

Dear Colleagues:

I am honored to serve as the National Chair of the Group on Student Affairs (GSA), one of the largest affinity groups within the Association of American Medical Colleges. The mission of the GSA is “to advance medical education and, specifically, to represent the interests of medical schools and medical students in the areas of admissions, student affairs, financial aid, diversity affairs, and student records”.

As student affairs professionals we are privileged to watch our learners grow and develop into medical professionals along a continuum that begins prior to matriculation and continues through graduation from medical school. We also share the challenge of navigating an ever-changing work environment that requires us to stay abreast of regulatory updates, new accreditation standards, and transformative pedagogy. The Group on Student Affairs Steering Committee has an outstanding team of leaders, all elected by the GSA constituency, who work collaboratively to support the holistic professional development of our learners while also supporting the professional development of GSA members. The GSA Regions are also organized to offer a variety of professional development activities and strategies that follow initiatives established at the national level, as well as opportunities for mentoring. In addition, the GSA Steering Committee works collaboratively with the AAMC Student Affairs and Programs team and the Constituent Engagement team to plan a variety of in person meetings and conferences anchored by the GSA Professional Development Initiative.

The many resources available through this website and through the regional and national GSA meetings are designed to help you and your medical students thrive. I encourage you to utilize them and share them with the student affairs team on your campus. Please also feel free to contact me or any member of the GSA Steering Committee if you have questions or suggestions for new initiatives or resources.

Best wishes,

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