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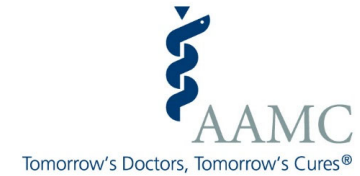
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# AAMC Group on Student Affairs (GSA) Committee on Admissions (COA)



## Admissions Community Call

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February 17, 2022  
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. EST



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# Agenda

- **Chair's Welcome, Committee Introduction**
- **Updates on ongoing Projects and Activities**
- **AAMC Updates: April Virtual Fair and AAMC Resources**
- **2022 GSA-CiM-OSR National Meeting, April 7-9, Denver, CO**
- **Ongoing Impacts of Covid-19: Medical School Admissions Survey**
- **Open Discussion**

# Chair's Welcome and Committee Updates



**Lina Mehta, MD**  
COA Chair  
Associate Dean for Admissions  
Professor of Radiology  
Case Western Reserve University  
School of Medicine

# Committee on Admissions (COA)



**Lina Mehta, MD**  
(November 2020 – November 2023)  
COA Chair  
Case Western Reserve University  
School of Medicine



**Joel Maurer, MD**  
(November 2020 – November 2023)  
CGSA Rep.  
College of Human Medicine  
Michigan State University Clinical Center



**Liesel Copeland, PhD**  
(November 2020 – November 2023)  
NEGSA Rep.  
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson  
Medical School



**Judianne Kellaway, MD, MEd**  
(November 2020 – November 2023)  
SGSA Rep.  
The Long School of Medicine  
UT Health Science Center



**Leila E Harrison, PhD, MA, MEd**  
(November 2020 – November 2023)  
WGSA Rep.  
Washington State University  
Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine



**Marcia Verduin, MD**  
(November 2021 – November 2022)  
GSA National Vice Chair  
University of Central Florida College of  
Medicine



**Dimple Patel, MS**  
(November 2021 – November 2024)  
COSDA Liaison  
Twin Cities Campus  
University of Minnesota Medical  
School



**Michael Deibel, PhD**  
(July 2020 – July 2022)  
President, NAAHP  
Earlham College



**Kia Smurawa**  
(May 2021 – May 2023)  
OSR Rep.- MD Student  
Medical College of Wisconsin

# Updates on ongoing Projects and Activities

- **Advocacy and Social Justice in Medical School Admissions Working Group– *Joel Maurer, MD***
- **COA-AAC The Premed Experience – *Liesel Copeland, PhD and Judianne Kellaway, MD, MEd, FACS***
- **Differences in Matriculants in Peri-pandemic Era- *Judianne Kellaway, MD, MEd, FACS***
- **Self Reported Disadvantage WG – *Leila Harrison, PhD, MA, MEd***
- **COSDA – *Dimple Patel***
- **OSR – *Kia Smurawa***
- **GSA SC – *Marcy Verduin, MD***
- **NAAHP – *Michael Deibel, Ph.D***

# **Advocacy and Social Justice in Medical School Admissions Working Group**

Joel Maurer, MD (CGSA)

# 2020-21 COA Survey Review

**Surveyed admissions deans/directors, 62/157 (40%) responded**

- \*45% - admissions processes place a high level of importance on applicant experiences in advocacy and social justice issues
- \*69% - supported adding “Advocacy and Social Justice Experiences” as a category
- \*58% - were unsure if their admissions process would change to provide additional (new or existing) weighted consideration

**2021 GSA/OSR spring meeting – attendees expressed interest in allowing for subcategories to describe applicant experiences.**



# Social Justice Working Group

**Marlene Ballejos – U. of New Mexico**

**Glen Fogerty – U. of Arizona-Phoenix**

**Judianne Kellaway – UT Health, San Antonio**

**Pasquale Manzerra – U. of South Dakota**

**Tejal Parikh – U. of Arizona-Tucson**

**Dimple Patel – U. of Minnesota-Twin Cities**

**Liesel Copeland – Rutgers, RWJ**

**Leila Harrison – Washington State U.**

**Latanya Love – UT Health, Houston**

**Joel Maurer - Michigan State U.**

**Valerie Parkas – Mount Sinai**

**Sandra Quezada – U. of Maryland**

# AAMC COA Website

**Admissions Research: Using your Secondary Application and/or Interviews to Assess a Motivational Relationship Between Applicant Experiences and Attributes and Systemic Societal Inequities and Injustices**

