30-11:45 a.m. Facilitator: Katie Huggett. Speakers: Gary Beck Dallaghan, Jorie Colbert-Getz, and Caren M. Stalburg.

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## **Publishing and Disseminating American Indian/Alaska Native Educational Scholarship through *MedEdPORTAL*<sup>®</sup>**

Did you know that your lectures and work within American Indian/Alaska Native communities have the potential to turn into educational scholarship through publication in *MedEdPORTAL*<sup>®</sup>? Join us in a free webinar as we explore how trainees and clinicians can publish the results of their teaching and community activities through this peer-reviewed journal. We'll also hear a first-hand account of the submission process from Dr. Siobhan Wescott and Dr. Donald Warne who are actively working on a *MedEdPORTAL* publication. Not ready to submit? *MedEdPORTAL* is also an excellent resource of health education materials. Attend the discussion to see how you can access, download, and adapt *MedEdPORTAL* publications for the benefit of your classroom. For more information and to register, please read more [here](#).

## **Medical Education Activities**

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### **Next Editor-in-Chief of *Academic Medicine* Named**

*Academic Medicine* has named Laura Roberts, MD, MA, as the next editor-in-chief. Chair of the psychiatry department at Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Roberts will begin her five-year term on Jan. 1, 2020, as the second female editor-in-chief since the journal was founded in 1926. An exceptional scholar, educator, and leader in academic medicine, she has served as editor-in-chief for the journal *Academic Psychiatry* since 2002, has been a member of the editorial board for *Academic Medicine* since 2013, and serves as a peer reviewer for many other scientific and education journals.

Additionally, *Academic Medicine* has earned a 2018 Journal Impact Factor of 5.083, the highest in the Education, Scientific Disciplines category for the fourth year in a row. This recognition is a testament to current editor-in chief David Sklar's clear vision and understanding of the community and to the entire journal staff's hard work and commitment to excellence.

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### **New Cross Continuum Consultant in Medical Education to Support Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships**

The Association of American Medical Colleges is delighted to announce the appointment of **Nancy Davis, PhD**, as the Cross Continuum Consultant in CME/CPD to the Medical Education Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships team. Dr. Davis is Associate Dean, Continuing Professional Development at the University of Kansas School of Medicine; Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs and Development (Wichita campus); Director Maintenance of Certification Portfolio Program; and Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. In this role, she will partner with two fellow Cross Continuum Consultants in Undergraduate and Graduate Medical Education to support the design and implementation of strategic initiatives at the AAMC.

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## Medical education requires renewed focus on social and cultural issues

In a new commentary published in *Modern Healthcare*, Darrell G. Kirch, MD, AAMC past-president, and Alison Whelan, MD, AAMC chief medical education officer, explore how medical education is changing to ensure tomorrow's physicians will have the attributes and skills they need to care for a growing, aging, and more diverse population. (Subscription is required.) [Read more.](#)

## Recent Resources

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### NEW Education Resource Repository for Pain Management, Addiction Medicine, and Opioid Education!

To foster collaboration by educators and their partners to advance pain management, addiction medicine, and opioid education, the AAMC is hosting this free resource repository, featuring new approaches and best practices when it comes to improving how we teach and train. This resource collection allows for the agile sharing and disseminating of educational innovations. We are actively seeking submissions that are not ready or suitable for more formal peer-review publication. Examples of appropriate resources may include checklists, worksheets, lesson plans, cases, or lecture outlines. [Read more.](#)

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### Academic Medicine podcast conversation on future of medical education

AAMC past-president Darrell G. Kirch, MD, recently joined the *Academic Medicine* podcast to discuss important issues facing the medical education community, including physician well-being, competency-based medical education, and graduate medical education selection and training, as well as the future of academic medicine. [Read more.](#)

## Member Spotlight

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### Christle Nwora

OSR Liaison

McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

[Click here](#) to read more.