<https://www.aamc.org/media/54911/download?attachment>

# Poll Question 1

**Were you aware that this resource was available to help inspire secondary and/or interview questions?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Please send any constructive feedback about this resource to [maurerj7@msu.edu](mailto:maurerj7@msu.edu).**

# **Surveying current applicants/students**

**Survey current applicant pool about additional categories of**

- 1) social justice,**
- 2) advocacy, and/or**
- 3) civic engagement.**

**Also surveying about opportunity to use subcategories to describe experiences.**

## Poll Question 2

**Would it help your respective institutional application process if the AMCAS application expanded the list of activity categories to include social justice +/- advocacy or civic engagement (or some other mechanism to allow applicants to highlight life experiences and personal character as it relates to this topic)?**

**Yes**

**No**

## Poll Question 3

**Would it help your respective institutional application process if the AMCAS application allowed for a primary experiential category and 1 or 2 subcategories?**

**Yes**

**No**

# The Premed Experience

Liesel Copeland, PhD (NEGSA)  
and Judianne Kellaway, MD  
(SGSA)

# The Premed Experience

- **Project began in 2020**
- **Addressed concerns from Premed and HP Advisor Communities**
- **Collected, Curated and Answered FAQs in several areas**
- **Distribution in several venues, through AAMC**



# The Premed Experience

- **Shared document with AAMC**
- **Planned integration with pre-med navigator resources and other dissemination methods**
- **New webinar series regarding MCAT with M1 student presenters planned**

# Differences in Matriculants in Peri-pandemic Era

- **Admissions community anticipated variance from previous “norms”**
- **Saw differences in coursework, grading, experiences**
- **Has this translated into noticeable or significant changes in our recent medical students?**

## **Poll 4:**

# **Differences in Matriculants in Peri-pandemic Era**

**Have you seen changes in the medical student competencies of your students recently?**

- **Haven't heard or noticed anything**
- **Have heard some reports, but about the same as previous**
- **Students do seem to possess different levels of competencies than in past cohorts**
- **Other/Provide examples**

## **Poll 5: Differences in Matriculants in Peri-pandemic Era**

**What are your ideas about how COA should proceed?**

- **No action necessary, not a significant issue**
- **Gather information from other constituents to study**
- **Other**

# **AMCAS Self-Reported Disadvantaged (SRD) Question Working Group**

Working group membership: AAMC Team and Members from AMCAS  
Advisory Committee and Committee on Admissions

Leila Harrison, PhD, MA, MEd (WGSA)

# Project Background

- **2019/2020: AMCAS Advisory Committee received feedback from applicants and schools**
- **Research findings from a dissertation study**

**Qualitative Data**  
*Summers of 2019, 2020, 2021*

**Literature Review**

- 20 papers reviewed

**Interviews with Admissions Officers**

- Summer 2019, 10 interviews
- Summer 2020, 29 interviews

**Interviews with Medical School Applicants**

- Summer 2021, 15 interviews

**Quantitative Data**  
*Summer – Fall 2020*

**AMCAS data**

- Subset of AMCAS data from 2017 – 2019
- N = 134,317 unique individuals
- Variables relating to the following categories:
  - Demographics (e.g., race/ethnicity, age, gender)
  - Citizenship / Residence (e.g., immigration status, rural)
  - Experiences (e.g., military, work)
  - Financial / Family History (e.g., SES, family circumstances)

# Key Findings (not comprehensive)

## Literature Review

- What does “disadvantaged” mean?
- How do admissions committees use?

## Applicants

- Unclear definition of disadvantaged
- What to include?
- Purpose in the process?

## Admissions Officers

- Want descriptions of kinds of hardships; more info
- Concerns: no clear definition or guidelines; stigma attached to “disadvantaged”

## AMCAS Data

- Those who self-reported had higher rates of:
  - Financial hardship
  - First Gen
  - Living in rural areas

# Outcomes

## Revisions to:

- **Question name**
- **Question Introduction**
  - **Provides more clarity around whether applies**
- **Question Guideline**
  - **Will provide broader examples and writing instructions**

Implementation Goal: EY 2024 Cycle

More details will be forthcoming once through all final approvals



# OSR Update

- **New OSR Chair-Elect and National Delegates**
- **Confusion over the GSA-CiM-OSR National Meeting in Denver and Registration**
  - **When and how to sign up**
  - **First in-person event for most student representatives**
- **February 16<sup>th</sup> webinar about the implications of STEP 1 becoming Pass/Fail**

# **AAMC Updates**

**Brandon Hunter**

Director of Student Affairs

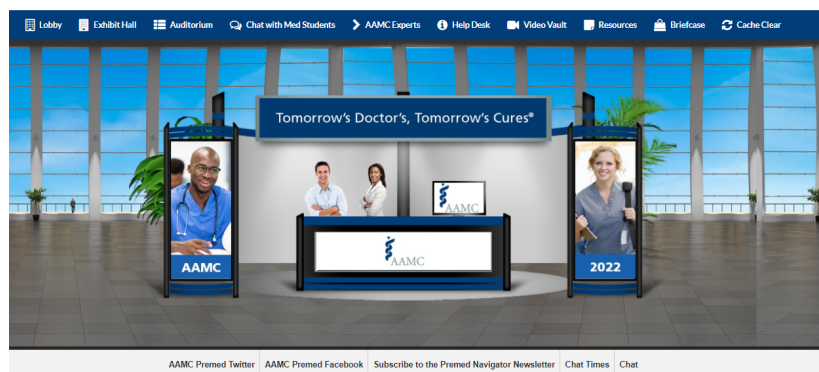
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**Tami Levin**

Director of Premedical and Applicant Resources

Transforming the Health Care Workforce

# Virtual Medical School Fair – April 19th



- April 19, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET
- \$350/booth (early bird through Feb 28).
- Registration ends April 1, 2022.
- Booth reps can initiate private chat, audio chat, video chat w/ attendees
- Direct access to:
  - Booth data/analytics
  - Upload content
  - Add unlimited booth reps



- Several free information sessions for attendees
- Comp booths for student groups:
  - Association of Native American Medical Students (ANAMS)
  - Mentoring in Medicine
  - Tour4Diversity
  - Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA)
- ~50 booths already registered



## Resources and Upcoming Events

- **AAMC Situational Judgment Test: A review of 2021 highlights, data, and what's new in 2022 (recording available)**
- **AMCAS Cycle Updates and Preparing for the Choose Your Medical School Tool (recording available)**
- **AAMC Student Surveys update webinar**
  - **March 30th 1:30-2:30 pm EST (registration coming soon)**
- **AAMC PREview professional readiness exam (formerly SJT) update webinar**
  - **March 31st 2-3:00 pm EST (registration coming soon)**

**2022**

Group on Student Affairs (GSA), Careers in Medicine (CiM),  
and Organization of Student Representatives (OSR)  
National Meeting



Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel  
Denver, Colorado

April 7, 2022 - April 9, 2022



**Register Now!**

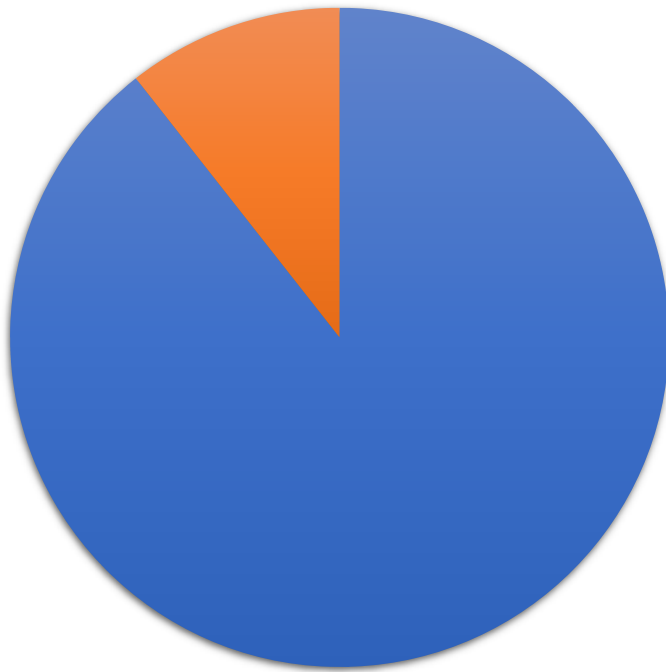
**Early Bird pricing ends March 1**



# Ongoing Impacts of Covid-19: Medical School Admissions Survey

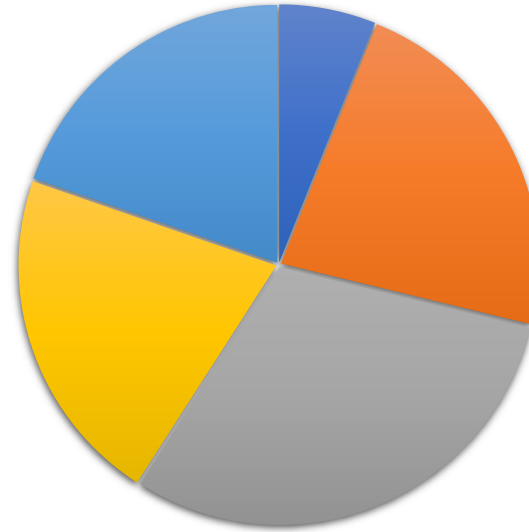
Lina Mehta, MD (COA Chair)

### Does your school host a Second Look?



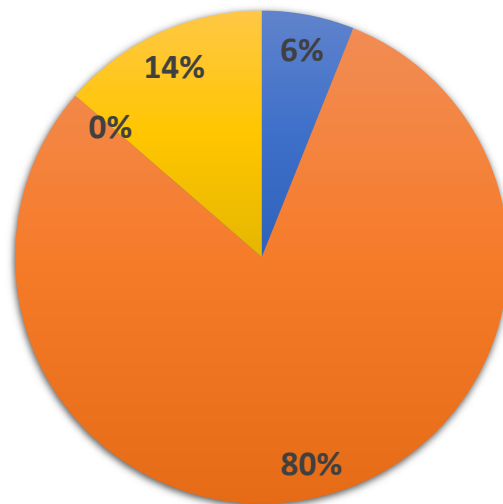
■ Yes ■ No

### If yes, how will you adjust your Second Look for students entering school in AY 2022-23?



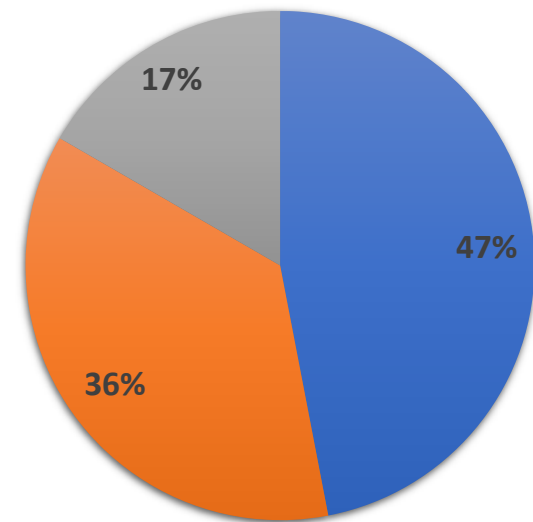
- Delay the event until a later date
- Conduct a virtual event
- Hybrid: with large group virtual event and optional small group in-person tours/activities
- Undecided
- Other

**What is your admissions committee leaning towards for your AY 2022-23 interviews?**



- At the medical school/on-site interviews
- Virtual interviews
- Multiple virtual interviews to narrow the pool for on-site final interview
- Other

**When will your admissions committee finalize their decision on the interview policy for AY 2022-23?**



- By May 2022
- By summer of 2022
- Undecided



# OPEN DISCUSSION

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